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## Chapter Bulletin

### Number 3

**TO:** All Chapters  
**FROM:** Katharine Conroy, NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
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#### *Committee Members:*

**Central Region:** Ruth Ridgway  
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**Northeast Region:** David Wickerham  
**Western Region:** Ellen Owens

**DATE:** March 31, 2017  
**RE:** *Nominations*

#### DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER SUBMISSIONS – MAY 31

This **Chapter Bulletin** is sent to all Chapters to initiate the procedure for nominations to the Board of Governors and for Association Officers for 2017-2018.

As you know, the Board of Governors voted in favor of making significant changes to its governing structure during the October 2016 meeting. As a result, the nomination process this year will be somewhat different as we transition to our newly resized Board.

### OFFICERS

As in past years, the Nominating Committee is requesting that each Chapter submit on Attachment #4 the names of up to two individuals for consideration by the committee in its deliberations for each of the Association Officers. **ONLY PRIMARY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED FOR OFFICER POSITIONS.**

The **PRIMARY** column provides space for each Chapter to enter its 1st choice recommendation for each of the officer positions listed. The **ALTERNATE** column is for Chapters to make known their recommendations of other individuals who might also be considered.

The resulting larger number of suggested officers can be of significant benefit to the committee as it makes its selections. Situations for which this revised procedure could be very helpful such as when a committee selection for nomination is unwilling or unable to serve. There would immediately be available a "pool" of other possible nominees for the committee to review. This is especially useful if vacancies occur during the interval between the issuance of the Chapter Bulletin listing the committee nominees and the fall meeting.

In addition to Chapters selecting their PRIMARY (1st choice) nomination recommendations for current Association needs, this procedure encourages Chapters to identify other people who are now or appear to have the potential to be qualified to fill these leadership positions either now or in the future. These names should be entered in the ALTERNATE column.

Each Chapter is asked to submit its recommendations on Attachment #4 form, completed as outlined above. At the corporate level we will need to fill the offices of President, eight regional Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Each nominee for one of the regional Vice President positions must be a member of the Board of Governors representing one of the Chapters in that region. Regional assignments of Chapters are listed in Attachment #1. Please be sure you are referring to the REVISED regional map, which as you know contains 8 regions instead of 4.

Those now serving as officers are listed on Attachment #2. \*\*\****Any incumbent may be re-nominated unless otherwise noted on Attachment #4.*** As of this date, none have been contacted by the Committee to ascertain willingness to serve another term.

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

As a result of recent changes, the NYSARC, Inc. Association By-Laws, Article III, Section I read as follows:

**Section 1.** The Association shall be governed by a Board of Governors consisting of a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum equivalent to the number of chartered Chapters as hereinafter provided. The Board shall include from each Chapter which is in good standing as defined by the Executive Committee one primary member plus one alternate member who shall vote in accordance with the following:

- a. No Chapter shall have a Board of Governor representative with a vote of fewer than one (1) nor more than ten (10). Votes shall be assigned to each Board of Governor representative in accordance with the following:
- b. For the first 300 active members in good standing of such Chapter, the Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Each Chapter shall be entitled to an additional vote for membership from 301 up to 1,000 active members in good standing and an additional vote for each additional membership of 1,000 or greater fraction thereof. No Chapter shall have fewer than one nor more than ten votes for its Board of Governor representative, as follows:

# of Chapter Members	# of Votes
0-300	1
301-1,000	2
1,001-1,501	3
1,502-2,501	4
2,502-3,501	5
3,502-4,501	6
4,502-5,501	7
5,502-6,501	8
6,502-7,501	9
7,502 and beyond	10

c. Each Chapter is entitled to one (1) primary and one (1) alternate Board of Governor representative. The alternate shall be elected in the same manner as the primary Board of Governor and is entitled to receive all official board communications. If the Chapter's primary Board of Governor representative cannot attend a board meeting, the alternate representative may appear in their place and (in that case) may partake in deliberations and voting. The alternate Board of Governor representative may attend any Board of Governor's meeting at the expense of their respective Chapter but may not participate in deliberations or voting if the Chapter's primary Board of Governor is present at the meeting.

As a result, each Chapter is asked to submit, on Attachment #5 form, its recommendation for a PRIMARY candidate for the Board of Governors well as an ALTERNATE candidate for the Board of Governors. Please note that the members of the Board of Governors who temporarily serve in primary and alternate positions during 2017 are eligible to be nominated as well.

The by-laws require that, for our first "new" election in October 2017, members of the Board of Governors will be divided into two classes by lot with one-half serving for an initial one year term and the other half for two year terms. Thereafter, all members of the Board of Governors will be elected to two year terms. Once nominations are received, the members of the Board of Governors will be split into classes.

