

# Convention Call

New York State  
United Teachers

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May 4 – 6, 2006

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Rochester, NY

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**THE WALK** **RA**  
**2006**



New York State United Teachers

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✓✓✓✓✓✓ **CHECKLIST of RA Items** ✓✓✓✓✓✓

	<u>Deadline</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Read all enclosed materials	<i>NOW</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Conduct election of delegates and alternates	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Submit proposed Resolutions	Feb. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Submit proposed Amendments to Constitution or Bylaws	Feb. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Make hotel reservations on enclosed housing form	March 27
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Report election results on enclosed Election Certification Report form	March 19
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Pay per capita dues and agency fee	April 17

***Other Important Materials Enclosed***

	<u>Deadline</u>
Constituency Awards nominations	Dec. 19
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Professionals Member of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Member of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> School-Related Professionals Member of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Member of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> "Not for Ourselves Alone" Outstanding Leadership Award	
Community Service Award nominations	Jan. 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Inservice <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree	
Local Community Service Award nominations	Jan. 25
Life Line Honor Roll nominations	Jan. 25
Register for Local and Retiree Council Presidents' Conference	April 7



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New York State United Teachers  
800 Troy-Schenectady Road  
Latham, New York 12110

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May 4-6, 2006  
Rochester Riverside  
Convention Center

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November 2005

Dear Local or Retiree Council President:

The 34th Annual Representative Assembly of the New York State United Teachers is hereby called to convene at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

All NYSUT members are welcome to attend, but only duly elected and reported delegates to this Representative Assembly may debate and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws, proposed resolutions and other business which might be brought to the Representative Assembly according to NYSUT Constitution and Bylaws provisions or policy.

This packet is being sent to you as president of your local or retiree council since it is your overall responsibility to comply with prescribed procedures and deadlines detailed and to disseminate the information contained herein to your membership and delegates (i.e. housing application and instructions).

I strongly urge that you conduct an election of delegates and alternates according to the U.S. federal requirements known as the Landrum-Griffin procedures (guidelines are included in this packet) and according to other provisions and deadlines specified within this packet. *For locals with fewer than 100 members, I call to your attention the enclosed procedure for forming councils of locals as a result of the Constitutional Amendment adopted by the 2000 RA.*

*Each local/council is urged to hold election of delegates and alternates, regardless of whether they will attend the RA, so that if a special NYSUT election or Representative Assembly were to be held during the year, the local/council would be entitled to representation at the special election. Duly elected and reported delegates and alternates also receive The NYSUT Leader and any special informational mailings during the year. Locals should be aware of the deadline for on-time submission of local dues and the AFT requirement for submission of your local's audit.*

Please note that again this year there will be a special pre-RA conference for local and Retiree Council presidents. If you are the president of a K-12, Health Care Professionals, School-Related Professionals, Higher Education local or Retiree Council, please check the information related to this conference which is enclosed with this mailing. To register, follow the instructions provided.

RA housing will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The fastest way to make your reservation is by accessing the NYSUT Web site at [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org). I urge you to make your housing reservations via this means.

This is your opportunity to directly affect the policies of the New York State United Teachers. The direction and continued democracy of NYSUT depend on your participation.

In Solidarity,

Richard C. Iannuzzi  
President

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION CERTIFICATION REPORT

A certification of your local's or council's election of delegates and alternates to NYSUT's Representative Assembly (RA) **must be sent to NYSUT each year**. Listed on the enclosed Election Certification Report form are your local's or council's delegates and alternates as reported for last year's 2005 NYSUT RA. Please use the enclosed Election Certification Report form to report the *most recently elected* delegates and alternates for this year's 2006 RA.

- If a listing for an individual is correct as stated, make no mark in the status change column for that individual.
- If an individual is no longer a delegate or alternate, check "delete" in the status change column.
- If an individual listed as a delegate is now an alternate, or vice versa, check the status change column to indicate the current status.
- Indicate changes in an address by writing in the correct address to the right of the old address.

