

# The Active Retiree

A Newsletter for Retired Members of United University Professions

## RMGC looks to add vice chair position

RMGC members earlier this year voted on a proposed amendment to the RMGC by-laws. The proposed amendment, if adopted, would create an RMGC vice chair position; the seat would be voted on by the RMGC from one of its members).

The RMGC invites all retired members of UUP to submit any comments, proposed edits, etc., to RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer (cmcateer@uupmail.org). The committee will review all comments at the 2023 Spring Delegate Assembly.

The following is draft text to create a vice chair position in RMGC.

Additions are underlined and in *italic*;

deletions are ~~struck through~~

**Proposed RMGC By-Law change to include a Vice Chairperson position (1.13.23)**

**Article VI: Terms of Officers and Election Procedures**

**(ADD Section 3)** Section 3. Vice Chairperson  
*The vice chairperson of RMGC shall be a member of the RMGC, nominated by the chairperson or RMGC member and elected by the RMGC for a period of up to three years or until the next RMGC election cycle, whichever is shorter.*

**(RENUMBER 3 to 4)** Section ~~3~~4. Secretary

**(RENUMBER 4 to 5)** Section ~~4~~5. Resignation and Removals

**(RENUMBER 5 to 6)** Section ~~5~~6. Vacancies

**Article VII: Duties of Officers**

**(ADD Section 3)** Section 3. Vice Chairperson

*The vice chairperson when the chairperson is unavailable shall conduct the RMGC meeting and any authorized RMGC event. In addition, the vice chairperson shall represent the chairperson at regional/campus retiree meetings when the chairperson is unavailable.*

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For full text of the six-page RMGC bylaws (approved 10.13.22), go to <https://uupinfo.org/retiree/> and click VIEW THE RMGC OPERATING BY-LAWS.

## Watch for ballots; deadline to vote is April 21

This election special edition of *The Active Retiree* is sent to retired members of UUP. It includes statements of up to 500-words written by candidates for Retired Delegate, as well as Regional Members of the Retired Membership Governing Committee (formerly COARM), who chose to submit them.

The notice of election/call for nominations was mailed to each retired member Jan. 18-19. Nominations closed Feb. 17.

Ballots will be mailed no later than March 16, are due April 21, and will be counted beginning April 24. Results will be published in *The Active Retiree*.

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

**NOTE:** The Retired Delegate is elected as the union's sole delegate to represent Retired Members. Retired members are eligible to run as *chapter* delegates when those elections are held

every two years. Regional representatives are elected to serve on the statewide RMG Committee. The retired delegate and regional representatives are elected to three-year terms.

In accordance with union policy, all candidates running for **Retired Delegate** (who, by reason of the office, also serves as Chair of the Retired Membership Governing Committee and as a limited-voting member of the UUP statewide Executive Board), and/or for one of eight **Regional Members of the RMG Committee**, are eligible to submit a statement of up to 500 words and photo for publication in the election issue of *The Active Retiree*.

**A list of nominated candidates is posted on the UUP website at [www.uupinfo.org/elections](http://www.uupinfo.org/elections).**

Check out the statements of those candidates who chose to submit them, beginning on page 3.

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## Organizing Your Vital Records booklet available online, by mail

Having your personal information in one place makes it easier to deal with the unexpected. The Retired Membership Governing Committee (formerly COARM) created a checklist designed to be an organizing tool that will help you and your family more easily navigate moments of change. It will assist you in aggregating your important data.

We hope this document helps give you a view of your vital information, and some measure of peace of mind for you and those you hold dear," said RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer.

The document can be found on the website at <http://uupinfo.org/reports/reportpdf/OYVR2016fillable.pdf> or by contacting Walter Apple, retiree member services coordinator, at [wapple@uupbenefits.org](mailto:wapple@uupbenefits.org) or at (800) 342-4206.



## Statements for Retired Delegate and RMG Committee Chair

### Charlie McAteer, Stony Brook

I am Charlie McAteer, and it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your chair of the Retired Membership Governing Committee (RMGC) for the past three years and prior to that the elected Long Island Retiree Representative on the RMGC. I am a proud product of the SUNY system, and it has been my honor to receive UUP's Pearl H. Brod Retiree of the Year and the Judy Wishnia Advocacy awards.

