

BYLAWS

EASTERN ZONE

**THE NEW YORK STATE
RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**



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**NYSRTA - working to improve the quality of life of all retired
educators and to insure excellence in education for all
the children in New York State.**

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ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this Organization shall be the Eastern Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II
Objectives

The objectives of this Organization shall be:

- A. To promote and support legislation of special interest to all retired educators.
- B. To promote friendliness and social activities among retired educators.
- C. To provide personal attention and friendly service to ill, handicapped, and lonely retired educators.
- D. To afford opportunity for the interchange of opinion on subjects of general interest.

E. To assist in every way possible the advancement of local, state, national, and worldwide education.

ARTICLE III Membership

Membership shall be of five (5) classes: Active, Retired Educational Paraprofessionals, Spouse of an Active Member, Honorary, and Life.

A. Any retired educator who lives in this Zone, or any person retired as an educator under a New York State Retirement System wherever they may live, or any active New York State Educator who indicates an interest in promoting the objectives of NYSRTA may become an active member by paying annual dues to NYSRTA and shall have voting rights, as well as, the privilege of holding office.

B. Any retired educational Paraprofessional, including teaching assistants and/or teaching aides.

C. A spouse of an active member may become a member by paying annual or life dues to NYSRTA.

D. Honorary membership in this Zone may be extended to persons who are deemed worthy of this distinction upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, and confirmed by vote at the Annual Meeting. Honorary members shall not pay dues.

E. Any retired educator who is a life member of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association, inc. shall be a life

member of this Zone.

F. The right to vote and hold office shall be limited to active and life members.

G. Spouses who are not active members are excluded from voting or holding office in this Association.

ARTICLE IV Officers Appointees Executive Committee

A. The elected officers shall be: President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President in Charge of Membership, Vice-President in Charge of Friendly Service, Vice-President in Charge of State Legislation, Vice-President in Charge of Federal Legislation, Secretary, and Treasurer. Such officers shall serve for terms of two years or until their successors are elected.

B. There shall be a Director for each county within the Zone, appointed by the President.

C. There shall be an Assistant Treasurer for the Zone, appointed by the President.

D. The Executive Committee shall consist of: the elected officers, County Directors, Presidents of local units, Chairs of Standing Committees, and all Past-Presidents of Eastern Zone.

E. All vacancies in office, elective and appointive, shall be filled by the President of the Zone.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

A. The standing Committees shall be: Bylaws Revision, Community Service, Federal Legislation, Finance and Budget, Friendly Service, Health Care, Historian, Membership, Nominations, Public Relations, Resolutions, State Legislation, and a Webmaster.

B. The members of each standing committees shall function until successors are appointed by the Eastern Zone President at the time.

ARTICLE VII

Organization and Duties of Standing Committees

A. The Bylaws Revision Committee shall be responsible for introducing amendments and revisions to the Zone Bylaws. The Chair will also present to the Eastern Zone Executive Committee any changes to the NYSRTA Bylaws that have come from the State Bylaws Committee. These State Bylaws changes will be presented to the delegates at the Annual Convention by the State Bylaw Chair.

B. The Community Service Chair shall be responsible for collecting service hours and examples of types of service from each unit and reporting them to the State Community Service Chair.

C. The Federal Legislation Committee shall consist of the Vice-President of Federal Legislation as the Chair and one member from each local unit to be appointed by the President of the unit. In any county with no local unit the member shall

be appointed by the County Director. This Committee shall work with other state and national organizations to promote federal legislation for the benefit of active and retired educators.

D. The Finance Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members to be appointed by the President. Any past President may elect to be on the committee with approval of the current President of the Zone. The duties of this Committee shall be:

1. To prepare a budget showing estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year which shall be presented at the Annual Meeting.

2. To recommend to the Executive Committee changes and variations of budgeted items for the fiscal year.

3. To supervise the investment of Zone funds.

4. To review the auditor's reports and to coordinate and supervise the financial operations of the Zone.

5. The Finance and Budget Committee, along with the Zone Treasurer, and the Friendly Service Vice-President, will audit the Zone books on a yearly basis in the summer months. A report will be written and presented to the Zone Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting.

