

MTA **REPORTER**

RETIRED *The Voice of MTA Retired Members*



There are always a number of topics that might be of interest to retired public employees. Some folks might have an interest in pending legislation or the state budget, some in the upcoming political elections, and others in what might be on the horizon with respect to health insurance.

This spring, four breakfasts and a luncheon are scheduled around the state. We invite you to join with members of the MTA Retired Members Committee, guest speakers, and your MTA Retired colleagues, on one of the upcoming dates.

9 a.m. REGISTRATION & FULL BREAKFAST
9:50 a.m. – Noon: PROGRAM AND Q&A
Cost of the Breakfast: \$12.50

BREAKFAST DATES AND LOCATIONS

Verve Crowne Plaza, Natick
 Tuesday, April 25, 2017
 RSVP Deadline: 4/23/17

Crowne Plaza, Woburn
 Thursday, April 27, 2017
 RSVP Deadline: 4/25/17

Holiday Inn, Taunton
 Tuesday, May 2, 2017
 RSVP Deadline: 4/30/17

Cape Codder, Hyannis
 Thursday, May 4, 2017
 RSVP Deadline: 5/2/17

LUNCH (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Collegian Court Restaurant, Chicopee
 Wednesday, May 3, 2017
 RSVP Deadline: 5/1/17

SPACE IS LIMITED – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

Register online at massteacher.org/retiredbreakfast

OR by mail, send check payable to MTA, with a note including name, email address, and which breakfast you want to attend to:

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**MTA Board of Directors/Executive Committee



THE NEA-RA IS COMING TO BOSTON

And you can get involved

The **2017 NEA Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly**, the largest democratic deliberative assembly in the world, is coming to Boston. This means roughly 8,000 delegates from across the country — NEA members from all segments of the education profession — will converge on our city from **June 30 to July 5**. There are many opportunities for MTA members to get involved and experience the RA firsthand.

There are many ways to get involved.

NEA's Annual Meeting brings approximately 15,000 people — delegates and their families, exhibitors, press, visitors, and Association staff — into the host city for a week of intensive activities.



MTA is looking for volunteers for the 2017 Host Committee. The Host Committee chairs are organizing volunteers to work on one of five Host Committee subcommittees to facilitate the smooth operation of the NEA Annual Meeting. NEA members who accept positions on the Host Committee cannot serve as delegates or officers to the RA during the Annual Meeting.

The Host Committee Chair is Julia Monteiro Johnson and the Treasurer is Richard Liston.

For more information about the specific committees and volunteer opportunities:

massteacher.org/news/conferences/nea_ra

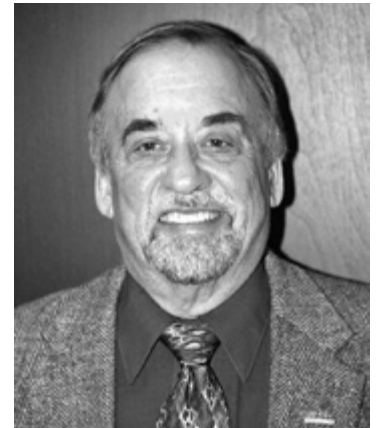
PRIM BOARD BALLOTS IN YOUR MAILBOX

Robert (Bob) Brousseau Receives MTA Endorsement to PRIM Board

At its February 14, 2017 meeting, the MTA Board of Directors unanimously endorsed Robert (Bob) Brousseau in his bid to be re-elected to the Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board. Bob has over thirty years' experience overseeing your pension funds and is committed to ensuring the highest investment returns, fully funding the pension system, and increasing the retirement and COLA benefits.

Members of the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (MTRS) will receive ballots for the PRIM Board election by **April 4, 2017**. You can vote for Brousseau by mailing your ballot or voting online using the directions provided with your ballot.

Completed ballots must be received by **5:00 pm on May 9, 2017**. The deadline for online voting is the same. ■



Bob Brousseau



—SAVE THE DATES—

MTA 2017 Retired Gathering

October 17 & 18, 2017

Cape Codder, Hyannis



“HONOR OUR OWN”



AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

AWARD TO BE PRESENTED
AT THE 2017 MTA RETIRED GATHERING

IS THERE AN MTA MEMBER WHO:

- Encouraged you professionally or personally?
- Fostered your involvement in the MTA?
- Mentored you as a beginning educator?
- Helped you as a student?

“HONOR OUR OWN”



AWARD

NOW IS THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE HIS OR HER CONTRIBUTION.

Each year, the MTA Retired Members Committee sponsors the “Honor Our Own” award. The award honors an active or retired MTA member for his or her outstanding influence on students, beginning educators and association members. To nominate an educator, complete the nomination form and provide a written explanation of why you believe the candidate meets the guidelines for the award. The guidelines include demonstrated professional responsibility and achievement in one’s field; displays of leadership, creativity or innovation; evidence of the nominee’s impact on the school community, students and association; and examples of how the nominee has improved the image of public education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE AND WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD?

Nominees must be active or retired members of the Massachusetts Teachers Association at present.

