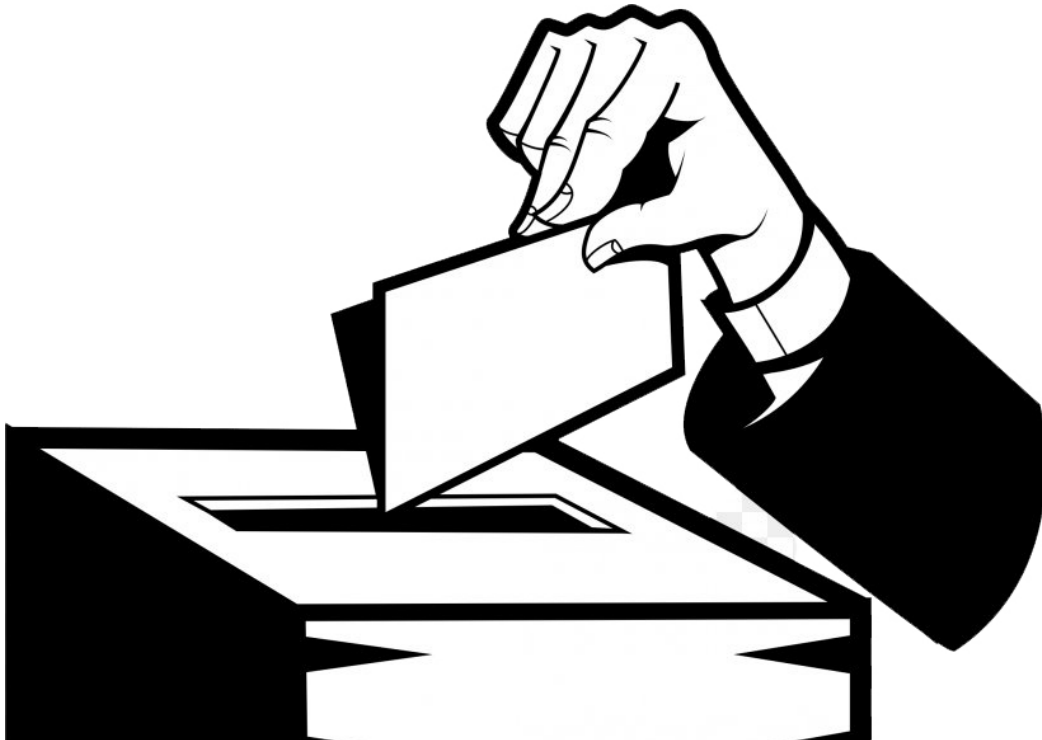


The Active Retiree

A Newsletter for Retired Members of United University Professions



Watch for ballots; deadline to vote is April 20

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 Feb.3. Nominations closed March 4.

Ballots will be mailed no later than March 20, are due April 20, and will be counted beginning April 22. 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 and on page 5.

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

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 six years. 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 and again in 2025-26 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 resources you need in your retired life. Please check it out, for more information contact me at cfmcaateer@gmail.com.

It is my continuing pleasure and commitment to serve on statewide 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 interact with. As RMGC chair I work with the eight regional retiree representatives and have worked to organize those into the three NYSUT retiree councils. These areas are again host-

ing 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 brunches, working with UUP central on the 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 worked with our RMGC to create the new Jo Schaffer Second Chance/Returning Student Scholarship, check it out on the UUP website. 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. email blasts.

I ask you to reelect me to be your Retired Delegate and Retired Membership Governing Committee Chair. I want to get you retiree information and the ability to communicate your questions and thoughts to help us as retirees lead a better quality of life. I look forward to working closely with the RMGC, chapter officer for retirees and executive board to create a dynamic and effective force, to make our issues known in UUP, NYS 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.

Charlie

Statements for Regional Representatives of the RMG Committee

Bill Giangarra, Long Island— Region B

Greetings, I am Bill Giangarra, and it has been my privilege to serve as your Long Island Regional Representative of the Retired Membership Governing Committee (RMGC) for these past three years. I retired from Stony Brook HSC and look forward to serving the five UUP Chapter retirees from Stony Brooke, Farmingdale, Old Westbury and Empire State's LI Retirees. In Addition, I continue to serve on the UUP Statewide Veterans Affairs Committee.

I have worked with the Long Island UUP Chapter Officer for Retirees, the RMGC officers, UUP Retired Membership Benefits group and UUP staff to organize and coordinate the Long Island UUP Retiree Brunch events in the Fall and Spring. I have attended various NYSUT retiree leader meetings both

in-person and zoom as well as the New York State Alliance for Retired Americans Long Island chapter meetings. My goal is to continue to utilize my skills to advance our Long Island retiree issues, represent you on the RMGC statewide committee and with our New York State United Teachers Retiree Leadership.

I ask for your support and vote to reelect me as your Long Island Regional Representative to the Retired Membership Committee. If you have any questions or want additional information please contact me at Mr.giangarra@gmail.com

In Solidarity, Bill Giangarra

Gary Moore, Alfred—Region H

I am seeking reelection to the RMGC as the Finger Lakes representative. For the past few years I have been the Finger Lakes representative and attended the retiree meetings that have taken place during the delegate assembly along with an occasional remote meeting. In addition I organize two brunches a year for the Alfred State Retirees. I assisted the new retiree representative at Brockport

in starting up their brunches which now take place twice a year. I have attended one of their brunches and Deb had a wonderful turnout and a nice program. I have also met with a local NYS elected official on behalf of all of you. You are welcome to reach out to me at any time. Gary Moore
SUNY GRAD. Brockport and Alfred State representative.

United University Professions 2026 Retired Membership Governing Committee Elections Nomination List

Delegate and Chair of the Retired Membership Governing Committee

MCATEER, CHARLES (Stony Brook)	B
GIANGARRA, WILLIAM (Stony Brook HSC)	B
ZUBROW, EZRA (Buffalo Center)	D

Retired Membership Governing Committee

CAPITAL DISTRICT REGION (Region A):
(Albany, Cobleskill, New Paltz, System Administration)

LONG ISLAND REGION (Region B):
(Farmingdale, Old Westbury, Stony Brook, Stony Brook HSC)

GIANGARRA, WILLIAM (Stony Brook HSC)	B
RELAN, NAND (Stony Brook HSC)	B
LINDA HOFFMAN (Stony Brook)	B

NORTH COUNTRY REGION (Region C):
(Canton, Plattsburgh, Potsdam)

WESTERN NEW YORK REGION (Region D):
(Buffalo Center, Buffalo HSC, Buffalo State, Fredonia)

BRYSKI, BRUCE (Buffalo State)	D
STEMPNIAK, RICHARD (Buffalo State)	D
ZUBROW, EZRA (Buffalo Center)	D

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION (Region E):
(Environmental Science & Forestry, Morrisville, Oswego, Upstate Medical University, Utica/Rome)

FULLER, LAWRENCE (Oswego)	E
LYON, MICHAEL (Upstate)	E

METROPOLITAN REGION (Region F):
(Brooklyn HSC, Maritime, Optometry, Purchase)

RUSSELL, ERIC (Downstate)	F
DONAREEN, DENNY (Downstate)	F

SOUTHERN TIER REGION (Region G):
(Binghamton, Cortland, Delhi, Oneonta)

TYLER, LORAIN (Oneonta)	G
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FINGER LAKES REGION (Region H):
(Alfred, Brockport, Geneseo)

MOORE, GARY (Alfred)	H
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