RC 12 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING APRIL 14, 2026 NYSUT CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFFICE

ONLINE VOTING RESULTS FOLLOWING MEETING

PRESENT - Stacey Caruso Sharpe, Dicky Peters, Cathy Picciocca, Dolores Talmadge, Sheryl Delgado, Caroline

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

RC 12 continues to look for individuals to volunteer to help keep us running smoothly. There will be a Retiree Leadership Meeting on June 2-3 at the Gideon Putman. May 7 is our membership meeting. Stacey continues to attempt to find speakers for the meeting. Possibilities are the following: Chris Colabello, Michael Rowan, Cathy Fox from Herkimer County Office of the Aging (How to stay active in retirement), someone to explain the Calm App, Clemente from Member's Benefits, Courtney Hill from the Peer Support Line.

Dolores made a motion to charge $34 for any guests attending the RC 12 Membership Meeting. Dicky seconded the motion. Since there is not a quorum present at the meeting a vote will be taken on line.

Suggestions for raffle for the May meeting were discussed. Suggestions included the Disaster Relief Fund. It was questionable whether attorneys volunteering their time regarding raids could be recipients.

ED 51 and the RAC Retiree Advisory Committee met and discussed the following issues:

VOTE COPE, Fix Tier Six, Legal services - the importance of Power of Attorney, Trusts, Long term care, the costs of nursing homes, retirement accounts do not go into trusts, swing votes for elections (Ean Phillips)

The NYSUT RA will be held April 30, May 1 and 2. The theme is red, white, and blue. There has been positive feedback from educators regarding Fix Tier Six.

Unfortunately, many locals are negotiating away health insurance for retirees. Across the state 11,000 newsletters go out. 44% are opened on line. Retiree voluntary participation fees are going down. A short discussion occurred revolving around paying online.

NYSUT and AFT continue to reach out to members about knowing your rights regarding ICE. It is suggested to volunteer to be a poll worker for the upcoming elections. However, it is a long day for retirees. Irregularities are asked to be reported.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Cathy Picciocca

Minutes for the online March Executive Board meeting and voting results conducted following the meeting was sent out to everyone. Since there is not a quorum at this meeting it will have to be sent out to the RC 12 Executive Board to approve online following this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dolores Talmadge

#1 Savings	$	220.23
#3 Social Money Market		12,257.64

#11 Business Money Market	40,965.87
#12 Business Checking	993.12
#13 Social Checking	8,600.43
CD	28,043.85
Total	$ 91,081.04

The NYSUT RC 12 Proposed Budget for July 1, 2026-June 30,2027 was reviewed.

Pat Prime and Marie Stahler will be available to work on the audit.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATION - Dicky Peters

NYSUT is committed to Fix Tier Six. After inservice members hit ten years, they start looking at retirement options and what is available. The New York State Budget is currently at the extension phase. The governor is very much into improving the current car insurance reform. Scams are fluid across the state. There is a priority push for civic education. The SUNY Charter Institute is being sued and accountability is a necessity. There is a continual need for Foundation Aid so more money can go to high needs schools, save harmless. There is a desire to tax the top 1% in the state. The federal government is coming up with private school vouchers. There is a need to expand community schools utilizing receivership. Thirty minute recess for elementary students is a necessity. Defining retiree healthcare is a challenge. There seems to be a need to increase the formula for COLA.

NYSUT RETIREE SERVICES CONSULTANT REPORT - Sheryl Baker Delano

The NYSUT Regional Conference/General Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 1 at The Terrace at Waters Edge, Glenville, N.Y.. The search for speakers includes Ron Grossman, someone from Members Benefits, someone from the 250th Anniversary Historical Society, a presenter regarding Identity Theft with data collection and scammers. There currently is a push for thinking about being safe.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE -

The Board reviewed the election ballot. We will be voting online for approval, since there was not a quorum present at the meeting.

OUTLOOK REPORT - Carolyn Darkangelo

Theresa has stepped down from helping with the publication.

There is a continual need to look for something different since Publisher will be discontinued. There is a continual need for horizontal pictures.

Sheryl suggested changing the back page of the newsletter.

The next issue will be going out on June 15.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

April 22, 2026 there will be a day trip to NYC to see Two Strangers.(Carry a cake across New York State)

October 4-10 there is a trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains. There still is room for more members.

NYSARA - sign up for Monday alerts

PRE RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

The work was completed for last November meeting that did not occur.. It will be discussed at the summer RC 12 Executive Board Meeting in August

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Picciocca

RC 12 Secretary

ONLINE VOTING SENT OUT APRIL 17 BY PRESIDENT:

1. The question I have about the speakers is should we have the person from the Office for the Aging speak before lunch and the Calm app presentation go after lunch or the other way around?

2. Things we need to vote on:

a) The cost for members to attend the luncheon is $34 per person with RC 12 supplementing the tax and gratuity. A motion was made to keep the cost the same price for guests.

_____ yes _____ no

b) A copy of the proposed ballot is attached. Do you approve the ballot?

_____ yes _____no

c) A motion was made to donate raffle money to NYSUT Disaster relief fund unless something else happens between now and then.

_____yes _____no

d) Cathy Picciocca sent the minutes from the March Zoom meeting to everyone. She then sent the corrected minutes to everyone. Do you approve of the minutes?

_____ yes _____no

On April 23 Stacey reported that all four motions passed with 7 yes votes.

On May 1 information was sent out stating that the American Labor Studies Center (ALSC) is proud to announce that this year's recipient of the Kate Mullany medal, which recognizes outstanding leaders in labor, is AFT President Randi Weingarten. We have supported this in the past and it is a good thing to continue to support it.

Jeanne made a motion to pay for any executive board members who would like to attend this activity and to place an ad in the journal. Cathy seconded the motion. There still are not enough votes for the motion to carry.