

# AFSCME COUNCIL 65 - RETIREE CHAPTER



One of the oldest retiree chapters of AFSCME, the Council 65 Retiree Chapter was founded in 1987 by our AFSCME Brother, Paul Schroetter. Currently there are 43 retiree chapters nationwide with more than 260 sub-chapters. AFSCME retirees are 230,000+ members strong and make up 15% of AFSCME's total 1.6 million members. Half of AFSCME's working members will retire in the next 10 years.

Our retiree chapter represents retirees in Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota who worked for employers in Council 65's jurisdiction, even though there may not have been a union in place. A retiree does not have to have been a union member to join the retiree chapter.

**DUES:** Dues are \$24.00/year, deducted from PERA pension checks in June & December (\$12.00 each time). Retirees who do not receive a PERA pension pay the full \$24.00 of dues up front.

**MEETINGS:** The Retiree Chapter meets quarterly on the first Monday of March, June, and December. The September meeting is held on the second Monday of that month. Meetings are held at the AFSCME Council 65 office in Nashauk, MN; 11:00 am lunch & noon business meeting. As we gain members, we hope to be able to have meetings periodically around the state. Please visit <https://www.afscme65.org/afscme-council-65-retiree-chapter> for a list of upcoming meeting dates.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Chapter President sits on AFSCME Council 65's Executive Board and attends the annual AFSCME International Retiree Convention. We encourage retirees to attend Day on the Hill (lobbying at the MN Capitol), AFSCME Council 65's Annual Convention, and other events/rallies, etc. We are active in the Iron Range Labor Assembly & MN AFL-CIO retiree council. We work closely with Alliance for Retired Americans & other retiree groups. The AFSCME International Retiree Department and our Chapter monitors legislation at the Minnesota State Capitol & in Washington DC on pensions and other issues important to those who are retired. From the beginning, our chapter has taken the lead in raising money for the AI Church Scholarship fund. AFSCME Council 65 awards Scholarships from this fund.



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### MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DUES DEDUCTION

I, the undersigned, hereby join Minnesota and Dakotas Retiree Chapter 65, AFSCME, and designate said chapter as my duly chosen and authorized representative to promote and protect my economic welfare to the extent authorized by law. I hereby request and authorize Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota to deduct from my retirement allowance the amount certified by the Retiree Chapter as the current rate of dues.

If you do not receive a PERA pension & will be paying dues via cash/check, please check this box & submit payment with this card:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 of SSN: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell:  (check box to opt-in\*) \_\_\_\_\_ Email:  (check box to opt-in\*) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: In order to comply with Internal Revenue Service rulings, be advised that your membership dues are not deductible for federal income tax purpose. \*By opting-in you agree to receive text and email message updates from Minnesota and Dakotas Retiree Chapter 65, AFSCME and can opt-out at any time. Standard message and data rates may apply.

