

Lawrence Livermore Retiree Association Report

Report to CUCRA

April 25, 2021

With about 400 members, LLRA has reversed a gradual, multi-year decline in membership. In mid-2020, we initiated a newsletter to the membership, which was very well received. It included settlement information following a retiree lawsuit against the University of California as well as a variety of announcements about community events, news from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, pension COLAs, pandemic topics and more.

Before the pandemic, the main activity of the Association was to hold monthly luncheon meetings with invited speakers. These were typically attended by 50-70 members. We also had an annual summer picnic which was similarly attended. Without these face-to-face activities, our overhead now is principally website expenses and the cost of a post office box. As a result, we were able to waive a membership fee for 2020 and extend the waiver into 2021.

We believe the decision to waive the membership fee, plus the popularity of the newsletter, resulted in a membership growth of about 100 retirees over a year earlier.

Our Board will reassess the possibility of returning to luncheons in coming months as state and local health guidelines permit.

Associations's volunteer programs: There are no volunteer programs. Board members are the only volunteers within LLRA.

Association's member benefits (parking, discounts, etc.): None other than the emailed newsletter.

Status of the Retirement Center: There is no Retirement Center for LLRA.

Plans for the next year or two: We hope to be able to restart our monthly luncheons.