E. The Friendly Service Committee shall consist of the Vice-President in Charge of Friendly Service as Chair and one member from each local unit to be appointed by the President of the unit. In any county with no local unit, the member shall be appointed by the County Director. The function of this Committee shall be to promote the well-being of any retired educator.

F. The Health Care Committee shall consist of the Health

Care Coordinator as Chair and one member from each local unit, appointed by the President of the unit. In a county with no local unit, the appointment shall be made by the County Director. The function of this Committee shall be to further the knowledge of and to develop programs pertaining to the well being of members. Should the Committee find members who are in need, this shall be reported to the Vice-President of Friendly Service for action. The Chair will represent the Zone at any State Health Committee meetings. The Health Chair will pass on all health information received from the State Health Vice President to local Health Chairs. If the local has no Health Chair, the information will be sent to the President of the unit.

G. The Historian Committee shall consist of the Historian as Chair and one member from each local unit appointed by the President of the unit. The function of this committee is to collect, file and preserve all material from Zone, State and Local Unit meetings and to organize them in an album.

H. The Membership Committee shall consist of the Vice President in Charge of Membership as Chair and one member from each local unit to be appointed by the President of the unit. In any county with no local unit, the member shall be appointed by the County Director. The function of this committee shall be to promote membership in this Zone and NYSRTA.

I. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members appointed by the President. The function of the committee is to nominate a slate of Officers of the Zone for the ensuing term and present a slate at the Annual Meeting. The Chair will represent the Zone on the

state committee.

J. The Public Relations Committee shall consist of a Chair to be appointed by the President and one member from each local unit to be appointed by the President of the unit. In a county with no local unit, the appointment will be made by the County Director. The function of this Committee shall be to promote good understanding with active educator groups and the general public. The Chair will send all local and Zone news to the editor of "York State".

K. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a Chair and two other members to be appointed by the President. The function of this Committee is to prepare and submit resolutions to the Spring Executive Committee Meeting of the Zone for approval.

L. The State Legislation Committee shall consist of the Vice President in Charge of State Legislation as Chair and one member from each local unit to be appointed by the President of the Unit. In any county with no local unit, the member shall be appointed by the County Director. The function of this Committee shall be to further New York legislation for the benefit of active and retired educators.

M. The Webmaster shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of the Webmaster to regularly update and renew the website with news from the units, the zone and the state.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

The Annual Meeting shall be held in September or October of each year on a date to be determined by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Dues

The annual dues shall be collected as provided in the appropriate Article of the Bylaws of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association, Inc.

ARTICLE X

Nominations and Elections

A. The Nominating Committee shall present a proposed slate of officers at alternate Annual Meetings.

B. The election of officers shall be held at alternate Annual Meetings. The term of office shall begin November 1st and end October 31st of the second year of the two year term.

C. A majority of those present and voting shall be deemed sufficient for election.

ARTICLE XI

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this Zone shall be from July 1st to June 30th of the following year.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

A. An amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by any member submitting the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee. Such proposals must be submitted in written form.

B. The Executive Committee shall consider all such proposals. If the amendment is approved by the Executive Committee by a favorable two-thirds vote, it shall be presented to the next Annual Meeting for action.

C. A favorable two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting shall be deemed sufficient to adopt the amendment.

D. A revision of the Bylaws may be initiated by the Executive Committee. The President shall then appoint a Revision Committee, which shall present its proposed revision to the Executive Committee.

E. The proposed revision as presented and/or amended and then approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee shall then be presented to the members for adoption in accordance with ARTICLE XII, Sections B and C above.

ARTICLE XIII

Rules of Order

A. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority for all questions of procedure and a copy shall be available at all meetings.

B. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian who shall be present at the Annual Meeting.