**REMINDERS:**

1. Each person serving on the Board of Governors must be a member of the Board of Directors of each Chapter being represented at the time of the election.
2. A simple majority of the members of the Board of Governors must be parents or blood relatives of persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.
3. Appointees to the Board of Governors, either replacements or additions, serve only until the next annual meeting.

**EVERY CHAPTER SHOULD TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE MEETING THE DEADLINE OF MAY 31, 2017. THE ATTACHMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STATE OFFICE BY MAY 31, 2017, EITHER VIA MAIL OR FAX. NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

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Attachments

## ATTACHMENT #1

### \*NEW\* CHAPTER REGIONS

*Laura J. Kennedy, President, NYSARC, Inc.*

*\*One Regional Vice President will be elected from among the Chapters in each of our new regions. Chapters are currently grouped as follows:*

Region A	Region B	Region C	Region D	Region E	Region F	Region G	Region H
Allegany	Chenango	Herkimer	Broome-Chenango-Tioga	Clinton	Columbia	Community League D.C.	Benefvolent Society (Staten Island D.C.)
Cattaraugus	Monroe	Jefferson	Delaware	Essex	Fulton	Dutchess	Bronx D.C.
Chautauqua	Ontario	Oneida-Lewis	Madison-Cortland	Franklin-Hamilton	Montgomery	Orange	Nassau
Erie	Schuyler	Oswego	Onondaga	St. Lawrence	Saratoga	Putnam	New York City
Genesee-Orleans	Steuben	Rome D.C.	Otsego	Schenectady	Schenectady	Sullivan	Rockland
Livingston-Wyoming	Wayne			Schoharie	Ulster-Greene	Suffolk	
Niagara	Yates			Rensselaer			Welfare League D.C.
West Seneca D.C.	Seneca-Cayuga			Warren-Washington-on-Albany			Westchester

## **ATTACHMENT #2**

### **CURRENT (2016-2017) OFFICERS OF NYSARC, INC.**

**PRESIDENT:**

**Laura J. Kennedy**  
(New York City)

**REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:**

**Central Region**

**Dr. John Kowalczyk**  
(Oneida-Lewis)

**Northeast Region**

**Robert DeSio**  
(Saratoga)

**Southeast Region**

**Saundra M. Gumerove, Esq.**  
(Nassau)

**Western Region**

**Arthur Stilwell**  
(Steuben)

**TREASURER:**

**Lori Martindale**  
(Warren-Washington-Albany)

**ASSISTANT TREASURER:**

**Vacant**

**SECRETARY:**

**Shelley Winters**  
(Essex)



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**ATTACHMENT #3 - CHAPTER BULLETIN #3 - MARCH 31, 2017**

**TEMPORARY BOARD OF GOVERNOR DESIGNATIONS**

CHAPTER	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Allegany	Thomas Talbett	Debrah Thompson
Bronx DC	Ida Rios	Laura Kearins
Broome-Chenango-Tioga	David Sebastianelli	Nicki French
Chautauqua	Todd Jacobson	Marlene Sirianno
Clinton	Jill Abdallah	Cynthia Lacki
Columbia	Mary Anne Van Denburgh	Dorothy Wheeler
Community League (Wassaic DC)	Rose Mary Cella	Donald Geer
Delaware	James Warren	Nat Thomas
Erie	Peter J. Martin, Esq.	Ellen Shanahan Becker, Esq.
Essex	Shelley Winters	Wendy Beeman
Franklin-Hamilton	Robert Kleppang	Polly Sullivan
Herkimer	Stephanie Dyer	Ronald George
Jefferson	Joanne Rhode	David Liscomb
Livingston-Wyoming	Cheryl Englert	Marcy VanZandt
Madison-Cortland	Joseph Zifchock	Randy J. Schaal
Monroe	David Irish	Mary Beth Irish
Niagara	Marie-Therese Frieri	Donald Smith
Ontario	Deborah Wilbur	Mari O'Horo
Orange	Joanne Grant	Maureen Dart
Oswego	Richard Rima	Mary Ann Barbarino
Otsego	Walter Hogan	Geoffrey Doyle

CHAPTER	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Rensselaer	Diane Dearborn	Mary Muller
St. Lawrence	Patricia Campanella	Anne Townsend
Schoharie	John De Santo	Nancy Cooke
Schuyler	Harold Hoffmeier, Jr.	Marcia Kasprzyk
Seneca-Cayuga	Mary Pat Harris	Rose Palmieri
Suffolk	Joseph Del Broccolo	Kenneth Walker
Sullivan	Steven Drobysk	Susan K. Miller
Ulster-Greene	Robert J. Boening	Sheree Cross
Wayne	Carol Kenyon	Sharon Boyd
Yates	Greg Booth	Jim Blackburn

