RC 12 Executive Board Meeting ZOOM January 12, 2026

Present - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Cathy Picciocca, Dolores Talmadge, Dave Lamouret, Sheryl Baker Delano, Jeanne Williams Bennett, Carolyn Darkangelo

President's Report - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Proposed Resolutions - There have not been any changes for the resolutions to be presented at the RA. A review of RC 12's October meeting indicated that the Executive Board's thoughts remain the same. Minutes from the October 30 meeting indicate the following:

-Committee to Study NYSUT Elections- RC 12 discussion revolved around not supporting this resolution.

- Level the Medicare Playing Field - RC 12 discussion did not support this resolution.

- Opposition to Privatization of Public Services - RC 12 discussion supported this resolution.

The Executive Board officers will be running for reelection at the May General Membership meeting.

At the PAC meeting, which included local presidents and the Board of Directors, discussion revolved around the NYS budget with an $8,000,000 deficit, Federal government cuts, and legislative rallies. There does not seem to be agreement regarding the endorsement process due to controversial issues like ICE arrests and health insurance losses. It seems that unless individuals are affected personally, members don't want to get involved.

The Committee of 100 will be meeting March 9 and 10. Anyone interested in attending for one day is asked to send an email to Stacey. Meetings will be set up with legislators ahead of time to discuss funding cuts, the shortage of teachers, and fair share NY tax.

There will be a rally to Fix Tier 6 on March 8. To register go to the following link: Statewide Rally to Fix Tier 6 - FixTier6.org

The RC 12 March online general membership meeting will be held on March 16. Marilla Cushmen, a retired lieutenant colonel, will be sharing information about the Military Women's Memorial in Washington DC.

First Vice President's Report - Maggie Bouck

No report provided

Secretary's Report - Cathy Picciocca

The August Executive Board Meeting, the October General Membership, and the October Executive Board Meeting minutes have been sent to the Executive Board members for corrections. None of these minutes have been approved by the Executive Board to be posted on the website due to lack of a quorum at the meetings. It was suggested to have the Executive Board Members vote on the minutes remotely.

Treasurer's Report - Dolores Talmadge

Business Savings $ 218.94

11 Business Money Market 39,269.45

3 Social Money Market 11,552.12

13 Social Checking 3,410.23

12 Business Checking 993.12

Share Certificates 27,816.66

Total $ 85,260.73

Dolores reported that 30 out of 40 seats for Glimmerglass are filled.

The 2025 Income Tax has been filed.

Second Vice President's Legislative Report - Richard Peters

No report provided

Past President's Report - Jeanne Williams Bennett

It seems that what is occurring at schools and with families in our nation is a tragedy. She reported that there is a 22% increase in our nation's debt. Billionaires are taxed at a 23% rate. There are no investigations conducted regarding recent ICE incidents. The idea that agents are being allowed on school grounds is devastating. There's a need for states to develop policies regarding this practice. ICE agents are using facial recognition software on public grounds to identify illegal immigrants.

A pre retirement workshop will be held online via ZOOM on February 25. Natalie McKay from the Teachers Retirement System will speak for 30-45 minutes.

Director's Reports - Dave Lamouret

There was a Pre-retirement Workshop held in Central Valley where 60 inservice members attended. Presentations were made by member benefits and Teachers Retirement System to present how to get ready five to seven years before retirement. The meeting was casual and no specific data was presented. Tier Six and buying back time from earlier employment were discussed as well as the benefits of having 30 years of service.

Website/Outlook - Carolyn Darkangelo

The deadline for the next Outlook is January 25. Everything has to be at NYSUT January 26. The March issue will include the sign up for the March Fix Tier Six Rally, something from Kathy Lyman regarding StateWide, and AARP information regarding vaccines.

Money has already been approved by the Executive Board to download new software from Microsoft and NYSUT is available to help if needed.

Caroline will be traveling in March so Theresa will be helping with the March issue. Theresa requested the deadline to be March 27.

NYSUT Retiree Services consultant – Sheryl Baker Delano

A flyer regarding the Conference will be coming out. Due to a conflict of NYSUT meetings the RC 12 Membership/Regional meeting held in the fall may have to be changed from October 8 to October 1. Sheryl is working on getting a signed contract and approved by NYSUT. Speakers may include Peter Salvage and Jeffrey Urbin, Educational Specialist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY.

May General Membership Meeting - Dave Lamouret

RC 12 Annual General Membership meeting and election of officers, will be held at Beardslee Castle, 123 Old State Road, Little Falls, NY, on May 7. Chris Colleabello from the NYSUT Syracuse Regional Office will be invited.

Social Committee - Dolores Talmadge

This committee has not met in a while. It was suggested that a boat ride from Little Falls following the May Membership meeting be explored.

Elections Committee -

Phyllis VanSteenburgh is having some health issues. Vickie McGowan-Horan may help with the May elections for officers for 2026-2028.

StateWide Senior Action Council - Jeanne Williams Bennett

This group is very helpful for retirees to understand Medicare benefits. Most of the members of RC 12 receive health benefits from their own district. However StateWide is available to help family members who may need some assistance.

NYSARA - New York State Alliance for Retired Americans

RC 12 continues to look for a liaison person to report back to us.

Sign up for Monday Alerts at the following link: https://nystate.retiredamericans.org/contact-us/email-sign-up/

Future Dates

February 2026 - CDRO Local President's Meeting

March 9,10 - Committee of 100

March 16, 2026 - RC 12 General Membership Meeting via Zoom Presentation on Military Women's Memorial at Arlington, VA.*

April 30, 2026 - Local President's Conference

May 1,2, 2026 - NYSUT RA

May 7, 2026 - RC 12 General Membership Meeting

* Updated information - the guest speaker for the March 16, 2026 online General Membership Meeting will be Phyllis J. Wilson, MPA, SBN, RN US Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Retired)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Picciocca

RC 12 Secretary