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Articles of Dissolution

DOMESTIC Non-Profit Corporation

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Pursuant to the provisions of RIGL 7-6-54, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Dissolution for the purpose of dissolving the corporation:

1. Entity ID Number: 000114164	2. The name of the corporation is: RHODE ISLAND RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
3. A resolution to dissolve the corporation was adopted in the following manner: CHECK ONE BOX ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> The resolution to dissolve the corporation was adopted at a meeting of members held on _____, at which meeting a quorum was present, and the resolution received at least a majority of the votes which members present or represented by proxy at such meeting were entitled to cast. Ballots 6-15-2020. Tally July 20202	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The resolution to dissolve the corporation was adopted by a consent in writing on _____, signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The resolution to dissolve the corporation was adopted at a meeting of the board of directors held on _____, and received the vote of a majority of the directors in office, there being no members entitled to vote with respect thereto.	
4. Has the corporation adopted a plan of distribution? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes please attach the plan and check the box to indicate the attachment. <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. All debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision has been made therefore. All of the remaining property and assets of the corporation have been transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the provisions of <u>RIGL 7-6</u> . There are no suits pending against the corporation in any court in respect of which adequate provision has not been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order or decree, which may be entered against it.	
<i>Under penalty of perjury, we declare and affirm that we have examined these Articles of Dissolution, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.</i>	
* TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED*	
Type or Print the Name of President <input type="checkbox"/> or Vice President <input type="checkbox"/>	Date
SARAH A CONNORS	July 29, 2024
Signature of President or Vice President	
<i>Sarah A Connors</i>	
Type or Print the Name of the Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> or Assistant Secretary <input type="checkbox"/>	Date
Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary	

MAIL TO:
 Division of Business Services
 148 W. River Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615
 Phone: (401) 222-3040
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If you have any questions, please call us at (401) 222-3040, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or email corporations@sos.ri.gov.

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Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-6826
July 22, 2024

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Megan Labbe
Customer Service Coordinator
RI Department of State | Secretary of State Gregg M Amore
146 W River Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615

Dear Megan,

I am attempting to comply with your mailing and our telephone call in order to finally bring closure to the former RIRTA association.

Entity # NO 000114164
 Secretarial Certificate — Justification of dissolution

The Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association was formed back in May 1954. The members celebrated its 60th year in 2014 and continued until June of 2020.

With Ballots sent to all members regarding the dissolution of the group, the final recording of the vote took place with all ballots received by June 15, 2020. Fifty-seven percent of the ballots were returned. Ninety-six percent approved and four percent disagreed with the choice. As noted in the attached memo and ballot, this method was mandated by the Covid restrictions. The activities of the group concluded in the spring of 2021 when the commitment to award several Scholarships was finalized. In addition to the scholarships, assistance was provided to those members who were enrolled in Health Care programs through RIPERC (Rhode Island Public Employee Retired Council) as RIRTA membership was a requirement. There were no dues collected or meetings from June 2020 going forward.

I no longer have contact with any of the other Officers / Directors or members.

I have included the message that went along with the ballot. I have also included the last written communication with the members, July/August 2020.

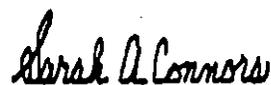
In addition, I am returning the original forms and checks as you requested.

This should officially close the books on RIRTA, a terrific organization in its day. The culture has changed and the members aged out.

Please send confirmation that the Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association has been officially dissolved and removed from the records.

Thank you, Sally

Sincerely,



Sarah A. Connors aka Sally

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Dear RIRTA Member,

It is with sincere regret that we must contact you about the dissolution of our beloved Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association. The Association has tried without success, to find new Leaders, Committee Chairs and Committee members. Without them, RIRTA cannot continue.

As a result, at the Executive Committee/Executive Board Meeting held on April 15, 2020, and after a lengthy and heartfelt discussion, with a large majority passed the motion to dissolve RIRTA at the close of this 2019-2020 fiscal year on June 30, 2020.

According to our bylaws, the final discussion and vote would have occurred at the Annual General Membership Meeting. As noted in the Newsletter, that meeting would have been held on June 2, 2020 at the Cranston Country Club. Instead of the justification and vote being made by a majority of those present and voting at this meeting, it will now be conducted by a mail ballot because of the Covid Outbreak.

