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Issue: State Retiree Chapters

The National APWU Constitution states:

**Article 2 Section 12** - The APWU shall encourage the formation of local, area local and state, retiree chapters of the Retirees Department in every state and territory of the United States, in order that all dues-paying retirees and their families shall have access to state, area local and local Retirees Department chapters to continue to fight for those issues which affect APWU members, retirees and their families.

**Article 6 Section 1** **(e) - Each chartered retiree chapter shall be entitled to voting strength and representation in National Conventions of one (1) credentialed delegate for each Local Chapter and one (1) for each State Chapter.**

**Article 11 Section 2 (l)** - Retirees shall elect the Retirees Department Director and five (5) delegates to the National Convention. The Retirees Department Director and each Retiree National Convention Delegate will have a voice and one (1) vote at the National Convention. The five (5) Retiree National Convention Delegates shall be paid necessary expenses to attend the National Convention and the All-Craft APWU Retiree Department Conference.

**Article 16 Section 2 (i) -** Ten (10) or more Retirees Department members residing within a local or area local geographical jurisdiction may form a Local Retiree Chapter. Chartered Local Retiree Chapters shall receive forty percent (40%) of the annual retiree per capita tax per retiree member of that local chapter. One dollar ($1.00) per month shall be passed on to existing local and state retiree chapters where they now exist or may be organized in the future.

**The National Executive Board in the late 1990’s established a policy to form a state retiree chapter and state must have a minimum of three established Local Retiree Chapters.**

The National Executive Board policy has not worked or been successful. Retiree delegates have previously voted to reconsider the State Retiree Chapter policy. Our mistake was using the word reconsider rather than eliminate.

Currently as listed on the APWU web page there are 66 Local Retiree Chapters and 6 State Retiree Chapters. These numbers may not be accurate.

**Local Chapters**

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| Atlanta Metro Area Retiree Chapter |
| Baltimore Francis “Stu” Fibley Retiree Chapter |
| Brooklyn Retiree Chapter |
| Broward County Retiree Chapter |
| California Area Retiree Chapter |
| Central Florida Area Retiree Chapter |
| Chicago Area Retiree Chapter |
| Cleveland Area Retiree Chapter |
| Columbus Area Retiree Chapter |
| Dallas Area Retiree Chapter |
| 480-481 Dave Lenard Area Local Retiree Chapter |
| Dayton Area Retiree Chapter |
| Denver Metro Area Retiree Chapter |
| Des Moines Area Retiree Chapter |
| Detroit District Area Retiree Chapter |
| Fayetteville Area Retiree Chapter |
| Flint Area Retiree Chapter |
| Fort Worth Retiree Chapter |
| Gone But Not Forgotten |
| Greater Cincinnati Ohio Area Retiree Chapter |
| Greater Los Angeles Area Retiree Chapter |
| Greater Las Vegas Area Retiree Chapter |
| Heart of Illinois Retiree Chapter |
| Houston Area Retiree Chapter |
| Indianapolis Area Retiree Chapter |
| Kansas City Golden Jazz Retiree Chapter |
| Kansas KAW Retiree Chapter |
| Lima Area Retiree Chapter |
| Lincoln Nebraska Retiree Chapter |
| Long Island Area Retiree Chapter |
| Manchester Area Retiree Chapter |
| Miami Area Retiree Chapter |
| Moe Biller Retiree Chapter |
| Nation’s Capital Retiree Chapter |
| Northeast Florida Area Retiree Chapter |
| Northwest Illinois Retiree Chapter |
| Oakland Retiree Chapter |
| Omaha Area Retiree Chapter |
| Philadelphia Area Retiree Chapter |
| Philadelphia BMC Retiree Chapter |
| Phoenix Area Retiree Chapter |
| Pittsburgh Metro Area Retiree Chapter |
| Portland Oregon Area City of Roses Retiree Chapter |
| Puerto Rico Area Retiree Chapter |
| Red Bank Area Retiree Chapter |
| Richmond Area Retiree Chapter |
| Saginaw 486-487 Retiree Chapter |
| San Antonio Alamo Area Local Retirees Chapter |
| San Diego Area Retiree Chapter |
| San Francisco Retiree Chapter |
| South Suburban IL Retiree Chapter |
| Southern Maryland Area Retiree Chapter |
| Southwest Coastal Area Retiree Chapter |
| Southwest FL Area Local Retiree Chapter |
| St. Charles Retiree Chapter |
| St. Louis Area Retiree Chapter |
| St. Paul Area Retiree Chapter |
| Suncoast Area Retiree Chapter |
| SFVAL Golden Oldies Retiree Chapter |
| Tampa Area Retiree Chapter |
| Toledo Retiree Chapter |
| Tri-County Ohio Retiree Chapter |
| Twin Cities PDC Retiree Chapter |
| Western MI Area Retiree Chapter |
| Youngstown Area Retiree Chapter |

**State Retiree Chapters**

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| Florida State Retiree Chapter | California State Retiree Chapter |
| Ohio State Retiree Chapter | Texas State Retiree Chapter |
| Michigan State Retiree Chapter | Missouri State Retiree Chapter |

We were not able to address the State Retiree Chapter policy with all attendees at the Retiree Conference.

I am a member of the California State Retiree Chapter and Southwest Coastal Area Local Retiree Chapter and glad we have a state retiree chapter and local retiree chapter. However, I know some states are having a problem with the three (3) local retiree chapter requirement to have a state retiree chapter.

My personal opinion is we should eliminate the three local retiree chapter requirements. States should be permitted to form a state retiree chapter if they want.

A possible solution is to draw up a constitutional resolution.

**Whereas some states have not been able to form a state retiree chapter because of the three local retiree chapter requirement be it resolved.**

**Article 16 Section 2 (i) be amended to add the word “state” and then Article 16 Section 2 (i) would read “**Ten (10) or more Retirees Department members residing within a local or area local geographical jurisdiction or state may form a Retiree Chapter. Chartered Local Retiree Chapters shall receive forty percent (40%) of the annual retiree per capita tax per retiree member of that local chapter. One dollar ($1.00) per month shall be passed on to existing local and state retiree chapters where they now exist or may be organized in the future.”

This is being e mailed for your consideration and input. Please feel free to state your opinions or any possible modification.

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**Resolution National APWU Constitution**

**Article 16 Section 2 (i)**

**Whereas some states have not been able to form a state retiree chapter because of the three local retiree chapter requirement policy adopted by the APWU National Executive Board, be it resolved,**

**Article 16 Section 2 (i) be amended to add the word “state” and then Article 16 Section 2 (i) would read “**Ten (10) or more Retirees Department members residing within a local or area local geographical jurisdiction **or state may** form a Retiree Chapter. Chartered Local Retiree Chapters shall receive forty percent (40%) of the annual retiree per capita tax per retiree member of that local chapter. One dollar ($1.00) per month shall be passed on to existing local and state retiree chapters where they now exist or may be organized in the future.”

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Retiree Chapter or Local President Secretary or Secretary Treasurer

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