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Dear UTFA Colleague,

I am writing to encourage you to continue your membership in UTFA by renewing for 2023. For the small fee of \$50, you will help UTFA continue its work on behalf of all our members, including those who are retired. For added convenience, you can renew your membership for two years for \$100. Our fees have not increased for several years.

There are many reasons to maintain your membership in UTFA. To name one of the most important ones: UTFA fights to protect equal access to health benefits and benefits improvements for retired and active members—a fundamental principle UTFA's negotiating team successfully defended when bargaining with the Administration in the 2020–2023 round. **See [here](#) to learn more about the specific benefits improvements UTFA's team recently won for all members.** The value of these benefits improvements alone exceeds the cost of membership.

As a retired member, you retain an important voice in UTFA. This includes voting to elect the retired members who represent the interests of retired faculty and librarians on the UTFA Council. Currently those representatives are Ed Barbeau, Mary Alice Guttman, Raymond Kwong, and Jody Macdonald. In addition, UTFA has a Retired Members Committee dedicated to advocating for retirees' interests. The Chair of the Retired Members Committee is Steven Rupp, and he is, by virtue of this position, a member of the Executive and Council.

As a member, you may serve on *any* of UTFA's standing committees (e.g., Retired Members; Equity; Librarians; Membership; or University and External Affairs). We welcome the perspectives that retired members can offer.

You may also vote at UTFA's Annual General Meeting, which will take place on April 25, 2023, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. *I encourage you to hold the date!*

To renew your membership, please complete the following Microsoft Form **by January 31, 2023.**

[Update your information and pay your dues](#)

I hope you will renew your membership and continue your relationship with UTFA.

Please accept my best wishes for 2023, and don't hesitate to contact the UTFA office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Terezia Zorić
UTFA President

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