**NOTE:** NYSUT will mail an identification card to each delegate and alternate at the address indicated on this form. The card must be presented at RA registration in order to receive a badge.

- For badge preparation purposes, indicate a person's "nickname" (example: Bob for Robert) in the appropriate column. (The badge will also include the full name as printed in the first column.)
- Type or clearly write in any additions on the Election Certification Report form. Be sure to indicate whether the individual is a delegate or alternate.

*It is important that you indicate in the space provided the delegate or alternate who is authorized and responsible for picking up and returning all roll call ballots, including election ballots, at the RA.*

In accordance with NYSUT Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3(d), the local or council president or secretary must complete and sign the certification statement at the bottom of the Election Certification Report and return the form by certified mail (or other receipt-rendering delivery service) to: NYSUT, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110-2455. This form must be postmarked on or before March 19, 2006.

***Submission as described is required in order for those elected to be eligible to receive credentials. Forms not submitted properly will be referred to the Credentials Committee.***

An envelope and certified mail slips are enclosed for your convenience.

# LANDRUM-GRIFFIN ELECTION CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist and return it with your Election Certification Report. Each year, questions arise as to guidelines to be followed in electing officers, delegates and alternates. In an attempt to insure that elections are held in accordance with Landrum-Griffin, the following checklist is provided.

<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Elections are held at least every 3 years.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 10. All bona fide candidates have the opportunity to inspect membership lists of all members at least once within 30 days before the election.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2. The local's or council's election procedures conform to NYSUT Constitution, Article VIII.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 11. All officers, delegates, alternates to the Representative Assembly are elected by secret ballot.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3. No funds received from dues, assessments, or similar levies have been used to promote the candidacy of any person.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Election notices are mailed by first-class mail to the last known home address of each member at least 15 days before the election.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 4. No employer funds have been used.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 13. All members in good standing have an opportunity to vote, limited only by reasonable rules uniformly imposed.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Rules governing eligibility for nomination are fair, reasonable, and uniformly imposed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Members may support candidates of their choice without being subject to penalty, discipline, improper interference, or reprisal of any kind.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Members receive reasonable opportunity for nomination, including notice of the:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Candidates are given the opportunity to have observers at each polling place and at each place where the ballots are counted.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> A. Offices to be filled; (Where an individual is being elected to serve in more than one office, both offices need to be identified at time of nomination, and to appear on the ballot; i.e., President and Delegate.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Ballots and other election records are preserved for at least one year.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> B. Time for submitting nominations;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 17. The local or council has notified the Secretary-Treasurer of NYSUT of the results of its election by completing the enclosed Election Certification Report form, listing all elected delegates and alternates, whether or not they are expected to attend the NYSUT Representative Assembly.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> C. Place for submitting nominations; and	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> D. Proper form for submitting nominations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Members have reasonable time to nominate candidates.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 8. All members in good standing have an opportunity to be nominated, subject only to reasonable qualifications uniformly imposed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 9. All candidates have equal opportunity to use membership lists, distribute literature, and campaign for office.	

Name of Local or Retiree Council: \_\_\_\_\_ NYSUT Local # or Retiree Council #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of President: \_\_\_\_\_



**(Reverse of Landrum-Griffin checklist)**

## ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

Each local/council is urged to hold election of delegates and alternates, **regardless of whether or not they will attend the RA**, so that if a special NYSUT election were to be held during the year, the local/council would be entitled to representation at the special election. When a local does not bring its full complement of delegates to the Representative Assembly (RA), the local's votes shall be distributed as evenly as possible among its delegates present at the time of voting (votes shall not be fractioned).

