



Election Special Edition

*Watch for ballots Feb. 22;
deadline is March 14*

This election special edition of *The Active Retiree* is sent to each retired member of UUP. It includes the schedule, list of candidates for Retired Delegate and regional members of the statewide Committee on Active Retired Membership (COARM), and 500-word statements by candidates for the position of Retired Delegate.

The 50-word statements from regional COARM nominees will be mailed with the ballots, as per election procedures.

The notice of election/call for nominations was mailed to each retired member as of the certification date for this election, Jan. 3, 2007. Nominations closed Feb. 7. Ballots will be mailed Feb. 22, are due March 14, and will be counted March 14-16. Results will be published in *The Active Retiree*.

The valid nominations for retiree positions are listed at right.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to vote for your retired representatives. Look for your ballot shortly after Feb. 22.

**David H. Kreh, Chair
Elections and Credentials Committee**

*United University Professions
2007 Active Retired Membership Elections Nomination List*

Delegate and Chair of the Committee on Active Retired Membership

<i>Kurz, Phyllis J. (Old Westbury)</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>Magid, Alvin (Albany)</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Stahl, Martin (ESC)</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>Stempel, Patricia D. (Upstate)</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Torok, Stephen (Oswego)</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Wishnia, Judith (Stony Brook)</i>	<i>B</i>

Committee on Active Retired Membership

CAPITAL DISTRICT REGION (Region A):

(Albany, Cobleskill, New Paltz, New York State Theatre Institute, System Administration)

<i>Magid, Alvin (Albany)</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Puretz, Susan L. (New Paltz)</i>	<i>A</i>

LONG ISLAND REGION (Region B):

(Farmingdale, Old Westbury, Stony Brook, Stony Brook HSC)

<i>Brod, Pearl H. (Farmingdale)</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>Goldsmith, Frank E. (Stony Brook HSC)</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>Kurz, Phyllis J. (Old Westbury)</i>	<i>B</i>

NORTH COUNTRY REGION (Region C):

(Canton, Plattsburgh, Potsdam)

<i>Alfonsin, Edward J. (Potsdam)</i>	<i>C</i>
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WESTERN NEW YORK REGION (Region D):

(Alfred, Brockport, Buffalo Center, Buffalo HSC, Buffalo State, Fredonia, Geneseo)

<i>Rock, William C. (Brockport)</i>	<i>D</i>
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CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION (Region E):

(Environmental Science & Forestry, Morrisville, Oswego, Upstate Medical University, Utica/Rome)

<i>Betz, Brian R. (Oswego)</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Maraviglia, Frank L. (ESF)</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Peckham, David J. (Upstate)</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Stempel, Patricia D. (Upstate)</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Torok, Stephen (Oswego)</i>	<i>E</i>

METROPOLITAN REGION (Region F):

(Brooklyn HSC, Maritime, Optometry, Purchase)

<i>Marcus, Joseph C. (Brooklyn HSC)</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>Stahl, Martin (ESC)</i>	<i>F</i>

SOUTHERN TIER REGION (Region G):

(Binghamton, Cortland, Delhi, Oneonta)

<i>Miller, Fred R. (Oneonta)</i>	<i>G</i>
<i>Schaffer, D. Jo (Cortland)</i>	<i>G</i>

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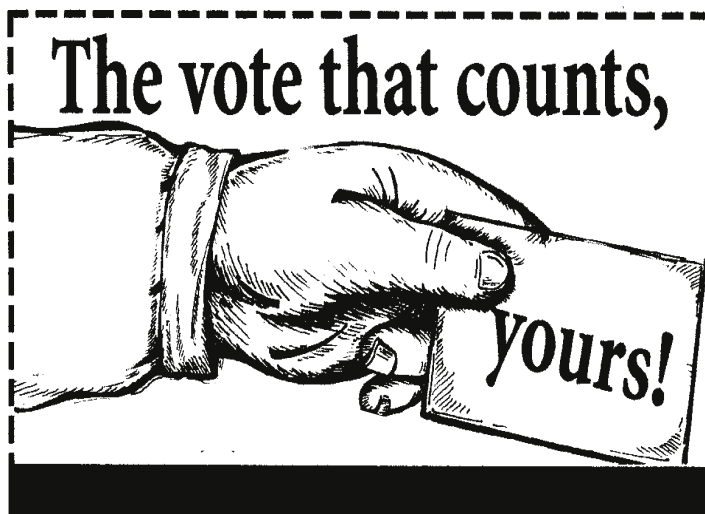


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In accordance with union policy, all candidates running for Retired Delegate are eligible to submit a 500-word statement for publication in an election issue of *The Active Retiree*. By reason of the office, the Retired Delegate is also Chair of the Committee on Active Retired Membership and a non-voting Executive Board Member.

Statements longer than 500 words are set in smaller type to ensure fairness for all candidates. The statements are printed as received, with minor editing for consistency of style.