I served on the Task Force on Retiree Issues, which developed the Chapter Officer for Retirees position. In 2025, this task force will be reconvened to look again at our Retiree issues. During these past few years most of the recommendations of that 2016 task force have been implemented including allowing the RMGC chair limited voting rights on the Statewide UUP Executive Board. Another idea I championed is the UUP retiree website <https://uupinfo.org/retiree/>. This has allowed you as a retiree member to have access to information and up to date sources you need in your retired life. Please check it out, for more information contact me at [cfmcaateer@gmail.com](mailto:cfmcaateer@gmail.com).

It is my continuing pleasure and commitment to serve on statewide finance, membership, and outreach working towards legislation helpful to SUNY and our important retiree issues. On RMGC, I serve with experienced leaders throughout New York State and am proud to work with retiree leadership in NYSUT which serves NYS and has a retiree council in Florida that we in-

teract with. As RMGC chair I work with the eight regional retiree representatives and have worked to organize those into the three retiree councils. These areas are again hosting regional UUP retiree events both in person and on zoom. I look forward to meeting you at one of them.

My goal is to continue to utilize my leadership skills to help advance our retiree issues through popular brunch events, working with UUP central on an electronic payment system to UUP Benefits, by being your retiree member on the UUP executive board and continuing the leadership training events for the RMGC and Chapter Officer for Retirees. I want to continue to foster getting information out to you our retiree as quickly and effectively via the award-winning *The Active Retiree*, as well as the weekly Monday UUP Retiree News/Info. ARA Update email blasts.

I ask you to reelect me to be your Retired Delegate and Retired Membership Governing Committee Chair. There is much to do to get you retiree information and the ability to communicate your questions and thoughts to help all of us as retirees lead a better quality of life. I look forward to work closely with the RMGC, chapter officer for retirees to create a dynamic and effective force, to make our issues known in UUP central, Albany, Washington, D.C. and with our active UUP in-service members, whom I have coined the term "Retirees in Training." There is much to do, and I thank you for your consideration and ask for your vote.

### Thomas R. Mandeville, Plattsburgh

I taught State and Local Government as an adjunct at SUNY Plattsburgh for 20 years and I still presently teach at Clinton Community College. I am the senior member of the faculty as I have been there since the fall of 1990.

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ation and I am vice president of the Clinton Essex Franklin Library System Board of Trustees. I have labor relations experience as I have been on the Clinton Community College Faculty Association (an independent union) since 1995 and have negotiated numerous contracts.

## Statements for Regional Representatives of the RMG Committee

### Glenn McNitt, New Paltz—Region A

I am seeking re-election to the Retiree Membership Governing Committee (RMGC). While in these last two years the pandemic has impacted all of us negatively, the future appears promising with increased in-person gatherings. In the immediate future, plans for another retiree gathering in Albany and one in New Paltz are being finalized. Should I be re-elected, I expect to help develop and promote a fall meeting for retirees in the Cobleskill area. Such meetings are envisioned for each region of the Capital District. Your recommendations and ideas for relevant issues and concerns for these events would be appreciated.

I have served as both past vice president for academics and past

president at the New Paltz UUP Chapter; a delegate and Executive Board member of UUP statewide; a delegate to both NYSUT and American Federation of Teachers conventions; and served as statewide chair of the UUP Outreach Committee. I am familiar with the workings of these organizations and their relationships with UUP.

As a decade-old retiree, I have gained understandings, skills, knowledge and insight of working with active members of our union, as an advocate on your behalf. Unions have been and will always be a priority in my life. My experiences and history make me well qualified to act as a member of RMGC, and I would appreciate your support, vote and participation.

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I taught State and Local Government as an adjunct at SUNY Plattsburgh for 20 years and I still presently teach at Clinton Community College. I am the senior member of the faculty as I have been there since the fall of 1990.

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### Ray Guydosh, Plattsburgh—Region C

Ray Guydosh: Active in UUP since 1970s; have served on/as Chapter Executive Board, Chapter Newsletter Editor, Chapter VP for Academics, Chapter Representative to Northeast Central Labor Council, Chapter Officer for Retirees, Delegate to UUP Delegate Assembly, Delegate to NYSUT Representative Assem-

bly, Delegate to AFT Convention, Member Statewide Finance Committee, Member Statewide Elections/Credentials Committee, Chair Statewide Audit/Compliance Committee, Member RMGC. Would be honored to continue to serve on RMGC representing the interests of UUP Retiree Members.

