RFA provides professional education and intellectual community for retired faculty members through its General Meetings, held quarterly at the Friday Center with a luncheon, speaker and timely and interesting educational programs. Recent speakers have included Vivienne Benesch, Executive and Artistic Director of UNC’s Playmakers Repertory Company; Dr. Nicholas Law, professor of physics and astronomy; Alison Friedman, the new Executive and Artistic Director of Carolina Performing Arts; Provost Christopher Clemons; and Todd Nicolet, the University’s first vice provost for digital and lifelong learning.

Another important benefit of membership is representation on the Faculty Council. The RFA nominates two members of Faculty Council to represent retired faculty, who then are elected by all retired faculty who have registered with the Office of Faculty Governance. Your delegates are voting members of the council. We also serve on Faculty Council committees and submit resolutions on your behalf. In the years in which a delegate’s term is expiring, all RFA members will receive a ballot by email in early April to fill the vacancy.

The RFA also partners with a number of university organizations to provide educational and volunteer service opportunities for retired faculty members. Examples include UNC’s Digital and Lifelong Learning programs (Friday Center meetings, an annual reception for all retired faculty members, and participation in its educational programs); the Institute for Arts and Humanities (annual Retired Faculty Seminars); and Carolina Public Humanities (50% discount for RFA members to most of its programs), among others.