A local's/council's election of delegates and alternates to the RA must be held under the provisions of the Landrum-Griffin Act and the NYSUT Constitution, which require that:

1. In no case may a delegate or alternate be appointed; delegates and alternates must be elected by secret ballot vote of the local's/council's members who are in good standing (dues must be current for the category to which they belong).
2. Each member, regardless of membership category, shall have an opportunity to be nominated as a candidate, subject to reasonable rules, uniformly imposed. Candidates must be in good standing. Landrum-Griffin does allow a local constitution or bylaw to restrict the rights of retired members.
3. Notice of the offices to be filled; the term of each office; the right to make nominations; and the time, place and proper form for the submission of nominations must be sent to each member at his/her last known address or be given a prominent place in the local's/council's publication and on bulletin boards.
4. Written notice of time and place of balloting must be mailed to each member in good standing at his/her last known home address at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election. The notice of nominations may be combined with the election notice.
5. Each candidate must be permitted to have an observer at the polls and at the counting of ballots.

**For assistance regarding election of delegates and alternates, call NYSUT at (800) 342-9810, ext. 6465.**

## PROCEDURE FOR FORMING COUNCILS OF LOCALS

As a result of a Constitutional Amendment adopted by the 2000 Representative Assembly, the Composition of the Representative Assembly was expanded to include: *"...representatives elected by councils of locals as recognized by the NYSUT Board of Directors."*

### Procedure

Locals with fewer than 100 members each, but in the aggregate fewer than 300 members from a contiguous geographic area, may form councils of locals for the exclusive purpose of electing a common delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly. Locals that form such a council under this section:

1. shall adopt a common identical resolution to establish the council in a regular meeting of such locals no later than three months prior to the NYSUT Representative Assembly; [3 months = Feb. 3, 2006]
2. shall nominate at the same meeting of each local a member or members, if any, for the council's delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly;
3. shall request recognition by the NYSUT Board of Directors no later than Feb. 3, 2006;
4. shall elect at a meeting of each such local or by mail ballot agreed to by all locals in the council and in conformity with federal law no later than Feb. 14, 2006, a delegate and alternate, if any, by a secret ballot common to each local in the council listing all nominees and their local numbers, the nominee receiving the highest number of votes totaled among all locals in the council to be the delegate and the second highest, if any, the alternate;
5. shall forward properly signed credentials from each local in the council for the duly elected delegate and alternate, if any, of the council in time to reach the New York State United Teachers headquarters office no later than the published deadline for receipt of Election Certification Reports (ECR) for the NYSUT Representative Assembly; [ECRs due March 19, 2006]
6. The voting strength of the council's delegate shall be based on the aggregate of the members in the locals, as defined in the NYSUT Constitution, that credential the council's delegate.

**Locals with 100 or fewer members will find included in this mailing more information regarding the procedure for forming councils of locals, including the necessary forms.**

**If you are a local president of a local with fewer than 100 members and you would like assistance regarding the procedure, call NYSUT at (800) 342-9810, ext. 6465.**

## **HOW TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES**

Article VIII, Section 3, of the NYSUT Constitution governs representation and how the number of delegates is determined. Entitlement for locals is based on the average number of active members for whom a local has paid dues or agency fee at a minimum of one-eighth dues level for the membership period April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006. Payment must be paid on or before April 17, 2006. Entitlement for retiree councils shall be three delegates per council.

## **Entitlement is indicated at the top of the enclosed ELECTION CERTIFICATION REPORT form**

NYSUT will notify you in January in the rare instance that the entitlement changes between now and the March 31, 2006, membership period ending date.

A president or other elected officer may serve as a delegate without holding a special election provided that:

1. He/she was elected to office by secret ballot according to Landrum-Griffin; AND
2. The constitution or bylaws state that one of the duties of his/her office is to be a delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly.

If provisions 1 & 2 above apply and the election of officers and the election of delegates are being conducted at the same balloting, the ballot must list both positions (for example: "President and Delegate to NYSUT RA").

