

A MONTHLY REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

June, 2017

AFFILIATION REFERENDUM

On May 23rd the Annual Affiliation Referendum was held. 510 members voted for continued affiliation with NYSUT and its nation affiliates while 202 people voted to disaffiliate. The 202 votes represents a significant increase over the past few years where the average number supporting disaffiliation was in the forties. The outcome of the vote was in line with the recommendation made to the Executive Board that we give the newly elected NYSUT Officers an opportunity to address our agenda and review again in the 17-18 school year.

LIFE

LIFE Member Locals continue to meet and establish a direction for this newly founded organization. Nineteen locals have expressed an interest in joining.

VSTA-PAC

Unit Leaders have been asked to begin the process of signing members up for VSTA's Independent PAC as an alternative to VOTE/COPE. We believe this will give us a greater voice with our local elected officials and pursuing our agenda in Albany.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BUDGET

The Finance Committee presented its annual report and budget at the June meeting. The process began earlier in the school year with a request for member input, a Q and A was held earlier in June. The Executive Board approved the budget plan for the 17-18 school year at that meeting. This includes projected revenue, estimated expenses and a dues schedule.

VP SEARCH

All interested candidates should respond to the e-mail circulated earlier in the month to fill the VP-Membership vacancy.

REALIGNMENT OF UNITS

Preliminary discussions are underway to restructure the Elementary Units on a building basis as opposed to the current district-wide configuration. Discussions will continue into the fall.

APPOINTMENT OF WELFARE FUND TRUSTEES

The Executive Board approved the appointment of two new members to serve as Trustees of the Welfare Fund. Julie Levine (30) and Drew Jakubowski (24) will serve as the newest Trustees.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

A new member orientation will be held over the summer. Details will be announced.

WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR

This event will be scheduled in the Fall. Watch your e-mail.

As this is my last President's Report, I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of the delegates and unit leaders for their ongoing support and encouragement. I would reserve a special thanks to the officers for all they do which is too voluminous to even try and describe. Finally to each and every member, you are the union. Thanks for stepping up. May the future hold only good for all of you.