



CALENDAR

Sept. 20, 2023 LIZ Annual Fall Mtg
Oct. 11-13, 2023 RENY Convention
 Contact Eileen Holmes, elo2@optimum.net,
 if you are interested in being a delegate to
 the convention at Turning Stone.

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Now that we have an email service,
 sending out bulletins has been facilitated.
 If you are reading this on the RENY
 website, please send your email address
 to KCecala@nysrta.org (and your news to
lizonenews@gmail.com) in order to receive
 LIZ NEWS BULLETINS directly!

Health Advocacy

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the new BA.2.86 lineage of coronavirus may be more capable than older variants in causing infection in people who have previously had COVID-19 or who have received vaccines [personal experience!].

LIZ Annual Report

All officers and committee chairs, please send your annual report by **September 3rd** to Jo Anne Powell at Lizonenews@gmail.com, for compilation & distribution at the Zone Annual Meeting **September 20th**.

LIZ Annual Meeting

Please attend the LIZ Annual Meeting & Luncheon **September 20th** at 11:30 a.m. at the Irish Coffee Pub, 131 Carleton Ave in Islip.

Voting for officers (Eileen Holmes, Val Stype, Alicia Winowsky, Dom LiCausi, and nominations from the floor), approval of the next year's budget, bylaw changes (see p. 2-9), and two resolutions will be held.

Choose to be seated with old friends or soon-to-be friends; the delicious entrées may be ordered after arrival. Send your \$30 per person check payable to LIZ to our VP Val Stype, 202 Tyler Court, Riverhead 11901 or call him at 631-839-8910 to let him know you're going to pay at the door. Add to the fun by bringing in a like-new raffle item!

East End RTA

Come to the EERTA Back to School Luncheon Wednesday, **September 6th**, 11:30 a.m. *On The Docks* in Aquebogue. \$30 per person includes salad, steak or cod or chicken, coffee or tea, and cake. Send to Eileen Holmes, 36 Circle Drive, Riverhead 11901 or call her at 742-722-4504 to let her know you'll pay at the door. A cash bar will be available. An election for officers (Dom LiCausi, Agnes Dansereau, Val Stype, Sue LiCausi, Eileen Holmes, and nominations from the floor) will be held.

West End RTA

The once vibrant West End Retired Teachers' Association entered a hiatus during COVID and is set to be rejuvenated. If you or a former colleague would consider volunteering for office, please contact LIZ President Eileen Holmes at 631-495-1492 or elo2@optimum.net. Please join our planning sessions! Jo Anne Powell is acting as Interim Treasurer, having made deposits and activated dormant bank accounts at a local bank, as well as reviewed the WERTA Bylaws which need updating.

Bylaw Update Vote

As a Zone of NYSRTA, we are required to sync with the NYSRTA Bylaws - nothing really controversial, but good to review. The significant changes are in red (highlights include: no politics, no criminals, term limits [sort of], formalizing standard procedure) and require a 2/3 vote.

BYLAWS of the LONG ISLAND ZONE of the
NEW YORK STATE RETIRED TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION,
dba RETIRED EDUCATORS OF NEW YORK

...working to improve the quality of life of retired educators and
to ensure excellence in education for children on Long Island.

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Long Island Zone (LIZ) of the Retired Educators of New York (RENY).
The Zone is encouraged to use the new name and apple logo [in order, for example, to have our newsletters
published on the RENY website].

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

- 1. To promote the economic, social and professional status of retired educators;
- 2. To afford opportunity for the expression and interchange of opinions on subjects of special interest to retired educators;
- 3. To act on behalf of retired educators in matters involving their needs;
- 4. To work for the advancement of education in the state and nation;
- 5. To promote the welfare of senior citizens.
- 6. LIZ does not support any political party or candidate or political, thus shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There are three types of membership: Annual, Life, and Honorary.

(a) Annual members pay dues based upon their anniversary year. A requisite of Annual membership is that dues be current.

(b) Any member of the Association may become a Life member by paying the Life membership dues. A Life member is entitled to all privileges of membership of his/her classification.

