



# Senior Agenda Coalition



## *Membership guidelines*

### **Voting Member:**

- Membership donation of \$100. \* (sliding scale \$25-\$100 for smaller organizations)
- Name and title of voting member and alternate.
- Name and information of organization.
- Signature of head of organization (Board Chair, CEO, President) expressing support of the mission of the Senior Agenda Coalition (not necessarily all of the priorities. Priorities are set by majority rule).
- Signature for permission to use name on letterhead.

### **Affiliated Member:** (both Organizational, Individual, and Business Network\*)

- Membership donation of \$100. \* (sliding scale \$25-\$100 for smaller organizations)
- Name and title of person(s) representing the organization.
- Name and information of organization.

### **All members:**

- Members will meet once per month to discuss important matters and make decisions. The attendance of voting members is of utmost importance. As it is impossible to schedule meeting times and locations that are convenient for all members will be asked to inform the director of the Senior Agenda Coalition when scheduling conflicts arise.
- All members will be asked to follow meeting ground-rules that will be set at the beginning of each year. These ground-rules will be in place to help to encourage participation and help things run smoothly.
- Members will also be asked to participate in ongoing and ad hoc committee meetings and join in various Senior Agenda Coalition advocacy efforts. Business Networking meetings will also be held monthly.

Membership is open to all organizations and activists that support the mission of the Senior Agenda Coalition. The Senior Agenda has the right to deny membership to any organization for failure to support the mission. Renewal is at the beginning of each year. Membership enrollment is on-going. Members will be classified into two groups: Voting and Affiliated (to be renewed once a year).

\*Individuals can also join and make a donation to the coalition. Individuals will be classified as affiliated members. A Business Networking membership is a special affiliate membership that offers businesses a chance to connect and receive policy updates.

For more information visit [www.senioragendari.org](http://www.senioragendari.org) or email: [senioragendari@yahoo.com](mailto:senioragendari@yahoo.com)

***Become a member of the Senior Agenda Coalition today!***

- Check one:**  **Voting Member**  
 **Affiliated Member** (Organizational or Business Network member)  
 **Individual Affiliated Activist**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person representing organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization name on letterhead: yes/no (circle one)**

*make checks payable to the Senior Agenda Coalition, and mail to: 133 Mathewson Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903*



# Senior Agenda Coalition *Membership*



**The Senior Agenda Coalition invites you  
to become a member of our important coalition.**

## **About us**

The Senior Agenda Coalition is a diverse coalition of activists and groups that advocate for elder issues, organized to develop a common agenda to improve the quality of life of older Rhode Islanders. The Senior Agenda Coalition empowers people and organizations to discuss issues, promote legislation, and influence policies of both public and private institutions to support the needs of older people and further the common agenda. The Senior Agenda offers organizations a well thought-out and powerful way to participate in the policies that affect their organizations and the seniors in which they serve. During the last five years the Senior Agenda Coalition has proved itself to be a true statewide leader on fighting for issues of concern to the elderly.

***Now is the time to join us in our efforts.*** Numerous problems have arisen and continue to surface in regards to the crisis in long term care, the Medicare Prescription Drug Act, and the rising cost of living. Seniors and advocates must take a more active role in affecting the decisions that shape their lives. The needs of the senior population in Rhode Island are at their highest. The problems that older Rhode Islanders face each day, with the cost of medical treatment, prescriptions, housing, transportation, and long term care make it even more apparent that energy must be focused on the issues of the elderly.

Please fill out our membership form on the back of this page and return it with your donation of \$100. This will allow you to vote on or participate in the election for our next slate of executive committee members and on all future decisions made by the Senior Agenda Coalition.

## **Our History**

Founded in 2002, the Senior Agenda Coalition has been a leading advocacy organization for seniors in Rhode Island. The Coalition prioritizes issues that help older Rhode Islanders maintain the choice and dignity that they deserve. This includes the protection and promotion of public and private programs that protect quality of life.

Through research, education, and involvement in the political process the Coalition has won major victories for seniors, including more funding for home and community care programs, support for senior centers, a wrap around prescription drug program to help seniors on Medicare D, and improvements for transportation.

## **Our Efforts**

One of the Coalition's greatest strengths is our ability to engage our coalition members in our mission and work collaboratively with other organizations. Our intent and core purpose is to create and sustain this collaborative effort.

Our campaigns include advocacy at the State House by seniors and advocates, attending all hearings on top priority bills, attending meetings with legislators at the State House and in their districts, petitions, phone calls, and press events. We also focus our efforts on monitoring the implementation of laws and working with the State Departments on regulation of programs.

In addition to the valuable research of our Best Practices Reports and Senior Agenda Factbook, we offer Elder Policy Advocate trainings which help the Senior Agenda develop a base of trained advocates focused on working on our issues. These trainings educate seniors and advocates (including students, family members, and elder professionals) on how policy works, why it is important, and how to share their stories.

The Senior Agenda Coalition also holds Senior Issues Candidates' Forums during election years. Our coalition has had great success sponsoring these highly attended events in the past. These forums help our coalition build our relationships with the candidates once they are in office, generate a lot of press, and help to educate and motivate seniors and advocates to push for legislation that benefits the elderly.