

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September's membership statistics show a similar pattern as the rest of the years--- total membership was 1817 of which 130 members are over 90 with 11 100 and over. Only one new member joined. 16 members were lost to death. Our Zone is not alone in this decline of membership; it is a state wide problem.

A State membership committee meeting was held at the NYSRTA Convention at Turning Stone. It was decided to ask Albany to send only 2 mailings to members—the renewal notice and a 1 year delinquent notice. The feeling was those receiving the mailings should respond with just two. The expense of the mailings is not equal to the return. I also learned that Albany does not send any mailings to the newly retired teachers of the zone; this is the responsibility of the zone. Many of us in the zone were under the impression that Albany did. I would ask the zone for monies to mail out letters and membership applications to the 2018 retirees. My feeling for this is that many of the units do not have adequate finances to do this undertaking. I would do the mailing this year as I have the names and addresses of the new retirees. I would like to thank the unit membership chairs for getting the names of the new retirees.

I have requested the names of the 90 and 100 year old by county; need to check on their membership and wellbeing. I will be requesting the unit membership chairs to assist with this project.

Again I say membership is up to each of us ---just getting one new member each would more a big difference in our membership.

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