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Utah Retired School Employees Association

BULLETIN

President's Message



Tom Nedreberg

With Spring comes a time for renewal. That's exactly what's happening with the Utah School Employees Association, URSEA. After 11 years as Executive Director and many more as President and on the board of URSEA, Arthur Cox is stepping down. A lot of changes have happened in the past 11 years, and Arthur met the challenges. URSEA is committed to retired school employees and issues facing them and in helping current teachers, with our scholarships.

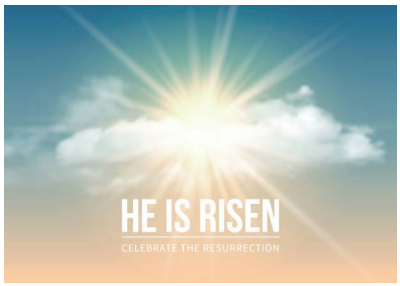
With Arthur stepping down, this means URSEA will be looking for a new executive director. We are also looking for more people to serve on the board. The positions are President, President-elect, Past President, Legislative Chair, Membership Chair, Health and Wellness Chair, Scholarship Chair, and Historian. The board meets monthly and wants to continue doing this, but is also looking at various meeting configurations, including Zoom, to reduce travel. As Arther said in his final remarks, "Working with URSEA has been one of his life's pleasures because of the work and the people he's worked with who have become his greatest friends."

There are also regional groups looking to have people join them. The leaders and contact info are listed at the back of this bulletin. They are all over the state, from Logan and Ogden to Alpine and St. George, with groups in between as well. They usually get together either monthly or quarterly to have lunch at a local restaurant in the area to talk, remember, and even learn with guest speakers who talk about issues that are of importance for retired educators. I also want to mention that the organization is for all retired education employees, teachers, principals, secretaries, and custodians.

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Thank you ART



ARTHUR COX STEPS DOWN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On March 13th, the board of URSEA celebrated Arthur Cox's eleven years as Executive Director with a send-off celebration. He not only served as Executive Director of URSEA for eleven years but was also a member of the AARP Board, working with them on other issues dealing with Retirement. Before being the Executive Director, he served on the URSEA Board as President, Legislative Chair, and chair of other URSEA committees.

It was fitting that Roger Miner was there as well. Roger was the URSEA Executive Director who helped recruit Arthur to work in the retired organization. Arthur took over as Executive Director from Roger, who helped form the URSEA with AARP from the Jordan Retired Teachers Association.

Arthur worked with URSEA for over 20 years. He retired from the Granite School District, where he was a principal for many years. His URSEA experience, coupled with his 30 years of experience with the Granite Schools district, shows a lifetime commitment to education and the needs of students. This is something the URSEA Board wanted to commemorate and remember with their celebration.







URSEA PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!
I have come to realize, that one of the greatest gifts and blessings that we all receive are derived from those selfless individuals that give up their time and abilities for the greater good of us all.

Arthur Cox is one of these individuals that I just described. Yesterday, at the AARP building in Midvale, Utah, we celebrated his many years of service in several different capacities on the URSEA Board, the latest being Executive Director of our organization.

A great shoutout to our Scholarship Chair and Past President Sarah Voigt, and AARP Executive Director Alan Ormsby for organizing and hosting this event. They both went above and beyond to make this event special.

Art is not only a good friend, but has freely shared his talents, time and abilities with multitudes of individuals including me. As I looked around the table, I saw spouses, past Board Members (including Roger Miner former Executive Director) in attendance to recognize Art's many years of service.

As you all might realize, Board Members are not financially reimbursed, for any of their service. The pay we all receive, is to ensure that the rights of all retired educators, certified and classified employees benefits are protected and preserved for the foreseeable future. It warms my heart and I am grateful to rub shoulders with all of you amazing men and women out there. We so much appreciate the support of all you URSEA members.

Warm regards,
Dr. Larry Dean
URSEA Past President

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Make check payable to The URSEA Scholarship Fund. This donation will only be used to promote URSEA scholarships for Utah Teachers that are going to advance their education.



SPRING – 2026



Spring is a beautiful season! It has brought both happy and sad news to URSEA. Arthur Cox, our Executive Director won't be with us anymore.

We honored him with a Good-Bye Party on March 13th,2026. Each person shared remembrances from the past few years. It was fun to look back! Many memories!

A beautiful, shiny jet-black plaque with gold printing was presented to Art by Tom Nedreberg as a remembrance of his dedication and service to our organization.