**For assistance regarding delegate entitlement, call NYSUT at (800) 342-9810, ext. 6226.**

## **REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS**

The enclosed Election Certification Report form must be completed and sent to NYSUT Headquarters by certified mail or other receipt-providing delivery service and must be postmarked on or before March 19, 2006. Each delegate and alternate reported on that form will be sent an identification card immediately prior to the Representative Assembly. *That card must be presented at the RA at registration in order to receive a badge.*

## **AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Properly submitted resolutions and amendments will be considered by committees at the RA. Only registered members of a committee may debate and vote on resolutions before a committee. Each delegate may register for one committee meeting. However, a delegate registered for one committee may testify at another committee if his/her local/council submitted the resolution or amendment.

Committee selection forms will be sent to each delegate around March 30, 2006, to complete and return to NYSUT by April 14, 2006. Large locals may request an alternate notification method.

Resolutions will be categorized by topic and assigned to various resolution committees. Properly submitted proposed amendments to the NYSUT Constitution or Bylaws are considered by the amendments committee. Resolutions, categorized by committee, will be published in the March 30, 2006, issue of the *New York Teacher*. Proposed amendments will appear in the March 16, 2006 edition of the *New York Teacher*.

**For assistance regarding submission of amendments and/or resolutions, call NYSUT at (800) 342-9810, ext. 6467.**

## **Amendments to Constitution or Bylaws:**

1. May be proposed by the NYSUT Board of Directors or by no fewer than 100 members drawn from at least 5 election districts;
2. Must be submitted in writing to the NYSUT Board of Directors, c/o the Office of the President, to be received on or before the close of business on February 3, 2006;
3. Should be typewritten on the forms provided. A petition form for 100 signatures is on the reverse side of the amendment form. Additional forms are available from NYSUT Headquarters.

## Resolutions:

1. Must be received at NYSUT, Office of the President, on or before the close of business February 3, 2006;
2. Must be approved by the executive board or general membership and be signed by the president;
3. Should be typewritten in the format illustrated on the reverse side of the resolution form enclosed.  
Additional forms are available from NYSUT Headquarters.

## Reaffirmations:

Once a resolution has passed the Representative Assembly, it remains in effect for a period of four years. Any resolution submitted by February 3, 2006, which is still in effect, will be considered a reaffirmation of a prior resolution, and will be published as such. These resolutions will not go to committee and will not be acted upon by the delegates.

## Expiring Resolutions:

Copies of the "Resolutions Due to Expire in 2006" publication are available upon request by contacting the Office of the President at NYSUT Headquarters at (800) 342-9810, ext. 6568. Copies will also be made available at the NYSUT Regional Offices.

## GETTING THERE

### Major airlines servicing Rochester:

US Airways  
(from LaGuardia, Islip and Newburgh)  
[www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com) or (800) 428-4322

Continental Airlines  
(from Albany, Newark, White Plains and Plattsburgh)  
[www.continental.com](http://www.continental.com) or (800) 523-3273

JetBlue Airways  
(from JFK)  
[www.jetblue.com](http://www.jetblue.com) or (800) 538-2583

### Amtrak

(800) 872-7245  
Select "agent" at the prompt.  
For 10% NYSUT discount request:  
Fare Code X82I - 952

**Travel arrangements can also be made by contacting Carlson Albany Travel at (518) 292-9000 or (800) 666-2929. Please identify yourself as a NYSUT Convention attendee. Ticketing fees apply.**

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

NYSUT has negotiated a special rate with Rochester Shuttle Express for transportation between both the Rochester Airport and the Rochester Amtrak Station and all NYSUT convention hotels. The cost is \$11.50 one way. Details for making reservations will be included in the next convention mailing.

## HOUSING

Housing information and an application form are enclosed. Please read the instructions carefully and submit your form to NYSUT Headquarters (phone reservations will not be accepted). Reservations are accepted on an availability basis—first come, first served—but no later than **March 27, 2006**. Online reservations will again be available at the NYSUT Web site. Go to [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org) to fill out the reservation form.