#### **CURRENT BOARD OF GOVERNOR TERM EXPIRATIONS**

CHAPTER	TERMS EXPIRE 2017 (Chapter Action Required)	TERMS EXPIRE 2018
Benevolent Society (Staten Island D.C.)	Al Turk	Jerome Isaacs
Cattaraugus		Thomas Delaney
Chemung	Lucimar Escudero	Cheryl Guild Susan Post Vacancy
Dutchess	Mark Metzger, Esq.	Lorraine Costello
Fulton	Judy Schelle Rinaldo Esposito Dave Miller	Jean Schultz
Genesee-Orleans	Debrah Fischer Marlene Hill	Candie Pocock
Montgomery	Michael Cinquanti	Sally Romano
Nassau	Paul Giordano Hallie Greene	Rady Bruell Saundra M. Gumerov Howard Jurist Harriet Traversa

CHAPTER	TERMS EXPIRE 2017 (Chapter Action Required)	TERMS EXPIRE 2018
New York City	Angelo Aponte Dr. Melvin Gertner	Anne Gordon Edward J. Leahy Nancy Petrino Sharyn Van Reepinghen
Oneida-Lewis	Deborah McGrath	Joanna Greco Dr. John Kowalczyk Zaida Morell Ruth Ridgway
Onondaga	Joyce Carmen Gordon Eyer	James Cannon
Putnam	Susan Lucas Heather Strickland	Denise Peterson
Rockland	Sonia Crannage, Esq. Edward Raush Karen Feinstein	Gisela Schmidt Richard Sirota Audrey Tarantino
Rome D.C.		Vacancy
Saratoga	David Wickerham Roy McDonald	Robert Barnett Robert DeSio Dr. Lawrence Fein
Schenectady	Angelo DeFelippo, III	Barbara Kania
Steuben	Mischelle Shattuck Arthur Stilwell	Paul Greenfield
Warren-Washington-Albany	Anne Marie Lockhart Dr. Severin Carlson Vacancy	Nicolas Lanza Dan Martindale Lori Martindale
Welfare League (Letchworth Village D.C.)	Dian Cifuni Neiva Turek	
Westchester	Joseph Cassarini Katharine Conroy Bernie Krooks Vacancy	Sheryl Frishman Rosa Rodriguez
West Seneca D.C.		Ellen Owens Colleen Wilde

***Laura J. Kennedy***  
***President***

***John A. Schuppenhauer, Esq.***  
***Immediate Past President***

## **ATTACHMENT #4**

### **ASSOCIATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Chapter recommends the following for nominations as 2017-2018 Officers of NYSARC, Inc.**

	<b>PRIMARY</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>		
<b>*REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT</b>		
<b>SECRETARY</b>		
<b>TREASURER**</b>		
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>		

**\* Nominate a Vice President for your Region only. Please refer to the \*new\* regional map.**  
**\*\* Lori Martindale is not eligible for re-nomination as treasurer as she has reached her term limit for that position only.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter President or Secretary (circle one)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY *May 31, 2017* to:**

**Katharine Wilson Conroy, Esq.  
Chairperson  
Nominating Committee, NYSARC, Inc.  
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## **ATTACHMENT #5**

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

nominates the following for election as representative(s) to the Board of Governors, NYSARC, Inc. According to the Association By-laws, as a result of recent changes, members of the Board of Governors elected in October 2017 will be divided into two classes. Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the PRIMARY members of the Board of Governors will be elected to initial one-year terms while the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  will be elected to two-year terms. Similarly, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the ALTERNATE members of the Board of Governors will be elected to an initial one-year terms while the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  will be elected to two-year terms.

#### **PRIMARY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Name: _____	Parent or <b>*Blood Relative</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: _____	
Phone #: (        ) _____ - _____	

#### **ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Name: _____	Parent or <b>*Blood Relative</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: _____	
Phone #: (        ) _____ - _____	

**\*BLOOD RELATIVE** is defined as (a) the degree of consanguinity set forth in the New York Estates Powers and Trust Law for the purpose of intestacy to wit: no more distant than a common grandparent; or, (b) the legally appointed guardian of a person who is mentally retarded. **NOTE:** No person can serve on the Board of Governors unless he or she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chapter being represented at the time of election.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter President or Secretary (circle one)

Please return by **May 31, 2017** to: Katharine Conroy, Chairperson, Nominating Committee, NYSARC, Inc., 29 British American Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Latham, New York 12110; Fax: (518) 439-1893.