

Spring 2017, Notes for JLCNR Retirees

Officers to be elected at May 25, 2017 dinner at Ryan's Lookout

President: Lynn Hunneyman

1st Vice President: Richard LaLonde

2nd Vice President: Richard Edwards

Secretary: Margaret "Peg" Bootie

Treasurer: Claudia Curley

RA delegate: Richard Edwards; alternate; Richard LaLonde

Nominations can also be made from the floor. The term of office is for two years.

2017 Legislative Concerns

On the ballot this November will be a call for a Constitutional Convention in NYS. While a chance to clean up Albany would seem to be an excellent idea, the very same legislators who have made the mess in Albany would more than likely be elected to this convention. I doubt they would do much to police their own especially considering their past record on ethics reform. Our concerns would be changes in the language that protects our pensions and benefits in retirement, changes to the "forever wild" clause that protects the Adirondacks and other park areas in NYS as well as other areas now protected in the state constitution. Any changes in those protected areas could lead to a disaster. A better and safer avenue to change would simply be electing new legislators to Albany and forcing out those legislators that are there only for their personal gains. Considering the mess in Washington DC presently, we need to protect our pensions and public schools in NYS while working for reasonable changes to improve public schools in our state. The move to charter schools and vouchers would only lead to the destruction of our excellent public schools in the North Country. Finally we need to do all we can to get the vote out this November to turn down the Constitutional Convention. Voting is one of the easiest things we can do to protect our rights and secure our public schools for the future.

Lynn Hunneyman, President of JLCNR, the Jeff-Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees

