

NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter Policy

PURPOSE

The NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter, an organization of the New York State Correction Officer and Police Benevolent Association, to advance and promote the NYSCOPBA programs for Retired members.

GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter shall be governed by these policies which shall be compatible with the Constitution and Bylaws of NYSCOPBA.

OBJECTIVES

The NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter shall:

- A. provide opportunity for NYSCOPBA members to continue their membership and involvement in the NYSCOPBA following retirement from active employment;
- B. NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter members, provide opportunities for their involvement in certain NYSCOPBA sponsored programs;
- C. establish opportunities for NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter members to address and pursue issues of common concern, create avenues to safeguard and strengthen retirement benefits;
- E. create ways and means for NYSCOPBA Retired members to join with the NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter in efforts to bring about positive support for Retiree Chapter members and the achievement of NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter objectives;

NYSCOPBA RETIREE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Eligibility*

The NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter shall be comprised solely of the retired associate members of NYSCOPBA or; any NYSCOPBA honorary member who has resigned and taken membership with another unit provided a majority approval of the Executive Board. Honorary members must submit a completed application to the Retiree Committee. The Retiree Committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the Executive Board for their consideration. Retired membership with NYSCOPBA's Retiree Chapter is open to any person who is eligible to receive a pension from the NYS Local and Retirement System. Retired membership is limited to persons who support the purposes and programs of the Retiree Chapter.

Section 2. *Benefits and Services*

NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter members shall be eligible to receive benefits and services of the Retiree Chapter authorized by the NYSCOPBA Executive Board.

Section 3. *Exemptions*

Retirees will not be eligible to receive benefits and services of the Retiree Chapter when:

- A. Any Retiree has left service due to an inappropriate relationship with an inmate or person confined in an institution under the jurisdiction of the NYS Department of Corrections or Office of Mental Health or;
- B. Any Retiree who was a non-member of NYSCOPBA previous to their retirement or;
- C. Any Retiree who has been found to have a felony conviction or;

- C. Any Retiree who chooses to not join the Chapter or;
- D. Any Retiree who refuses to set up automatic dues deductions or;
- E. Any Retiree who has been given the, one time, opportunity to rejoin the Chapter and fails to complete and submit the necessary paperwork within 60 days or;
- F. Exemption as deemed appropriate by the NYSCOPBA Executive Board.

DUES AND FINANCES

Section 1. *Dues*

Dues of Retired members of the NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter shall be established by the NYSCOPBA Constitution and Bylaws payable through automatic monthly pension deduction.

Section 2. *Income*

Income for NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter membership shall be derived from monthly pension deductions and the interest from the lifetime account.

THE NYSCOPBA RETIREE COMMITTEE

Section 1. *Rights and Benefits*

Members of the NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter shall have rights and benefits as provided in the NYSCOPBA Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. *Number of Members*

The number of Retiree Committee members shall be determined as provided in the NYSCOPBA Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3. *Eligibility*

Only active NYSCOPBA Retiree Chapter members shall be eligible to serve on the NYSCOPBA Retiree Committee.

Section 4. *Election*

The election of Retiree Committee members shall be determined as provided in the NYSCOPBA Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5. *Vacancy*

Any vacancies of the Retiree Committee members shall be determined as provided in the NYSCOPBA Constitution and Bylaws.