The following pages contain the statements of those candidates who chose to submit them.



for Retired Delegate

Judith Wishnia SUNY Stony Brook

I want to thank all the UUP retirees who have been so supportive these past years and ask once again for your help in continuing my leadership in our commitment to improving the lives of retirees and strengthening our role in UUP. Much has been accomplished but there is still more to be done.

I am happy to report that all our regions are up and running with opportunity for old friends to meet as well as have a learning experience. One of the pleasures of being COARM chair is attending these meetings. In order to involve more members I would suggest that now is the time to hold more meetings on individual campuses. We are also happy to report that several campuses have successful retiree centers and the recent opening of the Albany center was a grand occasion. We must encourage more campuses to create and support these centers. We should also make certain that all retirees, academics

and professionals, have access to SUNY libraries, parking, e-mail and all other retiree benefits. Most crucially, as we near a membership of 3,000, it is vital that we reorganize COARM so that retirees can use their strength within UUP. We are hopeful that a change to either a chapter or a council will happen this year.

Thanks to our benefits department, the big news this year was the implementation (finally!) of our dental and vision plans. We hope to make those plans even more beneficial in the future.

Our newsletter keeps winning prizes, including one for the best newsletter in the state, but we would like to expand our coverage by getting more of our members to contribute articles. Many of you are doing interesting things and we would like to hear about it. For the athletes out there, how about some golf tips! Our e-mail list service has been an important source of information and we urge more of you to join. We promise not to post frivolous items, just vital information.

Our RELAG (legislative) committee is

doing a wonderful job organizing for advocacy and we look forward to expanding its activities.

We are now more connected to the NYSUT organization. As a member of the Retiree Advisory Committee, I have been able to introduce higher ed issues to an important audience and we are about to conclude an agreement which will give UUP nine seats on the NYSUT Retiree Board.

Many of us are active in the Alliance for Retired Americans (I sit on the LI board), which has been instrumental in saving Social Security from privatization. We must continue these efforts as well as working to improve Medicare. The recent introduction of an income scale for Part B threatens to end the universality of Medicare. Happily UUP was successful in maintaining the refunds for Part B.

Finally, we must continue to support UUP in all its activities. Thanks to unions and especially UUP we have pensions and health care. So, here's to our union movement!

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for Retired Delegate

Alvin Magid SUNY Albany

A political scientist, in December 2002 I retired from SUNY Albany. That brought to a close, at age 65, my university career spanning 39 wonderful years, including 35 at SUNY Albany. I remain active in research and publication; occasionally teaching and consulting abroad; serving as a member of various boards in the Albany Capital Region; as a political pundit with local media; plowing through a long list of books I'm determined to read; as family member and friend and theater-goer; and, weather permitting, power-walking five miles daily.

Still I have time and energy to devote to retiree affairs, especially as they involve SUNY retirees and the UUP.

As chair of the statewide Committee on Active Retired Membership (COARM) in

UUP, I would have these major priorities:

1) to promote organizing the nearly 3,000 SUNY retirees, for three purposes: (a) to widen and deepen, formally and/or informally, the involvement of the SUNY retirees, via the statewide COARM organ, in selected key aspects of UUP activity, including collective bargaining; (b) to foster statewide COARM's networking with private-sector university and college retirees throughout New York state; and (c) to foster ties between the SUNY retirees, via the statewide COARM organ, and other retiree organizations in the public and private sectors throughout New York state.

(2) to promote the establishment of an organized retiree group in each of the nearly four dozen SUNY units, to foster the intellectual, service and social activities of the groups and their individual members (a) within the organized retiree groups in the

SUNY units; (b) within the larger SUNY unit of which the organized retiree group is a part; (c) within the seven regional areas, each with its own COARM committee, comprising COARM/UUP throughout New York state; and (d) nationally and internationally.

Achieving these goals will help to position the SUNY retirees, via the seven regional committees and the statewide COARM organ, to exert significant influence on policy decision making affecting the retiree community, within SUNY and more widely. For these purposes, I will lend strong encouragement to organized retiree groups in the individual SUNY units, working in conjunction with the seven regional COARM committees and the statewide COARM organ, to seek funding from diverse sources, among them, principally, campus administrations; the UUP; and the public, private and foundation sectors.

Phyllis Kurz SUNY Old Westbury

I believe in the UUP union. The leaders have worked very hard to give their members fabulous benefits and salaries. We would not be where we are without their efforts. I want to thank them for all

they did for us.

I will support what the UUP retirees want. Communications will be through regional meetings and events. I would be proud to serve you as an officer of the Office of Retired Delegate. We must stand up and speak out for your concerns,

as we are very powerful.

I was the past treasurer of the UUP Old Westbury chapter and have attended many training sessions as well.

Please vote for me and I will represent you with all your concerns to the best of my ability.

Stephen Torok SUNY Oswego

We are still stepchildren of our union that we founded, served and still support.

VOTE!

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