

## **Checklist for retirees maintaining union status**

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It's time to let retiring members know what is needed to maintain their NYSUT membership by sharing the following checklist.

If members are retiring, they must maintain NYSUT membership as a retiree in order to continue participating in NYSUT Member Benefits programs. There are a couple of ways to accomplish this.

If a local union offers retiree membership, individuals must continue membership within that local. This also provides them with paid retiree membership in NYSUT and the American Federation of Teachers.

If they wish to continue as a retiree of NEA, members must join as a retiree of the national, which now requires a \$200 enrollment fee. For information on how to join and an enrollment form, contact Retiree Services at (800) 342-9810, ext. 6291.

If a local does not provide some form of retiree membership, individuals will continue as at-large retiree members of NYSUT through the retiree council in their region.

If a retiree has questions about continuing NYSUT Member Benefits programs or payroll/pension deduction, please contact the Member Benefits Department at (800) 626-8101.

If a retiree has questions about maintaining NYSUT membership or would like further information on NYSUT retiree programs, please contact the NYSUT Retiree Services consultant serving your region (see box on right).

### **Retiree Services consultants:**

Buffalo area (Retiree Council No. 1-3): Rosalie McLean, (716) 634-7132.

Jamestown area (RC No. 4): Jane Kauffman, (716) 634-7132.

Rochester area (RC No. 5-6): Peter Randazzo, (585) 454-5550.

Syracuse/Utica area (RC No. 7-8): Carole Gehrig, (315) 431-4040.

North Country/ Capital District (RC No. 9-10): Eileen Wrightsman, (518) 783-7977.

Southern Tier (RC No. 11): Meryl Sasnowitz, (607) 786-5742.

Greater Capital District/Mid-Hudson area (RC No. 12-13): Bill Schultz, (518) 783-7977.

Orange, Rockland, Putnam and Westchester counties (RC No. 14-16): Dennis Tracey, (914) 592-4411.

Nassau region (RC No. 17-19): Mary Anne Cariello, (516) 938-4871.

Suffolk region (RC No. 20-23): Dot Zuckerman, (631) 273-8822.

In Florida (RC No. 43): Bill Cea, (561) 994-4929, ext. 24.