



# FAQS

## Frequently Asked Questions (cont'd)

Other benefits include assistance for retiree chapters with constitutional language and constitutions, and boilerplate language.

### How are councils and chapters set up?

Retiree councils, established by the NYSUT Constitution, comprise all NYSUT retirees within an election district. This is inclusive of higher education, SRPs, nurses, and K-12 teachers. Retiree chapters are established by a local's constitution and have a variety of forms. Some retiree chapters, with the permission of the involved locals, also include retirees from all school district locals (ex. teacher and SRP units) in a single chapter. However, the NYSUT Constitution does not permit retirees to switch locals. Therefore, NYSUT records will always list a retiree as a member of the local they retired from.

### Who may delete a retiree?

### Who may reinstate?

A question Retiree Services receives from individuals and from chapter leaders on a regular basis is: "How does a member, who retired some years ago and was deleted by the local, get reinstated?" The answer: The same local that deleted the member must reinstate the member. This is true even if a retiree has moved to a different area of the state or to a different state. Retiree councils

and chapters may not delete or reinstate a retiree's NYSUT membership.

**Example 1:** If Jane Retiree was deleted for some reason in 1978 and now wishes to rejoin, she must do so through her former local.

**Example 2:** If John Retiree does not pay his retiree council his voluntary participation fee, the council may not delete his NYSUT membership (or his council membership).

**Example 3:** If June Retiree does not pay retiree chapter dues, the chapter may not delete her NYSUT membership **but the local may.**

### An administrator was previously a NYSUT member. Can they rejoin as a retiree?

This is the local's decision. Anyone who was ever a member of NYSUT or its predecessor organizations may be a retiree member of NYSUT. As explained above, however, it is the former local that must reinstate membership according to its constitution and bylaws.

### What if NYSUT has no record of a person's prior membership?

The Past Member Verification Affidavit form may be used by a local for members who retired prior to 1983 and for whom NYSUT has no record. It contains blanks for all the required membership information and will greatly speed the reinstatement process. **The form must be signed by the current president of the retiree's local.** However, anyone can do the research and complete the form. Retiree chapters and councils could, for instance, assign this research to a small committee. It would be a big help to an already overloaded local president and would ensure that the job gets done in a timely fashion.

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