

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE RETIRED TEACHERS' CHAPTER OF THE NEWBURGH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **NAME**

The name of this unit shall be the Retired Teachers' Chapter of the Newburgh Teachers' Association as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Newburgh Teachers' Association.

## **ARTICLE I—PURPOSE**

As special members of the NTA, it is our mission to work co-operatively with all other NTA members to promote the interests of retirees, in-service educators and students. We accomplish this through our membership in the NTA, NYSUT, AFT, NEA and the AFL-CIO.

## **ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership shall be open to all retired unit members in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Newburgh Teachers' Association.
- B. Chapter members are special members of the NTA as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Newburgh Teachers' Association.
- C. Social Membership. Social, non-voting membership in the RTC shall be open to retired members of the Teaching Assistants' Chapter and the Per Diem Substitutes' Chapter of the NTA.

## **ARTICLE III—STRUCTURE**

- A. The chapter business shall be transacted under the supervision of an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairperson, who shall serve in a dual role as a delegate to the Delegate Assembly; a Recording Secretary, who shall serve in a dual role as a delegate to the Delegate Assembly; a Corresponding Secretary and two members elected at large.
- B. Meetings shall be held at least twice a year, convened by the Chairperson. Special meetings may be called either by the Chairperson or by a petition of ten members.

#### **ARTICLE IV—ELECTIONS**

- A. Members of the Executive Committee designated in Article III, Section A shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Voting shall take place by mail.
- B. Members of the Executive Committee designated in Article III Section A shall be elected for a three year term to be effective the year elected.

#### **ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES**

- A. The Chairperson shall appoint committees as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee may direct the chairperson to appoint committees that are deemed necessary.

#### **ARTICLE VI—DUES**

- A. Annual dues are payable to the Newburgh Teachers' Association.
- B. Annual dues are determined by the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote, a quorum being present.

#### **ARTICLE VIII—RULES OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the authority on all questions of procedure.

#### **ARTICLE IX—ADOPTION**

This Constitution was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those eligible for membership and present at the meeting on December 9, 1982 and updated on December 3, 2009 and amended effective July 1, 2010.