## DELEGATE ASSISTANCE DIRECTORY

Call 1-800-342-9810 or 518-213-6000



If you require special accommodations or assistive devices in order for you to fully participate in this convention, please call:  
Ext. 6627

Housing.....	Ext. 6699
Conduct of Elections and RA Program .....	Ext. 6465
Community Service Awards.....	Ext. 6386
Constituency Awards .....	Ext. 6310
Sandy Feldman Outstanding Leadership Award ..	Ext. 6467
Delegate Entitlement .....	Ext. 6226
Resolutions and Amendments .....	Ext. 6568
Local and Retiree Council	
Presidents' Conference .....	Ext. 6650

## HOUSING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

### Representative Assembly and Pre-RA Local and Retiree Council Presidents' Conference, May 2006

1. Requests for housing can be made only by submitting the official Housing Application form or by reserving online at [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org). **Phone reservations will not be accepted by hotels at the Convention Rate.** Reservations are accepted on an availability basis — first come, first served — but no later than **March 27**.
2. Complete only **one application form per room** and mail in the blue pre-addressed envelope promptly to: RA Reservations, NYSUT, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110-2455.
3. In the event that the block of rooms at your first-choice hotel becomes exhausted, your reservation will be automatically transferred to the next available property.
4. **A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per room is required** and all reservations will be considered by the hotel as guaranteed for late arrival. The deposit will be applied to the first night of stay. **Check or money order made payable to NYSUT**, or American Express, Visa or Master Card will be accepted for this deposit. **No Discover cards please.** Credit cards may be charged the deposit after March 23.
5. A rebate has been added to the established convention rates to cover some convention-related costs.
6. Primary occupant can expect to receive confirmation by April 10. If a confirmation is not received by that time, contact NYSUT Travel & Conference Services at (800) 342-9810 ext. 6699 or by e-mail to [rabouse@nysutmail.org](mailto:rabouse@nysutmail.org).
7. **Cancellations** may be made directly with NYSUT up until April 21 and must be submitted in writing either via fax at (518) 213-6461 or e-mail to [rabouse@nysutmail.org](mailto:rabouse@nysutmail.org). **Changes** in arrival, departure or name must be made directly with the hotel after receipt of a hotel confirmation.
8. See below for rates at each hotel.
9. Since NYSUT locals are not eligible for sales tax exemption, the hotel will not accept tax exemption certificates.
10. Requests for **suites** should be made on the official housing form and mailed to NYSUT Travel & Conference Services in the blue envelope provided. You will be contacted to discuss availability and rates.

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Single/Double Rate</u>	<u>Triple Rate</u>
Doubletree Rochester	1111 Jefferson Road	\$125	
Holiday Inn Airport Rochester	911 Brooks Avenue	\$110	
Radisson Inn Rochester Airport	175 Jefferson Road	\$115	\$125
Clarion Rochester	120 East Main Street	\$120	
Hyatt Regency Rochester	125 East Main Street	\$140/\$153	
Crowne Plaza Rochester	70 State Street	\$115	\$125

*Hotel taxes are 14%*

All properties have the following in-room amenities: Iron/Board, Hair Dryer, Coffee Maker and Refreshment/Snack Bar. Each also has a lounge, restaurant, fitness room and room service.

# HOUSING APPLICATION

**Representative Assembly**

**May 4–6, 2006**

**DEADLINE: March 27, 2006**

**Please Print**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Address	City	State Zip Code
<b>Social Security Number or NYSUT ID*</b>  _____	Work Phone      Ext. _____ ____ - ____ - _____ Home Phone ____ - ____ - _____	E-mail Address
<b>*must be filled in</b>		

