

Annual Convention and Workshop Committee Update

Kevin Mulligan, Senior Vice President and Chair of the Workshop Committee

WINE, WOMEN AND WATERWAYS



NYSRTA'S 66th WORKSHOP SCHEDULE and ANNUAL MEETING

TURNING STONE RESORT AND CASINO, VERONA, NEW YORK

HOSTED BY THE CENTRAL WESTERN ZONE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

Registration and Vendor Exhibits

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception – Coffee, Tea and Danish Pastry

The New Delegate Workshop

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The New Delegates Workshop will include short presentations from the following Committee Chairs: Friendly Service, Resolutions, Historian, Nominations, and Membership.

6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:15 p.m. Certificate of Recognition

Keynote Speaker – (Immediately following the Certificate of Recognition)

Eleanor Stearns will do a presentation in costume as Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She will be introduced by Sue Nellany.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Breakfast Buffet – Starts @ 7:30 a.m.

Registration 9:00 a.m. to Noon

NYSRTA WORKSHOPS

FIRST SESSION, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Choose one of six offerings.

1. Clara Barton

Presented by Eleanor Stearns

Introduced by Sue Nellany

Description: A portrayal of Clara Barton that gives glimpses of her life, involvement with the Civil War, and her role in the founding of the American Red Cross.

2. Common Core/Retired Educator Involvement

Presented by Dr. Doug Selwyn

Introduced by Kevin Mulligan

Description: This session will focus on the current state of public education, with particular attention to the impact that excessive testing, the common core, APPR, and other mandated “educational reform” policies have had on students, educators and public schools. The session will also examine the need/opportunity for retired educators to become active participants in the conversation/actions communities are taking to reclaim public education.

3. Putting Your Garden to Bed

Presented by Margaret Murphy

*Introduced by Diane Hahn*CR*

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida.

Description: Will cover steps to follow for fall cleanup such as: cutting back, cleaning up debris, weeding, pruning, mulching, planting spring bulbs.

4. Creating a Sacred Success Strategy for Mind, Body and Spirit to Fully Enjoy Retirement

Presented by Diane Ferrucci

Introduced by Pat Newell

Description: A winning lifestyle starts with getting healthy in mind, body, and spirit. This program will allow you to reap the benefits of your retirement in all areas of your life, through simple success strategies that are practical, adaptable, and effective.

5. Psychic Highway

Presented by Michael Keene

Introduced by Dolores Hofmann

Description: “This powerful waterway carried a flotilla of radicals, visionaries, social reformers, and prophets bent on the idea of creating a new society. It was as if a bolt of electricity struck Western New York lighting it up as fertile ground for ideas and lifestyles that had never been expressed or attempted before”.

SECOND SESSION, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Choose one of six offerings.

1. Mural Mania

Presented by Gene Bavis

Introduced by Elaine Leasure

Description: A tour of murals from US and Canada with an emphasis on New York State. Murals are a source of community pride and a history lesson unto itself.

2. Finger Lakes Museum

Presented by Dr. Alioto, Natalie Payne,

John Adamski

Introduced by Jane Behnk

Description: The FLM&A is located on Keuka Lake. The 3 presenters will share the story of the FLM&A from inception to present day and lead you on a visual tour.

3. TRS Pension 2016

*Presented by Richard Young/Team,
Introduced by Angelo Grande*CR*

Description: As in past years representatives from TRS will give a complete explanation of the current status of the NYS Teachers Retirement Pension. They will also provide insight into the possible pitfalls of a constitutional convention on public pensions.

4. Benefits of Acupuncture and Massage for Seniors

*Presented by Talia Foster and Sarah Urquhart
Introduced by Nancy Perrotto*

Description: This workshop is specially designed to show seniors how massage and acupuncture can improve life quality. Much success has been achieved in the area of stress reduction, knee and back (joint) pain, and sciatica.

5. Lucas Vineyards as told by the Lucas Ladies

*Presented by Ruth Lucas, Ruthie Crawford, and Stephanie Lucas Houck
Introduced by Sandy Kushner*

Description: Ruth Lucas and daughters will give participants a look into their history while providing samples of three (3) of their wines, and showing a short video.

11:15 a.m. – Noon Vendor Exhibits

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session 1 Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Annual Workshop Committee Breakfast Meeting to include a representative from Central Western Zone, the Northern Zone, Western Zone, as well as the 2016 workshop committee.

9:15 a.m. Session II Annual Meeting Executive Board Meeting

Annual Meeting Ends

11:30 a.m. Box Lunch pick up. Eat

Registration forms are available on page 14 and 15 of this issue.



Bylaws William Tenity, Chair

The Bylaws Committee is presenting four proposed bylaws changes for consideration at the 2016 Annual Meeting in October. All four of them were approved by the Executive Board, one, at the March meeting and three at the July meeting. I wish to thank my hard working committee for all of the hard work and time they have put into preparing these propositions. A summary of the four propositions follows. The 2016 propositions have been posted to the web site at www.nysrta.org/bylaws, along with an updated copy of the complete NYSRTA Bylaws. I would also like to offer a special thank you to SAANYs attorney Wendy S. DeForge, Esq. for her help navigating the Not For Profit Corporation Law.

The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of all four propositions.

Respectfully submitted,
William Tenity
Chair, Bylaws Committee

Committee Members:

**President Emeritus Tom
Campany*CR
Diane Hahn*CR
Helen Hoering
Burt Phillips*CR**

Proposition MD (Member Disqualification) 2016

This proposition allows the association to deny membership to anyone who has been convicted of a crime that would, under New York State Education Law, have barred him/her from holding State Education Department Certification as an Educator.

Proposition ENLM (Eliminate New Life Memberships) 2016

This proposition removes the option of new Life memberships as a cost saving measure. Present Life memberships in good standing would not be eliminated.

Proposition RUVEM (Remove Unanimous Vote Requirement at Electronic Meetings) 2016

This proposition was initiated after a review of our bylaws with SAA-NYS attorney Wendy S. DeForge, Esq., who said that it was not in compliance with the New York State Not For Profit Corporation Law. This makes sure that the Bylaw that was passed in 2015 is in compliance with the law.

Proposition NFPLC (Not For Profit Law Compliance) 2016

This proposition allows voting-enabled substitutes for all members of the Executive Board not already covered by the current bylaws. Legal advice has revealed to us that the NYSRTA Bylaws are not presently in compliance with Not For Profit Law in that we do not have the required functioning Board of Directors. Proposition NFPLC 2016 will accomplish the mission while rectifying the legal compliance issue with the NFPL.