As a point of information, those members who enrolled in any of the RIRTA/RIPERC health benefits, their coverage will continue through December 31, 2020. This means those people will have to enroll in a new plan during the Open Enrollment period between October 15, 2020 and December 7, 2020 for 2021.

Your support and involvement over the years has been appreciated and thank you for being a part of RIRTA and the role it played in the lives of fellow educators and retired educators.

Sincerely,
Lois Carlson, President;
Ruth Bennett, Treasurer
The Executive Committee and Executive Board

Please return the ballot, post marked no later than June 15, 2020. A return envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

CONSENT TO DISSOLVE

Since no one responded to the survey sent out in the fall newsletter and there is no one who felt that they could or would assume the leadership of the association, then as a member in good standing of the Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association (RIRTA), I agree with the action of the RIRTA Executive Committee/Executive Board, that RIRTA should be dissolved at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020.

Please sign this ballot and return it in the enclosed envelope, post marked by June 15, 2020.

Print Name _____

Member's signature and Date _____ / _____

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Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association

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RIRTA Newsletter

July / August 2020

PRESIDENT
Lois Carlson

MEMBERSHIP
Sally Connors



I want to wish each of you and your families the best of health and hope you all are dealing well with the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic and following the rules. It certainly has affected all of us in many ways and will probably change our lives.

RIRTA
Post Office Box 7631
Warwick, RI 02887-7631

Update on Dissolution Process

In the short time that I have been President, I have tried my best with all of your help. I want to especially thank Sally, Rae and the rest of the hard working Board Members for their years of service.

In order to provide all members of the Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association the opportunity to vote, the ballots were counted the first week in July. 57 percent of the members returned their ballots. (Statistically, a survey response rate of 50% or higher should be considered excellent.) 96 percent approved the dissolution of the RIRTA, whereas 4 percent did not approve. All comments will be shared with the Executive Board members at the next meeting. A most sincere Thank You to all members who returned the form. Thank you, also, to those of you who added notes of appreciation and recognition for the hard work completed over the years.

I would also like to thank the members of RIRTA for their involvement. In addition, I would like to thank all of the members who still may be involved in education in some capacity at the local unit level or in their community.

Finally, I extend my sincere Good Wishes to all the teachers and educators who have the monumental task and have been working so hard to try to safely get the children back in the classroom.

God bless you all and please stay well. All my best wishes, and above all remember as Beverly Conklin once wrote ~

Although the association will not function as in the past, the Corporation will continue to function in order to carry out the necessary steps for full closure. The main step to be completed will be to follow the Constitution and Bylaws which states:

A teacher is a very special person who uses his or her creativity and loving, inquiring mind to develop the rare talent of encouraging others to think, to dream, to learn, to try, to do!
Beverly Conklin

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

In the event said corporation is dissolved, its assets shall be used to pay all financial obligations and the balance distributed as scholarships.

More than likely this process will take through the Spring of 2021.



**A Most Heartfelt Thank You
to the RIRTA Members**

Sally Connors

As one might well imagine the role of membership chair is extremely detailed, tedious and time consuming especially during the years when there were over eleven hundred members. There were very few members I knew other than those who served on the Executive Board.

So there would be a bright spot when some one shared the story behind a clever email address, an upcoming wedding or impending move across the state or the country. It was especially encouraging when a smiley face, colorful sticker or the newest postage stamp was used. One member always paid her dues early because she would be on vacation when renewals were due, and another member who always paid with a money order. Many members wrote encouraging messages or drew doodles which were always greatly appreciated. These are only a few of the highlights that brought a memory to mind and made the task at hand more tolerable. I thank you for each and everyone. I wish I could have thanked you all individually.

The sad part of my job was when I would have to record the passing of one of the loyal members. These members were remembered and honored at General Membership meetings. For all who have passed for whom I was not aware, I extend my thoughts and prayers for you now.

After doing this job for so many years, I would know members by their address or their bright spots with their various mailings. Therefore, it was always a pleasure to meet members at the General Membership Luncheon Meetings or Forums.

Leo Rosten (1908-1997) a Writer and Teacher wrote:
"I cannot believe that the purpose of life is to be happy. I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you ever lived at all."

I think that is a perfect definition of a Teacher.

