

## **Former Educator Named AARP President**

AARP welcomed Lee Hammond, a former Maryland Retired Teachers Association State President, as its new president. He will serve as AARP's lead volunteer until 2012.

As AARP president, Hammond will articulate the positions and views of AARP; provide leadership; and foster creativity and enthusiasm in AARP's volunteers, members, and staff. Additionally, he will represent AARP and AARP/NRTA members at key national and international meetings and events.

Hammond, of Salisbury, Md., was elected to the Board of Directors in 2002. He has chaired the Nominating Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee, the Membership Committee and the National Policy Council. Hammond began his 30-year career in education in Wicomico County, Md., as a classroom teacher. He then served as a school administrator for 25 years, developing administrative and managerial skills while working with diverse student and professional populations.

Before joining the AARP board, Hammond served as AARP Maryland State President and as president of the Maryland Retired Teachers Association. He is a member of the Maryland Interagency Committee on Aging Services and vice chair of the board of Directors of MAC, Inc., a non-profit Area Agency on Aging serving four Maryland counties. He is an ordained Elder at Wicomico Presbyterian Church and previously served on the U.S. Attorney's Health Care Fraud Task Force and on the boards of the Maryland Rural Health Association, the Maryland Commission on Aging and the Holly Foundation, a non-profit organization serving the needs of developmentally-challenged persons.

The all-volunteer, 22-member board of directors is the governing body of AARP and approves all policies, programs, activities and services for AARP's millions of members. Some of the major responsibilities of AARP board members are to approve the budget and monitor the finances of the Association; determine the Association's state and national legislative policy agenda; and set policy that guides the Association's strategic plans and activities.

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