<b>Arrival Date</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 5/2 <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 5/3 <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 5/4 <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 5/5	<b>Departure Date</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 5/4 <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 5/5 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 5/6 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 5/7	<b>Deposit</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Use Credit Card Number <i>(to the right →)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed <b>Make check payable to          NYSUT: \$100 per room</b>  Expiration Date: ___ / ___ / ___ <i>month / year</i>  _____ <i>Authorized Signature:</i>
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<b>Number of Guests in Room</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4	<b>Number of Beds</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<b>Preferences</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>(please describe)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Place "x" here if you require any device or accommodation as provided for by the Americans with Disabilities Act. You will be contacted by NYSUT Travel & Conference Services.
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Hotel First Choice ("X" only one box)	Hotel taxes are 14%	<u>Single/Double Rate</u>	<u>Triple Rate</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Doubletree Rochester	1111 Jefferson Road	\$125	
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn Airport Rochester	911 Brooks Avenue	\$110	
<input type="checkbox"/> Radisson Inn Rochester Airport	175 Jefferson Road	\$115	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Clarion Rochester	120 East Main Street	\$120	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyatt Regency Rochester	125 East Main Street	\$140/\$153	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crowne Plaza Rochester	70 State Street	\$115	\$125

Share With #1:	Last Name	First Name
Share With #2:	Last Name	First Name

***Make a copy of this form for your records.***

*Mail to: NYSUT RA, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110*

*Fax to: (518) 213-6461*

*Fill out online at [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org)*

**(Reverse side of Housing Application)**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
CONSTITUTION or BYLAWS  
for submission to the  
2006 NYSUT Representative Assembly**

**Must be received by: February 3, 2006**  
Return to: Office of the President  
New York State United Teachers  
800 Troy-Schenectady Road  
Latham, NY 12110-2455

Proposed amendment to the:     Constitution     Bylaws    **Please check one.**

**Only one amendment is permitted per form. Duplicate form as needed.**

NOTE: Use brackets [ ] to indicate words to be deleted from Constitution or Bylaws; use  
underscore \_\_\_\_\_ to indicate words to be added to Constitution or Bylaws.

Applicable Constitution or Bylaws Article and Section Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Line #

***NYSUT Constitution & Bylaws, Article XII, Section 1, provides that "An amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws may be proposed by (i) the Board of Directors or (ii) no fewer than one hundred (100) members drawn from at least five (5) Election Districts." Please use the reverse side of this form for the required signatures.***



## AMENDMENT PETITION

Name	E.D.	Name	E.D.	Name	E.D.
1 _____	_____	35 _____	_____	69 _____	_____
2 _____	_____	36 _____	_____	70 _____	_____
3 _____	_____	37 _____	_____	71 _____	_____
4 _____	_____	38 _____	_____	72 _____	_____
5 _____	_____	39 _____	_____	73 _____	_____
6 _____	_____	40 _____	_____	74 _____	_____
7 _____	_____	41 _____	_____	75 _____	_____
8 _____	_____	42 _____	_____	76 _____	_____
9 _____	_____	43 _____	_____	77 _____	_____
10 _____	_____	44 _____	_____	78 _____	_____
11 _____	_____	45 _____	_____	79 _____	_____
12 _____	_____	46 _____	_____	80 _____	_____
13 _____	_____	47 _____	_____	81 _____	_____
14 _____	_____	48 _____	_____	82 _____	_____
15 _____	_____	49 _____	_____	83 _____	_____
16 _____	_____	50 _____	_____	84 _____	_____
17 _____	_____	51 _____	_____	85 _____	_____
18 _____	_____	52 _____	_____	86 _____	_____
19 _____	_____	53 _____	_____	87 _____	_____
20 _____	_____	54 _____	_____	88 _____	_____
21 _____	_____	55 _____	_____	89 _____	_____
22 _____	_____	56 _____	_____	90 _____	_____
23 _____	_____	57 _____	_____	91 _____	_____
24 _____	_____	58 _____	_____	92 _____	_____
25 _____	_____	59 _____	_____	93 _____	_____
26 _____	_____	60 _____	_____	94 _____	_____
27 _____	_____	61 _____	_____	95 _____	_____
28 _____	_____	62 _____	_____	96 _____	_____
29 _____	_____	63 _____	_____	97 _____	_____
30 _____	_____	64 _____	_____	98 _____	_____
31 _____	_____	65 _____	_____	99 _____	_____
32 _____	_____	66 _____	_____	100 _____	_____
33 _____	_____	67 _____	_____		
34 _____	_____	68 _____	_____		

