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**PLEASE POST**

To: All Chief Stewards

From: Donn Rowe, President 

Date: March 11, 2011

Re: UPDATE on possible changes in the Method of Calculating Retiree Health Insurance Premiums

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This memo is to advise you on the status of the possible change in the way the State calculates members' retiree health insurance premiums. The Governor's Office of Employee Relations advises us that **no change in the manner of calculating members' lifetime credit towards retiree health insurance premiums will be implemented April 1, 2011.**

While this is a positive development, we remain concerned about this issue, as GOER has now confirmed that such a change is being evaluated and considered by the State. We have asked that NYSCOPBA be provided prior notice if a decision is made to implement a change in the calculation. GOER has recommended that NYSCOPBA receive such notice.

As we have advised the membership in prior correspondence, it is NYSCOPBA's position that the State cannot unilaterally diminish this valuable lifetime credit. NYSCOPBA will continue to advocate against such a change in our discussions with the State. Further, if such a change is announced, we will take the appropriate steps to challenge its implementation.

We will keep you informed as we learn more about the State's intentions with respect to this issue and any action NYSCOPBA may bring to challenge such a change.

cc: Executive Board