

NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter Policy

PURPOSE

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

GOVERNING AUTHORITY

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

OBJECTIVES

The NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter shall:

- A. provide opportunity for NYSOPBA members to continue their membership and involvement in the NYSOPBA following retirement from active employment;
- B. NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter members, provide opportunities for their involvement in certain NYSOPBA sponsored programs;
- C. establish opportunities for NYSOPBA 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 NYSOPBA Retired members to join with the NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter in efforts to bring about positive support for Retiree Chapter members and the achievement of NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter objectives;

NYSOPBA RETIREE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Eligibility*

NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter services and member benefits shall be provided only to members in good standing.

The NYSOPBA Retiree Chapter shall be comprised solely of:

- A. the retired associate members of NYSOPBA or;
 - a. any NYSOPBA honorary member that has met the following criteria:
 - i. served as an union official or;
 - ii. served as an elected representative for a minimum of one (1) term or;
 - iii. have applied for honorary membership within one (1) year of resigning or leaving from a NYSOPBA recognized title and;
 - iv. have performed verifiable outstanding contributions to NYSOPBA or its members in accordance with Article 3 of the NYSOPBA Constitution.
 - 1. Verifiable proof is defined as written confirmation of outstanding contributions (ie. Press release, letter of recommendation from Dept/Facility etc.)
 - b. Honorary members must submit a completed application to the Retiree Committee. The Retiree Committee maintains the authority to request verifiable information for incomplete applications submitted to the Committee prior to making a recommendation to the Board. The Retiree Committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the Executive Board for their consideration. Retired membership is limited to persons who support the purposes and programs of the Retiree Chapter.

Section 2. *Benefits and Services*

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

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 has been found to have a felony conviction or;
- C. Any Retiree who chooses, either verbally or in writing, to not join the Chapter or;
- D. Any Retiree who refuses to set up automatic dues deductions or;
- E. Any Retiree, or honorary member, 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.

Section 4. *Appeals*

Anyone who does not agree with the determination of the Executive Board may appeal their determination. The individual may reapply for membership within 60 days of their denial notification. The process is a one-time opportunity to include new verifiable information that shall be sent to the Retiree Committee for recommendation and then forwarded to the Executive Board for final determination.

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.