

NYSPELRA ESTABLISHES RETIREE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

NYSPELRA is pleased to announce the creation of a retiree membership category. This is a new class of membership which will be limited to those members of NYSPELRA who retire from their full-time endeavors representing management in public sector labor relations and who wish to maintain a continuing relationship with NYSPELRA. Pursuant to Article III of NYSPELRA's By-Laws, the Board of Directors, at its meeting of December 12, 2007, determined the eligibility criteria for retiree membership: retirement and at least five (5) years of prior membership in good standing in NYSPELRA including three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to making application for retiree membership. Retiree members will enjoy a discounted dues rate of \$75 per year. Membership in the national organization, NPELRA, will be at the retiree's option, and any additional expense for same will be the retiree's responsibility. The attendance fee for NYSPELRA's annual training conference in Saratoga this July will also be discounted to \$100 for any retiree member. To become a retiree member, the individual should contact NYSPELRA's Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Kalinkewicz, at (518) 885-2225 or jjkpersassoc@yahoo.com for further information about the application process. The Board of Directors has necessarily reserved the right to review and approve/disapprove all applications for retiree membership and will be looking for sufficient indicia of "retirement" including but not limited to an absence of any other professional activities that would be inconsistent with continued membership in NYSPELRA such as but not limited to working for a union or functioning as a labor arbitrator. In other words, continued loyalty to public sector management will be the hallmark of retiree membership. Finally, and pursuant to NYSPELRA's By-Laws, a retiree member will have the same rights and privileges as pertain to all other individual active members of the organization.

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