(c) Honorary membership in the Association may be extended to persons who are deemed worthy of this distinction upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and confirmed by vote at the Annual Meeting. Honorary members shall not pay dues and shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office.

Section 2. There are three classes of membership: Educator, Associate, and Spouse.

A person 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, whether or not he/she actually holds said certification, is not eligible to either become a member or to continue to hold any kind of membership in NYSRTA.

(a) Educator membership is open to all retired or active educators who indicate an interest in promoting the objectives of the Association. Educator members have all privileges of membership including the right to vote and to hold office.

(b) Associate membership in the Association is open to all non-certified staff who work in, or are retired from, an educational institution. Associate members must indicate an interest in promoting the objectives of the Association. Associate members, by paying Annual or Life membership dues, shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except the right to vote or to hold office at the zone or state level.

(c) Spouse membership: If a spouse of a member or deceased member does not meet the Bylaws qualifications as an Educator or Associate member, he/she may become a Spouse member by paying Annual or Life membership dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except the right to vote or to hold office.

As specified in Article XI of the NYSRTA Bylaws, the dues of new members and renewing members of the Association shall be collected directly by the NYSRTA Treasurer of the Association Office. Each month, the Treasurer shall remit to the Treasurer of each Zone and Out-of-State Region an amount determined by the Executive Committee that shall not be less than one third of the dues collected from each annual membership of the Zone or Out-of-State Region during that period. Thus, all Zone members must be dues-paying members of the Association.

ARTICLE IV: ZONE STRUCTURE

Section 1. The Long Island Zone of the Retired Educators of New York is a division of NYSRTA dba RENY and is established under Article IV of the Bylaws of NYSRTA. **All Zone members must be dues paying members of the Association. Elected officers and committee chairs must have Educator membership in the Association.**

Section 2. The Long Island Zone shall recognize subdivisions within its geographical area which choose to organize as local RTA Units which conform with the Bylaws of the Zone. Local Units (East End and West End) are established by the Zone. Units adopt their Constitutions and Bylaws in conformance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Zone and Association. The Units maintain their own dues structure and treasuries. Members of the Association are encouraged to join the Units where they live or where they have taught. Members of the Units are required to be members of NYSRTA.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. All Zone elected officers and committee chairs must be **Educator** members of the Association. The elected officers of the organization shall be:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer

The elected officers of the organization shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President shall:

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the Zone and of the Board of Directors;
- (b) Call meetings of the Board of Directors as the business of the organization requires;
- (c) Prepare the agenda for the business meetings;
- (d) Appoint the Chair of all committees with the approval of the Zone Officers and the Unit Presidents;

- (e) Appoint the Unit Coordinators with the approval of the Board of Directors;
- (f) Appoint an acting President of any Unit, if such zone fails to elect a President.**
- (g) Be an ex-officio member of each committee except the Nominations Committee;
- (h) Appoint delegates to the Annual Convention in accordance with procedures set by the Board of Directors;
- (i) File with the Association office, by November 1st, a list of its officers and committee chairs for the coming Association year. The list shall include names, addresses with the 9-digit zip code, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.**
- (j) Approve or disapprove each voucher payment;
- (k) Perform any other duties that are not assigned to other officers and committees as may be necessary to discharge properly the functions of the Zone office.

Section 3. The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform all duties of the President in his/her absence;
- (b) Be chairman of the Program Committee;
- (c) Be available to assist the President in other activities whenever his/her service is needed;

Section 4. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Send out notices of meetings and other communications as necessary;
- (b) Record the proceedings of the Zone and the Board of Directors;
- (c) Within thirty days after any meeting of the Board of Directors, furnish a copy of the minutes to each member of the Board of Directors, chairs of the standing committees, and members holding appointed positions. Approval of the minutes by the Board of Directors will be at the next scheduled meeting.**
- (d) Be responsible for the records of the Zone.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Be responsible for the monies of the organization;
- (b) Deposit such monies in banks approved by the Board of Directors;
- (c) Disburse these funds upon order of the President;
- (d) Render an accounting of these monies at the Annual Meeting of the Organization.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and the affairs of the Zone shall be managed by the Board of Directors, consisting of the elected officers, committee chairs, immediate past president, Unit Presidents, Unit Coordinators, and the Editor of LIZ NEWS. The Area Presidents shall serve as liaison between the Zone and the Area Group/Unit.

