

# **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.

## **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. (The phrase "retired unit members" includes "vested members." Vested members are teachers who left the District, retired and are vested in the NYSTRS.)
- 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. Chapter business shall be transacted by a seven (7) member Executive Committee, consisting of a Chairperson, who may serve in a dual role as a delegate to the NTA's Delegate Assembly; a Vice Chairperson, who may serve in a dual role as a delegate to the NTA's Delegate Assembly and five (5) additional members elected at large. All members of the Chapter pursuant to Article II above are eligible for election to the

**Executive Committee.**

- B. The duties of the Vice Chairperson shall be to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence and to perform such other duties as the Chairperson may designate;
- C. The Chairperson shall appoint members to fill Chapter vacancies as they may occur with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, except in the office of the Chairperson which shall be filled by the incumbent Vice Chairperson.
- D. 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. Twenty (20) members of the RTC shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

**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.
- C. On July 1, 2019, the Vice Chairperson shall be appointed by the Chairperson. Subsequently, candidates for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected on a single slate.

**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. It was amended on September 19, 2016 to include the provision re. a quorum. It was amended on September 12, 2018 to add the position of Vice Chairperson and to change the composition of the Executive Committee (These amendments and changes will become effective on July 1, 2019.) It was amended on September 20, 2019 to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee in Article III, A from five to seven. Article III, A was also amended to delete the word "shall" from lines 2 and 4 and replace it with the word "may."