

## Resolutions Committee Report Gayla LePage, chair

The Delegates to the 2016 NYSRTA Annual Meeting approved four proposed new resolutions and one emergency resolution as recommended by the Resolutions Committee. The approved measures are printed below. The necessary additions will be made to the “Be It Resolved...” document can be accessed on the NYSRTA website.

A special thanks to the zones who submitted the proposals and to the Delegates for their acceptance of these statements.

### **Resolution D-19-1: Return Cursive Writing to the Elementary Classroom (Western Zone)**

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the NYSRTA urge the New York State Department of Education to return cursive writing to the elementary.

### **Resolution E-16-1: Ethics Reform in the State Government (Western Zone)**

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the President of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association (NYSRTA) contact the Governor, Assembly Speaker, Senate Majority Leader, and the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Ethics Committees expressing our deep concern over the lack of ethical behavior that currently exists, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the NYSRTA President strongly encourage these state leaders to immediately initiate and enact meaningful ethics reform, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the NYSRTA President contact these state leaders on at least an annual basis, reinforcing the need to accomplish common sense, good government reforms, and expressing appreciation for any reform that may have been adopted since the last contact.

### **Resolution E-17-2: Mandating Seatbelts for All NY State Backseat Passengers Aged 16 or Older (Long Island Zone)**

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the NYSRTA support legislation to require all rear seat passengers 16 years or older to wear seat belts in New York State.

### **Resolution E-18-3: A Resolution to Oppose the 2017 Constitutional Convention Referendum Initiative (Northeastern and Long Island Zones)**

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the NYSRTA opposes the approval of the Constitutional Convention referendum, and

Be it further RESOLVED you will asked to vote on November 7, 2017, if we should hold this convention. NYSRTA urges you to vote NO; and

Be it further RESOLVED that the NYSRTA broaden its arguments of opposition to the convention by including other groups who could be harmed by the convention, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the NYSRTA make every effort to participate with coalitions representing both retired and active educators, as well as, other special interest groups who could be harmed by proposals made at the New York State Constitutional Convention, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the NYSRTA inform its members on these other issues and join the broader media campaign.

The following is the emergency resolution that was approved at the 2016 annual meeting.

### **Resolution D-19-1: Repeal the Teacher Registration Regulations (Central Zone)**

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the NYSRTA seeks legislation to repeal the Teacher Registration Regulations for all New York State Educators.