Section 2. **The Board of Directors will meet as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. In addition to face-to-face meetings, electronic meetings are authorized in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.**

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall:

- (a) Establish policies and conduct the business of the organization;
- (b) Make rules and regulations to govern the administration of the Zone within the framework of the Bylaws of the Retired Educators of New York;
- (c) Have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in any office of the Zone;
- (d) Establish special committees;
- (e) Establish guidelines for all committees.

Section 4. Two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and each member of the Executive Board shall have only one (1) vote.

Section 5. Five members of the Board of Directors may, by written request, require the President to call a meeting of the Board of Directors; and a copy of this written request shall be sent to the Senior Vice President. If the President fails to call this meeting within ten (10) days, the Senior Vice President shall have the power to call such a meeting; and if he/she does not, five (5) members of the Board of Directors may do so.

Section 6. Any motion made and seconded in the Board of Directors meetings involving expenditures of funds not provided for in the current budget shall be referred to the Finance and Budget Committee. The Finance and Budget Committee, at a later session of the same meeting or at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, shall report its approval or disapproval. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision.

Section 7. Alternates

- (a) Alternate Directors are authorized, but not required, by this bylaw. The President and the Treasurer have bylaw-designated substitutes in (b) & (c); the Past President, the Vice President, and the Secretary do not. Those members of the Board of Directors may choose to appoint an Alternate if they are unable to carry out their responsibilities. If so, an appointment of an Alternate may be made from experienced Zone leaders.
- (b) Should the Zone President hold an elected office of the Association or be unable to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors, the Zone President is authorized to designate an elected officer or Past President of the Zone to act as the Alternate to represent the Zone. If no elected officer or Past President of the Zone is available, a member of the Zone’s governing body may serve as an Alternate.
- (c) The Treasurer may designate the Assistant Treasurer to act as his/her Alternate.
- (d) An officer or Zone President making such an appointment shall notify the NYSRTA President in writing that an Alternate has been appointed and will be replacing the officer or zone President at a specific meeting. This notification may be handled electronically.
- (e) Such duly appointed Alternate shall have full voting rights and other privileges of the appointing member for that particular meeting.
- (f) The Editor of LIZ NEWS may have the Associate Editor or a designee to attend the meeting as his/her representative;

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be elected at the Annual Meeting as set by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members voting;

Section 2. The Nominations Committee shall announce the slate in the previous LIZ NEWS;

Section 3. Nominations for officers may be made from the floor;

Section 4. The elected officers of the Zone shall hold office for a term of **one** year. **Elected officers are limited to not more than three consecutive terms except for the Secretary, whose service cannot exceed six consecutive terms** and for the Treasurer, whose number of terms is not limited. The term for an elected officer shall begin November 1st and end on October 31st of the following year, except the officer shall continue until a successor is elected for that office;

Section 5. Any elected officer of the Zone may be removed from office due to incapacity, malfeasance, inability or unwillingness to carry out the responsibilities of office. This separation from office shall be carried out by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The zone shall have two meetings a year, one the Annual Meeting in September/October and the other in May. Areas may meet at their own discretion.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall include Educator members in assigned positions and the Chairs of the Standing Committees.

