

RETIRED SPRING BREAKFASTS

There are still spots available for Retired Breakfasts around the state this spring. Each is 9 a.m. to noon in the following locations.

Tuesday, April 26

Verve Crowne Plaza, 1360 Worcester Street, Natick

Thursday, April 28

Cape Codder, 1225 Iyannough Road, Hyannis

Tuesday, May 3

Hadley Farm Meeting House, 41 Russell Street, Hadley

Thursday, May 5

Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton

Thursday, May 19

Crowne Plaza, 15 Middlesex Canal Park Road, Woburn

Thursday, May 26

Crowne Plaza, 1 West Street, Pittsfield

If you would like to register, please go to

www.massteacher.org/retiredbreakfasts

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Educators are needed to offer their talents, experience and leadership in important local elective offices, such as on school committees.

Educators possess the qualities that many voters look for, but many feel that they are not prepared or don't have the necessary skills to run successfully for office.

The MTA Campaign School will be offered at the MTA Summer Conference at UMass Amherst. It will provide the information and basic tools for members of the MTA to make informed decisions about running for office.

For more information, please contact Jo Ann Fitzgerald, Director of Grassroots Campaigns, at 617.878.8190 or jfitzgerald@massteacher.org.

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RETIRED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Candidate Biographical Statements

The Retired Members Committee is described in Article X, Section 9 of the MTA Bylaws. There are eight members elected from the Statewide Retired District membership. Four terms expire each year. This election takes place at the MTA Annual Meeting of Delegates. Those elected to the committee may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms.

Retired members may self-nominate to run for this committee, with nominations due by the first Friday in March. The election is conducted by the Credentials and Ballot Committee, which also conducts the lottery to determine the order of names on the ballot.

Those on the ballot in 2016 for the four open committee seats are listed below (in ballot order, per lottery):

1. Richard L. Liston

Co-Chair of MTA Retired Members Committee. MTA Board of Directors representing retirees. Member, Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board. Active lobby at State House for COLA increase. Will continue to work on retiree issues, Social Security, COLA base increase, and health insurance. Please consider me for one of your votes. Thank you.

2. Mary J. Gilmore

I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue to serve on the MTA Retired Committee. My service has been long in both MTA and MTA Retired. The issues of the Retired are well known and shared by me. I promise to do my best to support you.

3. William S. Coleman III

Listen, Learn, Teach, then Act. Experience counts. We are fearless and will voice the concerns of public education. Please elect Bill Coleman as your voice on the Retired Members Committee. "We are not dead, just Retired." Our energy and knowledge will guide and support educators and funders. Support public education.

4. Kathleen Harrigan

"HARRIGAN" is in the house! Active local, state, national levels. Braintree president, MTA Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

I am passionate about issues – you'll know where I stand!

Good listener, gets along well with others. I believe I'll be a strong addition to this committee. Thanks for your vote!

Candidate Biographical Statements (*continued*)

5. Kathleen J. Skinner

Retired Somerville teacher; Gloucester and Lawrence administrator; Director, MTA Center for Education Policy and Practice. Advocate positive engagement with policymakers and elected officials to adopt and implement educator-defined policies and practices supporting all educators and students. Retiree professional experience is critical to this work. I ask for your support.

6. Paul V. McLaughlin

I'm asking for your vote. My first Social Security check, \$421. My second, \$160. We're being robbed. I have the experience, the skills, and determination to serve you. I'll listen and act to serve you. Please vote experience and sound judgment.

Paul McLaughlin, for Retired Members Committee. Thank you.

7. Eileen Cleary

Former member of the Committee who seeks your vote allowing me to again advance retiree concerns: Social Security offsets, COLAs, the ever important healthcare issues. Representing member interests at all levels has given me the experience and background to work with and for retirees to advance our agenda. Thanks!

8. Kathleen Comer

I retired in 2011 after teaching in Leicester. Locally I served as treasurer and building representative. I have served on the NEA Congressional Contact Team, MTA Special Education, Resolutions and Retirement committees. For many years I have attended MTA Annual Meetings and summer conferences.

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