

The June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Emeriti Network will focus on the results of two meetings of an Ad Hoc working group chaired by Al Hermsen, Past-President and [Member, Board of Directors, University of Michigan Retirees Association](#), United States. Other group members were: Heinz Dreher (Australia), Jože Gričar (Slovenia), Sandra Hirst (Canada), Michelle Porter (Canada) and Nina Silverstein (United States).

The group was charged with considering opportunities for Emeriti Network members to engage in cross-border eCollaboration. We invite you to review the list of themes below that emerged from our workgroup discussions. What else might you add? And what action steps are needed to support any of these ideas?

	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Key Activities &amp; Specific Points—Benefits to the individual and to the Institution</b>
TH-01	<b>Institutional Access &amp; Benefits</b>	Maintaining "active" status: Email accounts, library/database access, IT support, directory listings, parking/dining discounts, and fitness centre access.
TH-02	<b>Research, Grants &amp; Funding</b>	Applying for internal seed money, pursuing external foundation grants, hiring graduate assistants, and advocating for retiree-specific research funds.
TH-03	<b>Academic &amp; Professional Engagement</b>	Opportunities for auditing or credit-bearing classes, guest lecturing, peer review, mentoring new faculty, and establishing an "Emeritus College" led by retired faculty.
TH-04	<b>Global Networking &amp; Collaboration</b>	Developing "sister college" relationships, hosting international conferences, and connecting with global associations (e.g., GSA's Third Age Gerontologists "TAG" group in planning stage).
TH-05	<b>Communications &amp; Knowledge Sharing</b>	Bimonthly newsletters, website blogs, maintaining a directory of retiree websites, and leveraging data tools like Google Drive or Qualtrics.
TH-06	<b>Community, Health &amp; Support</b>	Caregiver support groups, vaccination clinics, volunteer service-learning, and campus-wide event notifications.
TH-07	<b>Organizational Advocacy &amp; Growth</b>	Exploring membership dues to fund initiatives, using official letterhead for admin advocacy, and studying how other Canadian campuses operate.