**PROPOSED  
RESOLUTION**  
for submission to the  
**2006 NYSUT Representative Assembly**

**Must be received by: February 3, 2006**

Return to: Office of the President  
New York State United Teachers  
800 Troy-Schenectady Road  
Latham, NY 12110-2455

**If this is a reaffirmation of a prior resolution, please check here.**

Resolution Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Local or Retiree Council Name**  
(See format and guidelines on reverse side)

***(over)***

I hereby certify that the above resolution was approved for submission to the 2006 NYSUT Representative Assembly by the:

\_\_\_\_\_ at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Executive Board, General Membership, etc.) (date)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(President)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NYSUT Local or Retiree Council #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local or Retiree Council Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
AFT #

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Each resolution submitted should be typewritten in the style shown below.  
If additional space is required, a separate sheet may be attached.  
*NOTE: Debate will be limited to the "Resolves."*  
Although the "Whereas" clauses are not debatable, they should support the "Resolves."

**Sample Format**

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ; and

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ; therefore be it

RESOLVED, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Guidelines for Drafting Resolutions**

**A. Out of Order Resolutions**

Resolutions are most often ruled out of order because they conflict with the NYSUT Constitution. As examples, resolutions that "require" NYSUT to expend funds or establish committees are out of order. Our Constitution delegates these powers to our Board of Directors and President, respectively.

Resolutions that "require" an organization other than NYSUT to take an action are, likewise, out of order.

However, these types of resolutions are in order if they are in the form of a "recommendation," not a "requirement."

**B. Locals or Retiree Councils Submitting the Same Resolutions**

Locals or retiree councils intending to submit the same resolutions should make sure that they use identical wording.

**C. Submission of Resolutions**

Only locals in good standing and retiree councils may submit resolutions. Chapters of locals such as retiree or SRP chapters are not eligible to submit resolutions independent of their local. Resolutions submitted by chapters of locals will not be accepted. Resolutions must be received at NYSUT Headquarters **on or before the close of business February 3, 2006.**





**Look for more 2006 RA material in  
the following mailings on or about:**

**March 24, 2006**

A convention bulletin will be sent to all reported delegates and alternates.  
It will include program updates.  
Delegates will also receive a "Committee Selection" form.

**April 19, 2006**

The "RA Reporter" convention preview will include program updates.  
Identification cards for delegates and alternates will be included.

**Visit the NYSUT Web site at [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org)  
for up-to-date information on  
the Representative Assembly  
and the pre-RA Local and Retiree Council  
Presidents' Conference.**

## Notes

# NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS TENTATIVE 2006 RA PROGRAM

## Wednesday, May 3

10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Pre-Convention Local Presidents' Conference and  
Retiree Council Presidents' Conference  
*Evening Special Event*

## Thursday, May 4

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Local Presidents' Conference and  
Retiree Council Presidents' Conference

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee Meeting

12:00 noon - 7:30 p.m. NYSUT Services & Benefits on Display

12:00 noon - 7:30 p.m. Political Action Center and the "Internet Zone"

12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m. Convention Registration

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. NYSUT Executive Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. NYSUT Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sergeants & Tellers Meeting

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Resolutions & Amendments Committees  
Chairpersons Meeting

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. New Delegate Orientation

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #1

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Caucus Meetings

Registration for Amendments  
and Resolutions Committees  
closes at 10 p.m. Thursday.

## Friday, May 5

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Benefits on Display

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Caucus Meetings

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Convention Registration

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Political Action Center and the "Internet Zone"

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Resolutions & Amendments Committees Meetings

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #2

12:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Political Action Center and the "Internet Zone"

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch Presentation — Latino Caucus

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #3  
*Evening Event*

## Saturday, May 6

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Retiree Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. "Internet Zone"

9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #4

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. "Meet the Editors Roundtable" & Journalism Awards  
Luncheon

2:30 p.m. - Adjournment GENERAL SESSION #5