

# CONSTITUTION

## RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC.

### ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this Association shall be **RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC.** with headquarters in Albany County, State of New York.

### ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES: To protect, promote and advance the interests of retired public employees and those nearing retirement by means of engaging in research, education, advocacy and counseling.

### ARTICLE III

[MEMBERSHIP: Any individual shall be eligible for membership who is: 1) receiving a retirement allowance from a public retirement system; or 2) a member, a vested member or a discontinued member of a public retirement system; or 3) an employee or a former employee of a public entity or quasi-public entity, who is receiving, or is eligible to receive, a retirement allowance from other than a public retirement system funded in whole or in part by such public entity or quasi-public entity; or 4) receiving a benefit in the nature of a retirement allowance in consideration of his or her military service; or 5) a spouse, surviving spouse, domestic partner, or surviving domestic partner of an individual hereinabove described as eligible for membership.]

MEMBERSHIP: [Individuals who are retired or eligible for retirement from New York State government, public benefit corporations, or other public entities, or any of the units of local government in New York are eligible for membership in RPEA. An individual shall be deemed "in good standing" as long as his or her dues are paid and current. The spouse or domestic partner of a member shall be deemed a member in good standing without payment of additional dues.](#)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - Honorary membership may be granted to any person approved by the Board of Directors.

The RPEA Board of Directors may create additional membership categories [deemed appropriate and necessary.](#)

### ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, an Executive Vice President, and two (2) Vice Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected

by ballot by the membership for a two year term, such results to be announced at the Annual Meeting and in the Retired Public Employee Association Newsletter.

The Board of Directors shall consist of: 1) a minimum of nine and a maximum of fifteen members to be elected by ballot by the membership for a three year term; 2) the above named officers; and 3) the Immediate Past President. Officers and other Directors [shall not] may be elected for [more than two consecutive] additional terms in their respective offices or positions. [Provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the membership from electing an Officer or a Board Member for one or more additional terms, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article VI of the By-Laws.]

Except for a vacancy resulting from resignation, death or removal for cause of any member of the Board of Directors, each will continue in office until a successor has been duly elected. In case of a vacancy, the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, shall appoint a successor to serve to the end of the unexpired term.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for policies and activities of the Association. The Board shall have authority to transact any business of the [corporation] Association, to authorize the disbursement of funds for [corporation] association purposes, and to execute plans to keep the membership informed concerning affairs of the [corporation] association.

The Board of Directors shall serve without salary.

## **ARTICLE V**

Fiscal year: the fiscal year of the association shall commence annually on the first day of October.

DUES: Annual dues for each fiscal year shall be fixed by the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to adjust such dues, when in its judgment this becomes necessary.

## **ARTICLE VI**

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Membership Meeting of the [corporation] Association shall be held during a period of sixty (60) days prior to and up to sixty (60) following the start of the fiscal year of the [corporation] Association. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION: This Constitution may be amended by a majority of votes cast by written or electronic ballot circulated among the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date specified on the ballot [preceding any annual meeting].

Adopted August 16, 1969

Amended May 20, 1972

Amended June 16, 1979  
Amended June 25, 1981  
Amended June 4, 1985  
Amended July 1, 1986  
Amended June 5, 1989  
Amended January 17, 1989  
Amended July 31, 1991  
Amended October 8, 1995  
Amended October 26, 1998  
Amended October 1, 1999 (Temporary suspension for term limit for president through 9/30/01.)  
Amended October 2, 2001  
Amended September 15, 2004