



Time for change

How do we stay connected?

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43.3

average age

81,000

active members

62,000

benefit
recipients

45,530

inactive
members

591

employers





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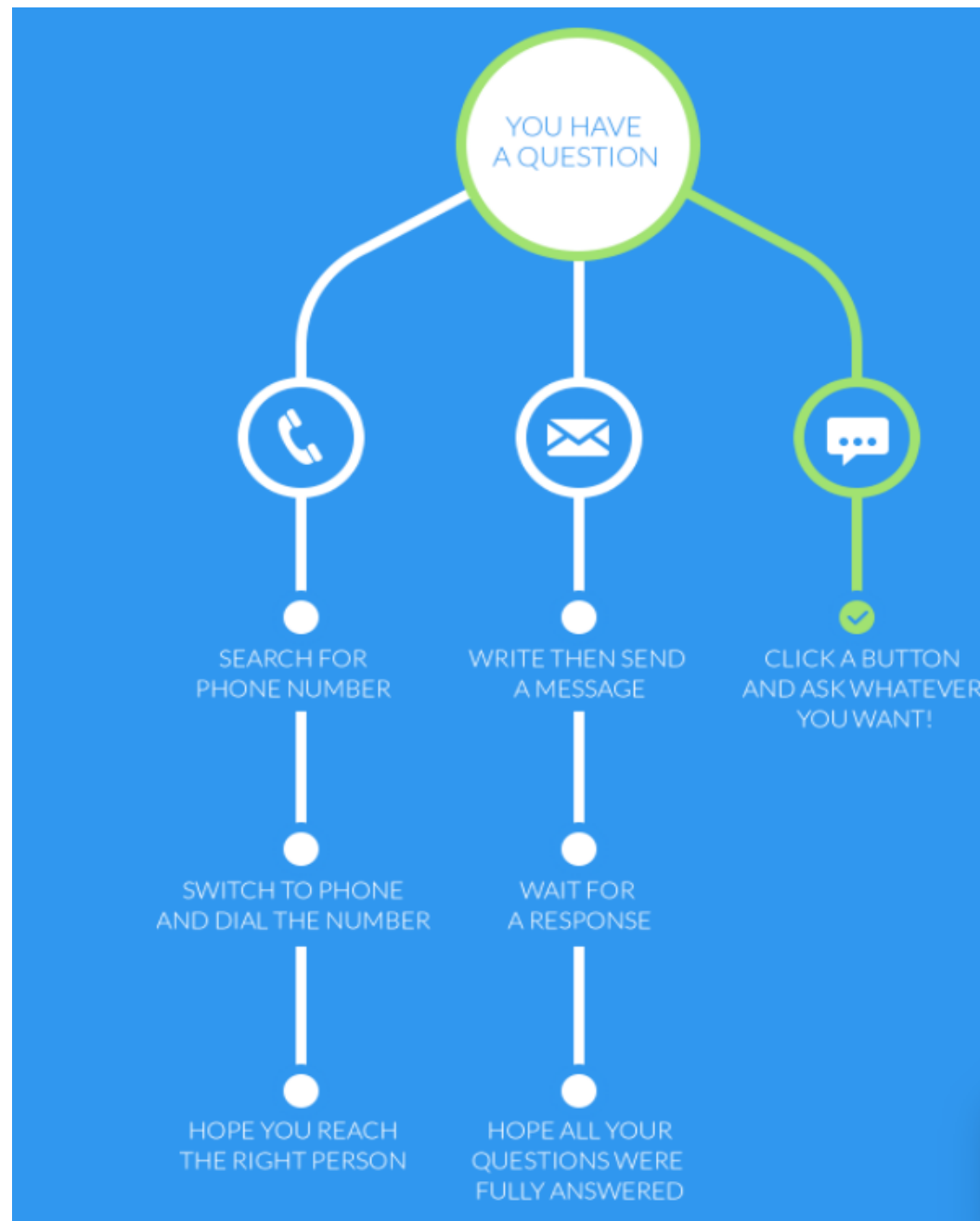
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Benefits of Chats

- You don't have to listen to an automated attendant and push buttons.
- No bad hold music.
- No social interaction required.
- It's a great way members who have hearing or speech impairments to communicate with us.
- It's secure!





Techy Stuff



- Cisco Finesse Desktop 11.0.1 running on Cisco UCCX (Unified Contact Center Express) 11.0.1
- The chat functionality comes with the UCCX.
- Easy to make changes and customize.



Members



Retirees and Beneficiaries



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Setting the record straight about pension finances

An article published by Bloomberg News ("New Math Deals Minnesota's Pensions the Biggest Hit in the U.S.," Aug. 31, 2017), uses numbers reported under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules to paint an incomplete and misleading picture of the financial health of Minnesota's public pension plans.

The key point to understand about numbers reported under GASB rules is that the true health of a pension plan is determined not by GASB annual accounting rules but by funding policy. (More [HERE](#).)

Board of Trustees names new executive director

Following a months-long nationwide search, the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association Board of Trustees has selected TRA Deputy Executive Director Jay Stoffel to succeed Laurie Hacking as executive director of the TRA fund, a \$20 billion public pension plan serving nearly 190,000 active, retired or deferred Minnesota public school educators.

Stoffel's appointment is effective Sept. 1, 2017.



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First Name

Last Name

Date Of Birth

Status

TRA Number

Email

Phone Number

Topic

SUBMIT


Cancel




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Not Ready ▾ 01:14:33

Sign Out

Manage TeamTeam DataQueue DataManage CallManage Chat and Email

 **Make a New Call**

 **Ready for Chat and Email ▾**  

Manage Chat and Email

There are no active chats or emails.

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Make a New Call

Incoming Chat from Patricia Frias

00:05

Accept

Customer:Patricia

Service Queue:WebChat

DateOfBirth:

Member:Member


Email:

FirstName:Patricia

Manage Chat and Email

There are no active chats or emails.

Manage Chat and Email



Patricia Frias
00:00:46

End

▼

Customer Patricia

DateOfBirth

Member

Member

FirstName

Patricia

LastName


Email


TRANumber

Service Queue

WebChat

7:42 AM

 You are connected.





Thank you for waiting.

Hello “_____”, thank you for contacting TRA’s Member Services. How may I help you?

One moment please while I review your account.

Our records have indicated that you will need to register for an online account. Kindly click this link <https://connect.minnesotatra.org/Core/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2f> to set-up an online account.

For verification purposes, what is your social security number?

You can easily reset your password by going to “forgot password”. If you have any trouble, let me know and I can reset it for you.



A refund of your contribution can be processed within 2 weeks from when the refund application is received by TRA.

Your account has been reset. A reset link has been sent to your email address on file. This link will be active for 24 hours.

A member can collect a retirement benefit as early as age 55 with at least 3 years of contributed service.

Application for a refund may be made no sooner than 30 days after the termination of service.

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What is a good telephone number to contact you?

I have not received a response from you. Our chat has been terminated.

Thank you for chatting with us today. Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us again. Have a great day!



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