Section 2. Standing Committees:

- (a) Awards
- (b) Bylaws
- (c) Community Service
- (d) Finance and Budget
- (e) Friendly Service
- (f) Health Advocacy
- (g) Historian
- (h) Legislative Action
- (i) Membership
- (j) Nominations
- (k) Program
- (l) Public Relations
- (m) Resolutions
- (n) LIZ NEWS
- (o) Website

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Awards

The Long Island Zone recognizes members for working hard to have a significant effect on the operation of LIZ & RENY, and presents the LIZ Distinguished Service “Silver Tray” Award Pin & Certificate to the member who the LIZ Awards Committee considers the most outstanding. The LIZ Awards Chair(s) shall:

- (a) Preside over the committee when member names are submitted for a vote for the RENY Certificate of Recognition, the LIZ Distinguished Service “Silver Tray” Award Pin & Certificate, and/or a LIZ special award;
- (b) Purchase awards and create certificates;
- (c) Present the awards and certificates;
- (d) After presentation, inform the LIZ Public Relations Chair.

Section 2. The Bylaws Committee shall prepare and submit recommendations for Bylaws changes to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Community Service Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President and one member of each RTA Unit designated by that Unit. The functions of the Community Service Committee shall be:

- (a) To compile a list of community programs, organizations and services in Zone communities;
- (b) To increase Long Island Zone visibility and showcase community service in LIZ NEWS, local newspapers and television and radio stations;
- (c) To integrate community service activities and events which are sponsored by state and national community service organizations.

Section 4. The Finance and Budget Committee shall consist of a chairman, the Long Island Zone Treasurer, the two Unit Treasurers. This Committee shall:

- (a) Recommend to the Executive Committee the investment of organization funds and recommend changes and variations of budget items during the fiscal year;
- (b) Review the auditor’s report and coordinate and supervise financial operations of the organization;
- (c) Prepare a budget showing estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year to be presented and voted on at the annual meeting of the Zone;

Section 5. The Friendly Service Committee shall promote the well being of the organization and of its members.

Section 6. The Health Advocacy Committee shall provide members of the Zone with information and assistance so that they may make informed choices on health care.

Section 7. The Historian shall collect and file all data and records that pertain to the establishment, and development of the Zone.

Section 8. The Legislative Action Committee shall:

- (a) Further legislation for the benefit of active and retired educators;
- (b) Work with other organizations of retirees to further legislation for the benefit of all retirees;
- (c) Keep the membership informed of current legislation and concerns.

Section 10. The Membership Committee shall promote membership in the Zone.

Section 11. The Nominations Committee shall nominate the Zone Officers. The Nominations Committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the Nominations Committee of each Unit, presided over by the Long Island Zone Nominations Committee Chairman.

Section 12. The Program Committee shall assist the Vice President in planning programs for the Zone.

Section 13. The Public Relations Committee shall promote good understanding with active educators, retired educators, and the general public.

Section 14. The Resolutions Committee shall propose and present resolutions to the NYSRTA Resolutions Committee and to the House of Delegates shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the NYSRTA Resolutions Committee thirty (30) days before the July Board of Directors Meeting.

Section 15. LIZ NEWS Committee shall collate news and photographs from the LIZ Committee Chairpersons and other sources, create a layout, and deliver the file to the printer or mailing service.

Section 16. The Website Committee shall collate news and photographs from the LIZ Committee Chairpersons and other sources, create the layout, and e-mail the file to the website manager.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Organization shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Section 2. The President of the Zone shall report annually to the Zone and NYSRTA Board of Directors the conditions of the Zone as to finance, membership and activities.

ARTICLE X FUNDS

Section 1. The Board of Directors is authorized and empowered in its discretion to create and maintain special funds and accounts.

Section 2. An Audit of all funds of the organization shall be made annually.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. A proposed amendment in these Bylaws may be initiated:

- (a) By the Board of Directors, Bylaws Committee and/or Budget committee;
- (b) By petition signed by at least 10 members, paid up and in good standing in the organization, presented to the Board of Directors.
- (c) The proposed amendment should be sent to the Bylaws Committee for review and recommendations;

Section 2. The Bylaws in force may be amended by the following procedures:

- (a) A proposed amendment shall be presented to the Board of Directors at a regularly convened meeting for their consideration;
- (b) The amendment proposal shall be sent to all members prior to the annual meeting when a vote shall be taken,
- (c) Adoption of the Amendment shall require an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority on all questions of procedure.