



NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## **NEA Retirement Benefits Forum and Trustee Workshop**

Each year NEA conducts a Retirement and Benefits Forum to meet the needs of those engaged in collective bargaining and political advocacy. Association leaders and staff from all over the country gather to discuss – and formulate strategies to overcome – the challenges to the retirement security and economic well being of all education employees. These challenges include raids on pension funds to balance state budgets, lack of cost of living adjustments for retirees, and dwindling health insurance benefits.

Approximately 300 NEA members serve as trustees of state retirement and health and welfare plans. Member trustees can be very instrumental in assuring retirement and economic security of education employees, but they are subject to numerous complex state and federal laws and regulations. To meet educational needs of these members and to help them become effective trustees, NEA conducts a Trustee Workshop in conjunction with the Forum. For more information, contact the NEA Collective Bargaining/Member Advocacy Department (202-822-7080).