

Correction

During processing the last newsletter, a voter location was inadvertently excluded. For this year's chapter elections and vote on the revisions to the MSCA/Salem Chapter Constitution & Bylaws there will be two voting locations, SB-205B and the 1st floor lobby of the Harrington Building. The date, Wednesday, April 10th, and time 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. remain unchanged. We apologize for the error.

Membership Dues Increase

At the February Executive Committee meeting a motion passed to recommend an increase in the local dues by \$20 per year. This increase will be for full-time unit members only. This is the first time in at least twelve years that a local dues increase has been proposed. If approved, this increase will be effective July 1, 2002. This will help offset increasing costs in a time of decreasing membership due to retirements.

At the year-end Chapter Meeting, members will have an opportunity to vote on the increase when the budget is presented for approval.

Early Retirement Incentive Program

At the State level an agreement was reached asking unit members who have elected to take the early retirement incentive program to notify the College President of their intentions. The Presidents will not treat this as a binding commitment to resign. This notice can be revoked in accordance with the policies of the State Retirement Board. In exchange for the above, the Presidents have agreed to waive the ninety (90) day notice for payment of accumulated sick leave. Also, the payback requirement for those returning from sabbatical leave is also waived. This notice should be given to the President's office by April 1st.

Appointments

The Salem Chapter has received nominations for various committees, all at or below the number requested. I have asked the Chapter Secretary, Tom Luddy, to cast a single vote for the following:

General Studies Committee – Dirk Hillyer (MUS)

Capital Campaign Committee – Linda Coleman (MKT), Richard Elia (ENG), and David George (THE & SPC).

Student Complaint Committee – Carol Cirone (NUR)

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the MSCA

At the March 8, 2002 meeting, the MSCA Board of Directors voted to endorse a change to the MSCA Constitution. I have attached the amendment. This change will be voted on at the MSCA Delegate Assembly.

Chapter Meeting

The year-end Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at 1:00 p.m., Veteran's Hall, Ellison Center. The new officers and Executive Committee members will take office at this meeting. The 2002 - 2003 MSCA/Salem Chapter budget will be presented for approval. Lunch will be served. Please come and join your colleagues for an end of academic year gathering.

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be an Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m., Essex County Room, Ellison Center.

The 2002-2004 Executive Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m., Veteran's Hall, Ellison Center.