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### Tom Reagan, ESF—Region E

Hello folks,

Just a word of introduction. I was the first ESF Chapter president. As you may or may not know, these were troubling times at ESF. They would not be part of SUNY and were forced to. A president, President Palmer, was installed. It was that way when I was hired as a TV engineer with the media group.

It became obvious to me that we were missing out on a lot of things. So when Sam Wakshull and Nuala Drescher came to campus to recruit, needless to say they did not get a very good reception. I volunteered to become president and enlisted a secretary and treasurer. We worked very hard for five years.

In that time, we had enlisted over 50 percent of faculty and staff, gained respect for the union, stopped reprisals of the faculty for joining.

During my tenure, a change took place at ESF and I decided to turn the reins over to someone else. Frank Maraviglia became the news president and the rest is history, as they say.

I retired in 2000. From that point on. I only ran my thriving business, but am no longer active in it. I am surprised that you have no one interested in doing this, so once again I offer my help, if you so choose. I have the time.

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### Eric Russell, Downstate—Region F

Why I am running again:

I believe that is the responsibility of your representative to stand up for you. That includes taking on unpopular issues, whether or not they are likely to prevail in the Delegate Assembly. Recently, there was an issue of anti-retiree discrimination. Equality as members was the central issue. We lost.

I also believe we are here to provide service to our members, as clearly and promptly as possible. Usually this means providing

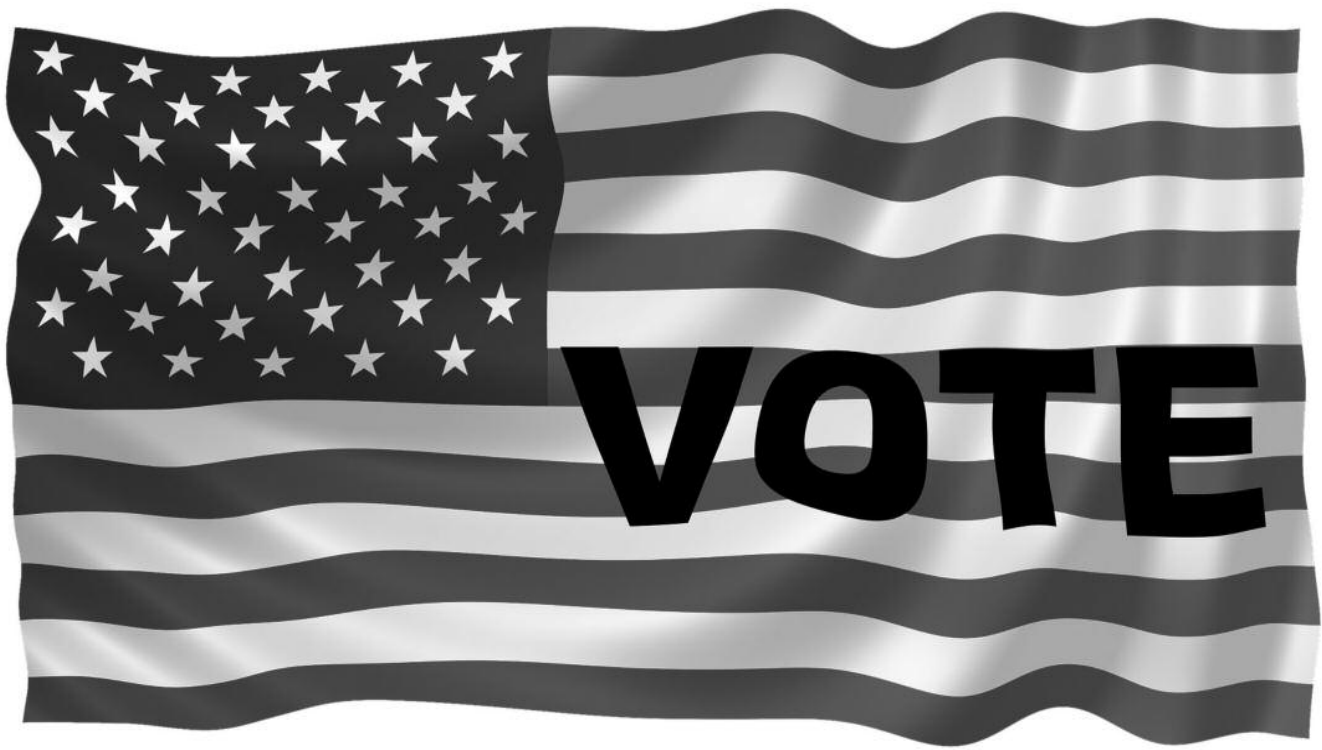
advice or a phone call.

