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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 (I) - 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

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

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)

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Retiree Chapter or Local President

Secretary or Secretary Treasurer

Date: _____