**SCHOLARSHIP
Pam Wamester – Sally Connors**

The Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association presented the 2020 RIRTA Scholarship in the amount of One Thousand dollars. Ayanna Rowe sent a lovely Thank you note and indicated that she will be attending Boston College and studying Public Policy. Very Best Wishes, Ayanna.

**RIPERC Representatives
Norman Laliberte and Sally Connors**

The Rhode Island Public Employees Retirement Coalition does not meet during the July and August. However, It is currently working with the Alliance for Retired Americans to promote and support the repeal of the GPOWEP HR 141. See continuation.

RIRTA LOCAL UNITS

Blackstone Valley Retired Teachers
Stephen McMahon, President – [REDACTED]

East Bay Retired Teachers
Lois Carlson – [REDACTED]

The East Bay presented two \$750. scholarships. One went to Justin Pacheco from Mount Hope High School and one to Eric Robinson from East Providence High School. Congratulations to each as they continue their education.

Greater Providence Retired Teachers
Norman Laliberte, President – [REDACTED]

The Scholarship for GPRTA is scheduled to be presented this year to a graduate from the Cranston School Department.

Newport County
Arlene Hicks – [REDACTED]

NCRTA awarded two \$1000. scholarships virtually. Both recipients were Rogers High School graduates. Their names are Shea Milburn, who will be attending the University of Hartford, and Lera-Maeve Newsome, who will be attending Elon University. Good Luck Shea and Lera-Maeve! This year, over 30 students applied from the four high schools, Rogers, Middletown, Portsmouth, and Tiverton.

RIRTA / RIPERC Benefits

In the last RIRTA mailing reference was made for those who have taken advantage of the RIRTA / RIPERC health benefits. RIRTA has authorized that these benefits will remain in place for you through December 31, 2020. However, in order to have appropriate health coverage going forward, you will need to make adjustments during the Open Enrollment period between October 15, 2020 through December 7, 2020.

In order to do this you will need to make some choices.

If you wish to continue the policy you currently have, it will become necessary to renew or join one of the RIPERC Affiliates. Namely RIAFT/R, NEARI-R, or the RIARP. Renewals and New Memberships are currently on going. Information is included for the members currently enrolled in a benefit and verified by Blue Cross, Delta Dental, and VSP Vision Care. You would need to 1) renew your membership, 2) join an affiliate now, in order to be on file at open enrollment or 3) choose a another plan.

You may also choose to research your own new health plan. I am aware of a few members who are finding a new offering better for them. You might also as well. One source to obtain information and comparisons for multiple plan options would be to set up a meeting with Bob Dumais of Legacy Benefits Advisors - LBA. RDumais@LBAri.com.

I will need to know what action you will be taking in order have the new benefit application forms sent just prior to the Open Enrollment period. These forms will be emailed. (four members without emial will receive application in regular mail.) I have included the form and an addressed envelope for this transaction for your convenience. This mailing would need to be **RECEIVED** by me by Wednesday, September 30, 2020. For your protection, the sooner the better. Remember that mail delivery is now slower.

RIAFT/R: Membership Coordinator –
Jan Santos. [REDACTED]
RIAFT/R, PO Box 147, Saunderstown, RI 02874.

NEARI/R: Membership - Rhonda Muncey
[REDACTED]
NEARI Retired. 99 Bald Hill Road. Cranston, RI 02920

RIARP: Membership: David Silva [REDACTED]
RIARP, 74 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865
President: Rose Marie Cipriano, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RIPERC Continued

The ARA GPO/WEP Repeal Committee has been working for several weeks, beginning with John Pernorio's petition which now has over 60,000 signatures, to actively campaign for the repeal of a statute that adversely affects tens of thousands of public retirees and their spouses nationally. Information on HR 141 is attached.

There will be a series of communications and "asks" from the Committee leading up to a national call in day on August 14th, the anniversary of Social Security. Also in the attachment is a link to the petition for those who haven't yet signed. Please join in this effort. While the US Senate version of this bill, supported by our Senate delegation, will not go anywhere under current Senate leader Mitch McConnell, passage in the House this session will set us up for passage of a repeal in the next congressional session. Ask your Congressman to do everything in their power to get this to the House floor for a vote this session.

Attached please find the Coalition to Repeal the GPO/WEP July Action Alert for Rhode Island.