Some of you are members of the Uupretirees [uupretirees@freelists.org] discussion group, which I have moderated for at least 10 years. Contact me on how to join.

Finally, you are invited to join us for our bruncheons in Little Italy, were we host interesting speakers and share good Italian food [love those cannoli].

Please vote for me.

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## Loraine Tyler, Oneonta—Region G

It has been my pleasure to serve three terms as the Southern Tier representative for the campuses of Binghamton, Delhi, Oneonta and Cortland. I have enjoyed working with retirees on these campuses. I am fortunate to have served retirees on my campus and for UUP in a variety of ways since my retirement in 2007.

After retirement, I was Oneonta's acting VP for academics, board member for retirees, special events coordinator (read party planner!), CAP coordinator and grant writer, and academic delegate.

Elected as the first Oneonta officer of retirees, I mentor retirees, invite retirees to all Oneonta UUP events, and write articles for our newsletter. I've been an active member of the Retiree Membership Governing Committee (once the Committee on Active Retired Membership), serving as secretary since 2007 and as secretary for

the now defunct RELAG. For the last four years, I represented UUP retirees at the E.D. 52 Retiree Council of NYSUT. I served on a subcommittee to create an official set of by-laws for the statewide Retiree Membership Governing Committee.

Believing in advocating for our needs, I've advocated in local elected officials' offices, at Committee of 100 in Albany, and on the Outreach Committee. On my campus, I'm vice president of our retiree group, planning programs, arranging venues and choosing menus. In 2014, UUP honored me as the Pearl Brod Retiree of the Year.

I'm asking for your support in my re-election as Southern Tier rep and Oneonta officer for retirees.

Thank you and enjoy retirement!

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## Gary Moore, Alfred—Region H

I have been a member of UUP since the fall of 1978.

While employed at Alfred State, I was a building rep for several years.

For over 20 years, I was a member of the statewide Grievance

Committee.

Since its inception, I have been the Alfred retiree representative. I would be happy to serve UUP as the Finger Lakes representative.



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# RETIRED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## THE BENEFITS OF UUP

Whether you're retired or just thinking about retirement, you don't have to stop being active in UUP.

Retired Membership is open to any UUP member in good standing who has retired from SUNY with a minimum of five continuous years of UUP membership in good standing. If a member has fewer than five years of continuous bargaining unit employment, the member must have continuous membership in good standing for the length of their employment in the bargaining unit.

Benefits of Retired Membership include:

- \$1,000 of life insurance coverage;
- Value Advantage discount vision program;
- Opportunity to purchase UUP's voluntary dental and vision plans;
- Opportunity to purchase additional programs: Aflac, Collette

Tours; Liberty Mutual and MetLife Group Universal insurance; MetLife Legal Plans; Mid-Island Mortgage; Real Estate Advantage Program; and Trupanion pet insurance.

- Discount products and services from: Apple; BJ's Wholesale Club; Barclays Center; Brooklyn Nets; Enterprise Rental Car; Goodyear; hp Academy; NYCB Live; NYPIRG Fuel Buyers Group; The Walking Company; and TicketsatWork.
- Opportunity to participate in and/or purchase NYSUT, AFT and NEA discounted programs and services.

In addition, Retired Members have the right to vote and to serve in elected and appointed positions, such as the chair of the Retiree Membership Governing Committee (RMGC). The RMGC chair also serves as the elected delegate to UUP Delegate Assemblies and as a limited-voting member of the UUP Executive Board.

Retired Members may be elected as a regional RMGC representative, or as a chapter officer for retirees.

