

Presidents Message March 2, 2023

Hope all is well with you and your family. During the last couple of months, we have all been fighting to keep our health benefits from being changed. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our efforts with the City Council to stop the change to the Administrative Code. When the Speaker of the Council spoke at the hearing, she mentioned that she received over 100,000 emails from retirees requesting that the City Council not change the code. Through the summer and fall we have been working on forming a Legislative Information Network with many other organizations. The network is up and running and continues to grow. The LIN was utilized for the City Council effort, and we thank those organizations for their participation in stopping the change being sought by the MLC. I should also mention the work being done by the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees on our health protection and the great job they have been doing. The effort by the City and the MLC is not over and since we are into the legislative session, we are moving forward with health protection legislation. As we all know, the attempt by the City and the MLC would affect all civil service retirees. There are two health protection bills that are numbered for this session. One bill, sponsored by Senator Lanza (S4191), and Assemblyman Weprin (A4989) would protect all retirees in the state. We are putting our efforts into moving this bill forward, and working with the Alliance to get this bill a dedicated effective date. Once the actions are planned I will reach out to you through your club president. Expect that soon.

Regards to All

Mike Fahy