Please contact

Congressman Jim Langevin,
RI Office Phone (401) 732-9400,
DCOffice (202) 225-2735
or

Congressman David Cicilline,
RI Office, Phone (401) 729-5600,
DC Office Phone. (202) 225-4911

and thank them for their support in the past
and for their support to continue in the future.

The Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association was established on May 26, 1954. It is with the guidance of Ethel Percy Andrus of the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), which Dr. Andrus had established in 1947 to promote her philosophy of productive aging, and in response to the need of retired teachers for health insurance. Ethel then founded AARP in 1958. AARP / NRTA Educator Community is the Umbrella Organization group of RIRTA.

Here are some highlights of actions spearheaded by RIRTA. In the 1950's school nurses were allowed to join the retired Teachers group, retirees were allowed to Sub for 50 days without penalty to their pension and retirees could acquire Group rates for health benefits. In 1957 The Pawtucket teachers went on strike for higher wages. Please note it resulted in the creation of one of the FIRST contracts in the United States. Although during the Governorship of John O Pastore, teachers were given tenure, most districts retained the right to dismiss married women teachers. It took until 1965 for the last school district, Pawtucket, to grant teacher tenure regardless of marital status. In 1969 a 3% COLA was granted after 2 1/2 years of retirement. In the early 1970 RIRTA members from the state organization formed local units. RIRTA was the Umbrella group of these local groups. The units would be represented on the RIRTA Board. RIRTA fought to have a retired teacher on the Retirement board. When the legislation passed it only stated a retired person would serve, not a retired teacher — now there are two teacher representatives. RIRTA began holding a reception for the legislators at the State House, which provided time to discuss various issues coming before the retirees and to keep RIRTA in the legislative eye as a viable organization. In 2005, RIRTA president Norm Chapman initiated the first combined meeting of RIRTA, RIAFT/R, NEARI/R, RIARP, and AFSCME/R and this group was named RIPERC. Anna Prior was instrumental in forming RI Citizens Commission for the Care and Safety of the Elderly, and she worked at the State House advocating for the elderly. Anna was awarded the Andrus Award in 2003, the highest award given by AARP/NRTA for her outstanding volunteer work. Since then other RIRTA members Rita Wood, Ann Gardella and Edward Drew have received this prestigious award and Carlo Gamba and Sally Connors are the recent recipients of the Annual AARP - NRTA Educator Award.

VOLUNTEERS...

Characteristics ~

Very Important people

Outstanding team players

Love to be helpful

Understand the situation at hand

Needed for wisdom and advice

Talented having a natural aptitude

Enthusiastic stewards of the association

Encourage participation

Ready at a moment's notice

Special people

Deserve enormous Thank You ~

Thanks for being

so caring,

so loving,

so helpful,

so thoughtful,

so selfless

Thanks for volunteering —

Your actions are priceless.

The RIRTA Volunteers ~

EXECUTIVE Board

Officers

President Lois Carlson

Vice President Stephen McMahon

Recording Secretary Rae Holland-Long

Treasurer and Finance Committee Ruth Bennett

Sally Connors

Executive Director Ann Gardella

Parliamentarian Sally Connors

Committee Chairs * denotes assistant

Legislative Chair Diane Bucci

*Ann Gardella

Membership Chair Sally Connors

Newsletter Editor Sally Connors

Program Chair Frank DeISanto

*Sally Connors

Public Relations David Meikle

Scholarship Chair Pam Wamester

*Sally Connors

RIPERC Representative Norman Laliberte

RIPERC Representative Sally Connors

Local Unit Presidents

Blackstone Valley Stephen McMahon

East Bay Lois Carlson

GPRTA Norman Laliberte

Newport County Arlene Hicks

There were several committee position that were not filled, Community Service, Constitution, Historian, Legal Affairs, Nominations, Sunshine, with work being done by others on an as needed basis.

In order for the transfer of your RIRTA / RIPERC health benefit to be complete it will be necessary to provide the following information.

Name _____
Mailing - Street _____
City and State _____
Zip Code _____
Email address _____
Telephone number only if no email _____

I am ___renewing or ___becoming a member of (___RIAFT/ R) (___ NEARI/ R) (___RIARP)
therefore, I am remaining with my current health care plan which is (___DD) (___ BC) (___VSP)
OR

I am transferring current Blue Cross coverage to _____
I am transferring current Delta Dental coverage to _____
I am transferring current VSP Vison Care coverage to _____