### MISSION STATEMENT of the Retiree Membership Governing Committee

The statewide Retired Membership Governing Committee (RMGC), through education and action, shall advocate for retiree benefits on the state and national levels for current and future retirees and for the UUP agenda for public higher education, and shall work with other organizations to improve the lives of seniors.

[www.uupinfo.org/retiree](http://www.uupinfo.org/retiree)



### Retired Membership Application

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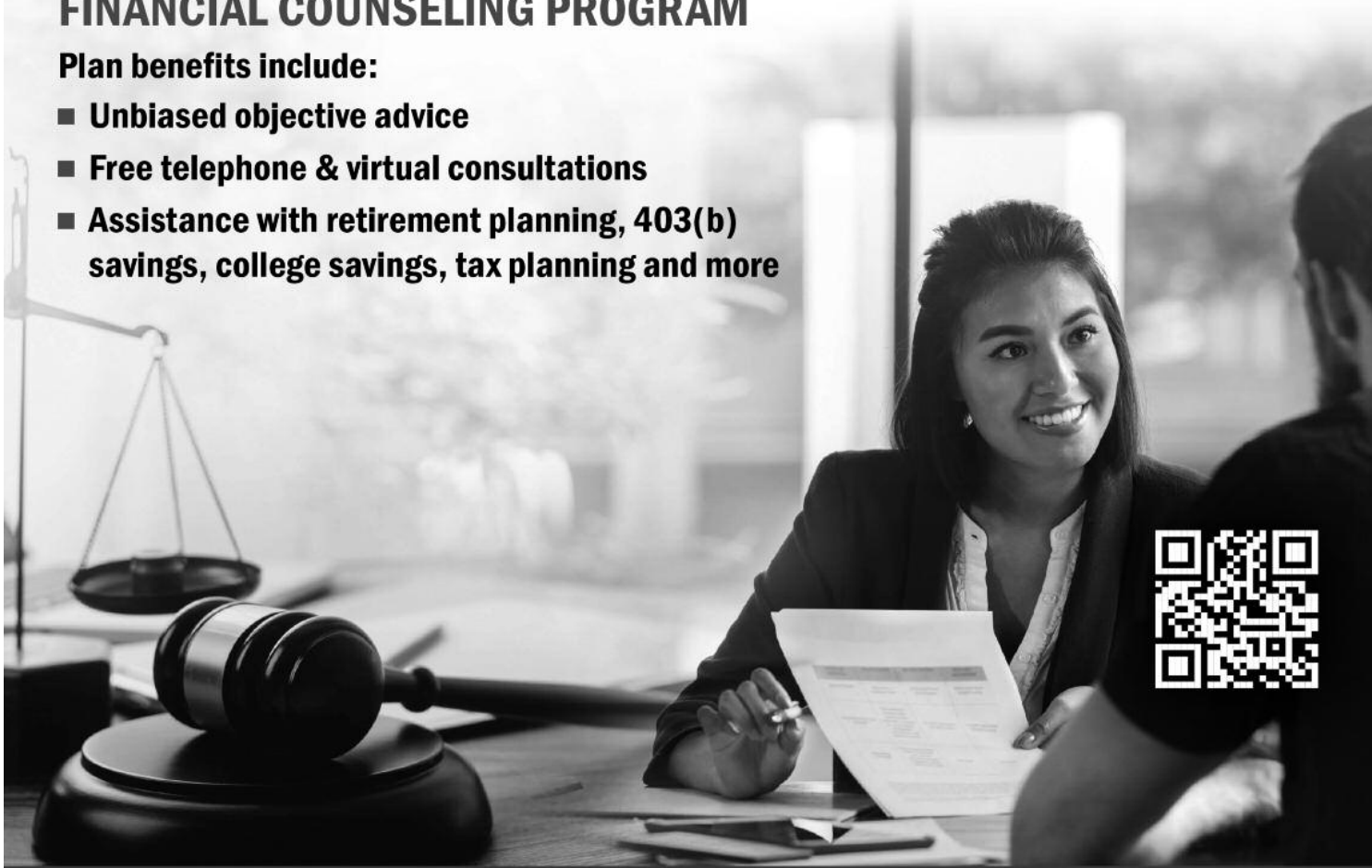
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