MTA Retired Liaison Questions

1. *Do liaisons have to be members of MTA Retired?*
   Liaisons must be members of both MTA Retired and NEA Retired.
2. *How do I become a member?*
   Contact Jo Ann Fitzgerald for an application.
   She can be reached at 800.392.6175, Ext 8314 or at

   jfitzgerald@massteacher.org.
3. *I have never held an office in my local association. Am I still eligible to be a liaison?*
   Any retired member is eligible.
4. *Is there a minimum amount of time during the school year that I will have to volunteer as a liaison?*
   The amount of time you spend as a liaison will vary with each local association. This is something that you and the local association president will discuss.
5. *Can I communicate with members by e-mail?*
   Having a personal e-mail address is very desirable but not mandatory.
6. *Will I have the opportunity to receive training?*
   Yes. Voluntary training will be available at convenient locations for liaisons.
7. *Is there a stipend for liaisons?*
   There is no stipend from MTA for liaisons.
8. *I would like to work with active and retired members. Is this possible?*
   Liaisons will work with local association presidents to determine where they are most needed.
9. *Will there be someone available to answer questions about specific issues such as Social Security offsets, COLA, etc.?*
   Liaisons have access to local leaders and to the retired members service specialist for help.
10. *Is there a job description available for liaisons?*
    There is no one job description that would cover every liaison position. (See suggested activities.)

Suggested Activities for Liaisons

The following activities are only suggestions. Participation in your former local association will be determined by you and your local association president.

- ❑ Communicate with local association retirees
- ❑ Help plan events for new teachers
- ❑ Organize updated retiree list
- ❑ Provide members with updates from retired members service specialist
- ❑ Distribute materials to active and retired members
- ❑ Maintain local web site
- ❑ Coordinate meetings with retirees
- ❑ Assist president with e-mail list of active/retired local members
- ❑ Assist individual staff members
- ❑ Serve as a contact between local and retirees
- ❑ Take part in workshops
- ❑ Participate and plan political action events

Getting Started as a Liaison

- ❑ Contact your former local association president to discuss your interest in the Liaison Program
- ❑ Contact Jo Ann Fitzgerald, retired members service specialist, with your questions - 800.392.6175, Ext 8314, or *jfitzgerald@massteacher.org*
- ❑ Tear off and mail the form

WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

AFTER YOUR RETIREMENT…

YOU CAN STILL STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION

BECOME AN MTA/NEA RETIRED LIAISON!

MTA Massachusetts Teachers Association

MTA Retired Liaison Program

The MTA Retired Members Committee has established the Retired Liaison Program. MTA Retired members are a valuable resource. Their expertise, experience, willingness to volunteer and commitment to their active and retired colleagues can be a valuable asset to MTA local associations.

The goal of the Retired Liaison Program is to have a retired liaison in every local association. Review the information in this brochure to familiarize yourself with the program.

Inside the Massachusetts Teachers Association

MTA represents 107,000 members in nearly 400 local associations throughout Massachusetts, the vast majority of educators, administrators and education support professionals in public education, pre-kindergarten through higher education.

Stay involved: MTA Retired members are needed!

MTA Retired and NEA Retired members have the ability to keep abreast of educational, political and legislative issues and to be directly involved in the shaping of education.

As a retired member, you realize the importance of MTA's advocacy for you and your fellow retirees. Your concerns about COLAs, pension benefits, Social Security offsets and improving the standard of living for retirees are actively addressed by MTA and NEA.

MTA staff from throughout the organization provide service to active and retired members.

MTA Retired Members are part of the process

As a member of MTA Retired and NEA Retired, you participate in the governance of your union. You elect one retired member to the MTA Executive Committee and two retired members to the MTA Board of Directors – members with full voting rights.

The Retired Members Committee meets regularly to provide a forum for retired members to address and pursue issues of concern.

In addition, MTA provides financial support for MTA Retired delegates to the MTA Annual Meeting, the NEA annual Representative Assembly, the NEA Retired Annual Meeting, and the NEA Retired Regional Conference.

MTA Retired Members Committee

The MTA Retired Members Committee establishes opportunities for retired members to address and pursue issues of common concern. It creates avenues to safeguard and strengthen retirement benefits and makes recommendations to the association on such issues. The committee provides forums for information sharing, helps elect pro-education candidates to public office and lobbies for educational measures in support of public education.

For answers to questions, contact:

Jo Ann Fitzgerald, *retired members service specialist*

Phone: 800.392.6175, ext 8314
E-mail: *jfitzgerald@massteacher.org*

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MTA Retired Liaison Application Form

MTA Member ID# _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone ( ) _____

Cell Phone ( ) _____

E-mail _____

Prior Local Association _____

Local Association President _____

Local Association _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone ( ) _____

Cell Phone ( ) _____

E-mail _____

Liaison must be a member of MTA/NEA Retired.

Tear off this form and send to:

Jo Ann Fitzgerald
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