



RETIRED? GET ACTIVE WITH SOAR



SOAR IS STEELWORKERS ACTIVISM FOR RETIREES!

SOAR is the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees.

SOAR is a voice for USW retirees and their families and keeps retirees connected with the union.

SOAR was established to address the social, economic and political concerns of Steelworker retirees and their families.

SOAR has local chapters, district and provincial-level units.

SOAR:

- Improves our communities.
- Advances USW policies.
- Engages politically to enhance the well-being of its members.

SOAR is here to serve you. We need you to get active with SOAR.



Benefits

- You'll stay connected, maintaining friendships and making new ones.
- Your voice, along with thousands of others, will have an impact on decisions affecting retirees.
- Your concerns will be heard at our union's district, national and international conferences.
- You'll have access to group insurance for retirees, including home, auto and travel insurance.

**Your voice is needed.
Your concerns can be heard.**



SOAR: Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____

Former Local Union Number: _____

SOAR Annual Dues Amount enclosed: \$12/year for retired Steelworker member \$3/year for spouse of retired member

Date: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Fill out and return this application to: **SOAR** c/o United Steelworkers, 234 Eglinton Ave. E., 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M4P 1K7

Join online at: usw.ca/pages/join-soar-2

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You're invited to stay active with the Steelworkers through SOAR

Retirement from the United Steelworkers is not the end of union involvement. Active retirement takes on a whole new meaning when you join a community of Steelworkers through the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR).

The late Lynn Williams, the first Canadian to become USW International President, founded SOAR to harness the power and influence of union pensioners.

SOAR has been making a difference for almost 40 years – taking on pension reform, strengthening public health care and fighting for legislation that provides real benefits to Canadian workers and communities.

SOAR members' experiences, skills and leadership strengthen our union and lend an important voice to the issues that matter.

Through SOAR, you will always be an active member of the union family.

Join and get active with SOAR today.

Marty Warren

Marty Warren, USW National Director

Make your voice heard by decision-makers

"We need to improve the quality of life of retirees. What we really need to do is get our retirees involved in our legislative agenda."

– the late Lynn Williams, SOAR and USW International President Emeritus on the need for SOAR.

SOAR is your voice in the political arena and your vehicle for change.

Senior citizens are a growing and powerful political force. Seniors have unique legislative concerns that must be heard. And politicians listen, because seniors vote.

If you have a pension plan, it is because the Steelworkers won it for you. Now the United Steelworkers is leading the fight to protect health insurance, life insurance and pension benefits from being lost as companies attack these benefits or simply shut down.

You have worked hard so that you can live your retirement years in dignity. Yet federal budget cuts and changes in federal and provincial programs can jeopardize our retirement security and our public health care.

The skills, experience, ideas and energy of USW retirees make our voice heard. Together, we are making a difference and bringing about positive changes by governments and in our communities.

The United Steelworkers is a strong, activist union. That doesn't change with retirement. With your involvement, SOAR and the USW can continue our tradition of activism working for positive social change.



SOAR is a community of Steelworkers and a major force for justice.

Get involved

SOAR is an extension of your involvement as an active union member. Thousands of Steelworkers retirees remain actively involved with their union through SOAR.

SOAR's success depends on you. USW retirees need to be actively involved in the decisions that affect us.

SOAR is a community of Steelworkers, a major force for justice, and we're growing.

SOAR is open to all Steelworkers, age 45 and over, retirees, their spouses, widows or widowers.

We urge you to join today.

Members receive a SOAR membership card, a decorative pin and our quarterly magazine, **SOAR in Action**.

