

**CONSTITUTION
OF
NYSUT RETIREES, WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM**

I. NAME

This organization shall be known as NYSUT Retirees, Westchester/Putnam, RC 15/16 (Retiree Council).

II. PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- A. To promote the interests and welfare of NYSUT Retirees and those of its national affiliates, AFT, NEA, AFL/CIO.
- B. To promote the aims and objectives of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and its national affiliates.
- C. To promote mutual assistance and cooperation with other organizations which share our common goals.
- D. To provide activities which promote and serve the interests of our members.

III. AFFILIATIONS

This organization is an affiliate of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and its national affiliates.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Full membership in this organization is granted to retirees who are members of NYSUT and who retired as a NYSUT member from a local in Westchester or Putnam County.
- B. Associate membership, as defined by the Executive Board, shall be extended to those who pay NYSUT Retirees, Westchester/Putnam participation fees but are not eligible for full membership.

V. PARTICIPATION FEES

The voluntary annual participation fee of NYSUT Retirees, Westchester/Putnam shall be determined in June of each year by the Executive Board.

VI. OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the NYSUT Retirees, Westchester/Putnam shall be President, the Executive Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine (9) to eleven (11) Vice Presidents.
- B. The terms of officers shall correspond with the terms of offices of statewide NYSUT officers.
- C. Elections for RC 15/16 officers will correspond with NYSUT statewide elections, as closely as possible.

VII. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board will consist of all duly elected officers of Westchester/Putnam Retirees.

VIII. AMENDMENT(S) PROCEDURE

- A. An amendment to this constitution may be proposed by:
 - 1. A majority of the Executive Board
 - 2. No fewer than ten (10) percent of those designated as full members
- B. A proposed amendment must be distributed in writing to each full member at least fourteen (14) days before the ratification vote.
- C. An amendment must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of those present at a general membership meeting.

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