BYLAWS

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

As amended January 2013

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be "The University of Georgia Retirees Association." (UGARA)

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to provide ongoing communication and connection between The University of Georgia and its retirees, with expressed needs and opportunities coming from retirees and from The University.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

Membership includes all faculty and staff retirees of the University.

ARTICLE IV - COUNCIL

Section 1. - The governing body of the Association shall be The University of Georgia Retirees Council. The Council shall consist of nine elected voting plus ex officio non-voting members.

Section 2. - Ex officio members will represent The University President, the Provost, the faculty, the staff, the Alumni Office and other areas when desirable. These members shall be selected by the area they represent, for terms renewable annually.

Section 3. - Three members of the Council will be elected for three-year terms each year by the voting members of the Council. No member rotating off the Council is eligible for immediate re-election. Nominations for Council membership shall be solicited from Council and Association members. From those names suggested, the Council will prepare a slate of one or two names for each upcoming vacancy. The UGARA Council will vote and elect new members and the election results will be communicated to the members. If a Council position becomes vacant, the Council will decide who will fill the unexpired term.
Section 4. - The officers of the Council shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, and they shall be elected annually by the Council. The Vice-Chair or another Council member will become the next Council Chair.

Section 5. - The Council shall plan and promote activities, programs, and services for Association members.

Section 6. - Committees may be formed by the Council or by the Chair when needed. They may include Association members who are not Council members.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Council shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place to be determined by Council members. Other meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Council or, when circumstances warrant, at the call of the Chair.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws can be amended by mail ballot sent to members of the Association, provided members are informed in advance about the proposal and, further, that two-thirds of the returned ballots favor the amendment.