A special cake was presented. It had our logo in edible frosting on half of the cake. The other half had royal blue icing with Art's name and date. The "saying" read: Service as Sweet as This Cake! AARP provided the delicious sandwiches and brownies and cookies. Thank you! We enjoyed them!

Candy kisses were scattered on the tables with words that describe our honored guest! Lanterns flickered with gold tinsel running down the tables. Art had his own special table facing everyone in the room. He stood up and gave his little speech at the end. He thanked everyone and enjoyed working with everyone for so many years. He was appreciative of the send-off!
"Good Luck Art in the next chapter of your life!"

Sarah Voigt, Scholarship Chair





URSEA BOARD ACTIVITIES

This past month, our URSEA board visited the Davis Foods Nutrition Center in Layton, Utah. It is a place where all the food for Davis District and other districts is made, prepared, and delivered to over 29,000 students and staff a day. Super cool.



We learned how they make and prepare this large amount of food and package it. We also "got to" wear these super cool hair covers. Cute right? Hehe.

I love what one of their signs said, "Feed our Children, and they will Fuel our Future." That's what we did as teachers…fed our students and prepared them for their various futures around the world today. Kind of cool if you think about the impact we as teachers had on so many young minds.

We also celebrated the service rendered by Arthur Cox on the URSEA board. He has served in many capacities. One such was the executive director, where he was responsible for promoting memberships with teachers across Utah, and represented URSEA in organizations such as AMBA, UEA, and AARP. Art will be remembered for his generosity, huge smile, commitment, and exceptional service. We thank him so much for his service.

As you can see, we have a great time together serving on the URSEA board. We would love to have you join us. We need more volunteers to keep URSEA running smoothly. If you are interested, come join us.

LaiLonni Elggren, Secretary





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STATE OF THE UNITS 2026

Mary Ann Bundy

Thank you Karen Christensen and Susan Major who are stepping down from the Davis RSEA. They served for many years. All efforts are appreciated in keeping members and new retirees informed and entertained.

ALPINE RSEA Quarterly lunch meetings will be held Mondays at 1:15 pm at the Golden Coral on University Parkway: 2026 meetings are Feb. 2nd, May 4th, Aug. 3rd and Nov. 2nd. We apologize for the wrong dates in the last "Bulletin".

BOX ELDER RSEA Calvin will get information to you of future gatherings.

CACHE VALLEY RSEA Members enjoy the Pizza Pie Cafe lunch meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 1:30 pm. We always have a good time. Our March meeting was filled with St. Patrick's Day foolery. Tables were all laid out with a St Patrick Poem at each setting. On the flip end was a St Pat jock to share, under this was my March Handout inclusive of St Pat information on IrishWomen of History and ending with a printed Word Search. Come join us in April for more good food and good company.

CARBON/EMERY RSEA The officers will let all know when they have another "finish projects" day or another activity. Call Kristine Story 435-748-2809 .

COLOR COUNTRY RSEA Still working on organizing a group. In the meantime, Alpine RSEA would love you to take a road trip to Orem and join with them for lunch.

DAVIS RSEA Christmas was celebrated with a white elephant gift exchange and lunch at "Ramblin Roads" at 1:00 pm on Monday Dec. 8th. Future luncheons will be quarterly at the same time and location in 2026: Mar. 2nd, June 1st, Sept. 7th, and Dec. 7th.

GREATER SALT LAKE/WASATCH FRONT RSEA Members enjoy lunches the first Tuesday each month in Midvale Golden Coral at 1:00 pm. Check with your officers to learn of the book of the month for Book Club on the 3rd Wednesday.

OGDEN RSEA Remember: Luncheons are the last Monday of every odd month at noon at the Golden Coral- 988 Washington Blvd. Programs, projects and door prizes are great at each meeting. Jan. 26th will be Super bowl for kids, March project is Tree House Museum, May 18th will be YCC of Ogden, and July 27th is The Christmas Box House.

WEBER RSEA Faithful and fun friends still meet at the "Prairie Schooner" the 3rd Monday of each month at noon. Next meetings: Jan. 19th , Feb. 16th, Mar. 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th. Skip July and Aug. and resume Sept. 21st, Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th. and Dec. 21st.

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URSEA has a group benefit package that gives our members sole access to a variety of insurances, travel perks, and computer discounts. Many of our members are using these benefits to enhance their retirement and make their retirement checks go just a little further.

The Utah Retired School Employees Association will be only as strong as the dedication and unity of its members. If you have any questions regarding URSEA or this letter, please contact the URSEA Office at 1-801-561-4528

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UTAH RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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