Please explain why the nominee should be honored. Consider the following about the nominee when you are writing your submission:

1. Professional responsibilities and personal achievements in his/her field.
2. Leadership, creativity or innovation.
3. Impact of the nominee’s professionalism on the school community, the students, the association and/or the community.
4. Advocacy for association members, the profession and public education.
5. Improving the image of public education.

HOW DO I SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR THE “HONOR OUR OWN” AWARD?

1. Complete the nomination form.
2. Attach a written explanation about why the nominee meets the guidelines for the award. Follow the award guidelines listed above.
3. Mail or e-mail the completed application. Materials must be received no later than June 2.

“Honor Our Own” Award
Attn: Robert Whalen, MTA
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For a copy of this nomination form, please visit: www.massteacher.org/honorourown

1

Complete the nomination form.

Nominee Information:

(Please check one)

Member of _____ Association

MTA Retired

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Submitted By:

(Please check one)

Member of _____ Association

MTA Retired

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

This form may be printed and mailed or completed electronically and e-mailed. For best results, view the PDF in Adobe Reader.[®] Complete any fillable areas by typing in the fields or clicking on check boxes. Save a copy to your computer for your records.

2

Attach a written explanation of 250-500 words on why the nominee meets the guidelines for the award.

3

Mail or e-mail the completed application.

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Materials must be received by the MTA no later than June 2. The decision of the Retired Members Committee is final.

Recent Recipients of the “Honor Our Own” Award

2016

Gladys Durant, Retired – Bristol County Educators’ Association

Co-Chair Richard Liston spoke for the Retired Members Committee

“As the Retired Members Committee contemplated the Honor Our Own award for 2016, it was a no-brainer that we needed to honor the life, career and service of Gladys Durant. She embodied everything this award was created to honor. Gladys was a dedicated educator in the Attleboro school system for over 30 years and was a very active member of her local association and of the MTA. After she retired, she continued to stay active, serving as a representative and former treasurer of the Bristol County Educators’ Association. She was also active within the MTA and was an active member of the Retired Members Committee at the time of her passing.”

2015

Susan Cogliano, Stoughton science teacher

Nominated by John Gunning, Stoughton Teachers Association

“Susan was a leader on the faculty. She served as team leader and then as department head at O’Donnell Middle School. Susan looked out for teachers, making sure they were properly provisioned. She guided new teachers, helping them adapt to their environment. Not one to give speeches, Susan’s leadership was seen in the way she would ‘check in’ with a colleague, offer assistance or guidance when needed, and quietly take the lead without being asked by someone.”

2014

Neil Clarke, Lee Education Association

Nominated by Joshua David Hall, Lee Middle School teacher

“Neil greeted me and all other new teachers with open arms and a joke, and was always ready to lend advice, a story or a friendly ear. He was also a huge proponent of the Lee Education Association and the MTA. Neil was always up to date on the political goings-on with MTA and politics in general. Even after Neil retired from teaching in 2006, the conversations continued and Neil’s involvement with the MTA continued.”

2013

Dr. Richard Lyons, UMass Lowell Graduate School of Education

Nominated by Lorraine Dagostino, UMass Lowell professor

“His tenacity and dedication to members were well known as he fought to protect their rights, specifically with respect to ensuring that promotions were within the confines of the contract, and he fought on salary issues for women faculty. He served two terms on the MTA Board of Directors, and for over 30 years he has been the treasurer of the Massachusetts Higher Education Caucus. All of that in and of itself is extremely impressive. Yet, along the way, he found time to teach his classes, participate in his department and author three books and 25 articles.”

Questions?

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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 2017 for the four open committee seats are listed below (in ballot order, per lottery):

1. Paul Mazut | Lee, MA

MTA retirees are an important part of the MTA which is why I am seeking re-election to the RMC. I want to continue to represent you and your interests on the Retired Members Committee. Your vote and support will allow me to continue to work and represent retired members. Thanks.

2. Cheryl Ann Welch | Arlington, MA

I am a lifetime member who has attended the last 20 MTA conferences, seven as a retired member. I have been active in local politics and look forward to learning more about this if I receive the votes.

3. Julia Monteiro Johnson | South Dennis, MA

I request your vote for re-election to the RMC. I have actively participated in meetings, breakfasts, the retreat and the Gatherings. I've enthusiastically worked with the committee to bring new recruitment ideas and members to MTA. As the NEA-RA host committee chair, I look forward to continuing to represent you.

4. Lois Powers | Quincy, MA

Dedicated, trusted, proven activist for improving quality of life for all educators and protecting our hard-won rights. Retired UMass Boston Librarian, 2014 ESP of the Year, former Board Member. I respectfully ask for your vote so that I can continue striving to meet your expectations and our goals. Thank you.

5. John DeCicco | Leominster, MA

After 35 years as a classroom teacher, I would like to continue to serve the members of the MTA as a member of the Committee. I feel my past experience as an MTA Board and Executive Committee member for a combined 13 years has prepared me for this important task.

6. Beverly Saccocia | Bridgewater, MA

I am asking for your support as a member of the MTA Retired Committee representative. As a former MTA BOD member representing District 35C, I believe I would be able to support members who are retired enthusiastically so we can be a powerful voice in MTA.



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