

## President's Message

*Greetings,*

*Happy New Year! It has been a while since we had time together. I hope you have been enjoying your retirement. We have missed many of you at the luncheons, but I hope that will change because you are ready to get out. We've been trying some new ideas that we hope you like. Come see.*

*Some members are doing double duty on the Executive Board and MRSPA, as well as state committees. Our Committees need new members and chairpersons. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to join a committee. I will forward the information. We can use your support and talents. We are losing members by attrition faster than we are gaining members. Reach out and get a member. Any person retired from the Baltimore City Public School System can join. Tap your local retirees, let us know when someone retires and spread the word about the organization. Join us on Thursday, May 11, 2023 for our Annual Spring Luncheon at the Forum Caterers.*

*You still have time to submit names for the ABCPSR scholarships. Information can be found on our website, [www.ABCPSR.org](http://www.ABCPSR.org). Also, check out our Facebook Page as the "Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees".*

*Be safe. Hope to see you soon,*

**Patrycia E. Pickett**



ABCPSR Fall Luncheon - The Forum Caterers  
October 4, 2022



ASSOCIATION of BALTIMORE CITY

PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES, Inc.



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## Annual Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 11, 2023

THE FORUM CATERERS  
4210 PRIMROSE AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

11:00 REGISTRATION

11:30 PROGRAM

12:00 NOON LUNCH

**MENU.** Appetizer: Spinach Salad with Egg & Red Onion; Entree': Fried OR Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken Breast, with Creamy Whipped Potatoes, and Seasonal Vegetable Medley; Dessert; Yellow Cake w/Vanilla Icing; Fresh baked Rolls and Butter; Hot and Cold Beverages.

**COST:** \$40 pp. (\$35 pp for New Members and Choir Members.)

**CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR. DEADLINE: APRIL 29, 2023.** Send check(s) with Reservation Form to: Dorothy Glasco-Jones, 202 Oak Leaf Way, Baltimore, MD 21227, Phone: (410)536-5715.

**NOTE: TO BE SEATED TOGETHER, CHECKS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER.**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) Indicate choice of chicken beside name: (G) Glazed OR (F) for Fried.

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ABCPSR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2022-23

## AJA ROBERTS



Hi my name is Aja Roberts. I am a graduate of Western High School. I am very excited about moving to the next level of my education. I will be attending Coppin State University majoring in Elementary Education. I have always wanted to be a teacher. My interest is in elementary education because this is where children get their foundation. I think I would like to start working with students in 4th grade. I am very thankful for the Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees (ABCPSR) Scholarship. This will help my family tremendously. Thank you!

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

## Friendship Committee



The ABCPSR Friendship committee sent a Hannakah card to Clifford Rosenberg, and a Get Well card to Anna Boston. Cecelia Press was sent a Thinking of You card. Sympathy cards were sent to Dr. James Scofield for the loss of his wife, Dr. Jacqueline Waters Scofield; Joyce Bowyer for the loss of her great nephew; and to the family of Christine Paylor.

If you have information to share concerning someone in the ABCPSR family, please contact Mary Gaskins, Chair, Friendship Committee at (410)466-4939.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



**HEY! HEY! HEY!**

**CALLING ALL ABCPSR MEMBERS. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

**OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS SHRUNK FROM OVER ONE THOUSAND TO SIX HUNDRED AND SHRINKING.**

**BRING A FRIEND WHO JOINS MRSPA AND ABCPSR TO OUR SPRING LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023, AT THE FORUM CATERERS.**

### **WIN A PRIZE**

**For more information contact Janet Williams, Membership Chair, at [Janet1984aka@gmail.com](mailto:Janet1984aka@gmail.com).**

## **COMMUNITY INTEREST**

### **Lexington Market**



***Ring, ring! Hear that? LexingtonMarket Is Open Again!***

The World Famous Lexington Market began operations in 1782. Their 200+ year lineage has been the market home to thousands of small businesses. The merchants are the heart and soul of Lexington Market with a diverse mix of local food and community rooted small businesses and/or service vendors. Lexington Market “has something for everyone,” and is now even better. Lexington Market is part of the Baltimore Public Markets system. To learn more, go to: [lexingtonmarket.com](http://lexingtonmarket.com)

Market Information: Monday - Friday 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Location: 112 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

**Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc.**

## Bylaws Committee Proposed 2023 Changes

2022 – Proposed Amendment # 1

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIII- Committees

Sub-Section:

Sub-Section: Page/s #: 12

Section 4

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
...Tours ....	...Trips and Activities .....  Add-...Awards, Recognition and Archives....	Current Title  Current Committees

2022 – Proposed Amendment #2

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIII –Committees

Sub-Section: 1 line 3

Page/s #:12

Section: 4

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
..Membership Committee....	...Executive Board.....	Proper group to receive information

2022 – Proposed Amendment # 3

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIII- Committees

Sub-Section: 3

Page/s #: 12

Section: 4

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
...Tours ....	...Trips and Activities ....	Correct Title

# Bylaws Committee Proposed 2023 Changes

2022 – Proposed Amendment **#4**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIII –Committees

Sub-Section: 5

Page/s #:13

Section: 4

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Deletion

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
...recruitment....	Strike	Not a committee

2022 – Proposed Amendment **# 5**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIV - Parliamentary Procedure

Sub-Section:

Page/s #: 13

Section: 1

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
...60 members eligible to vote....	...Number of members present....	To allow for transaction of business

2022 – Proposed Amendment **#6**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIV - Parliamentary Procedure

Sub-Section: line

Page/s #:13

Section: 2

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
...a majority of the members....	...number of members present....	To be able to conduct business

# Bylaws Committee Proposed 2023 Changes

2022 – Proposed Amendment # 7

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XIV - Parliamentary Procedure

Sub-Section:

Page/s #: 13

Section: 3

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
...latest version	...Newly Revised....	Current language on the book

2022 – Proposed Amendment #8

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Article: XVI - Proxy Voting

Sub-Section:

Page/s #:14

Section: 1

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Deletion

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
Proxy Voting	Delete	Not used

\*\*\*\*Renumber and grammatical corrections where indicated

Bylaws Committee: Catherine Moore –DeFord, Chairperson, Dorothy Glasco -Jones, Flora Gilchrist Johnson, Patrycia Pickett, Janet Williams





## MRSPA Recruitment Incentives 2023

Special Dues Reduction from March 1 to June 5, 2023 – Recruitment Incentive: A special reduced state dues incentive will take effect on March 1 and run through June 5, 2023, for new members and former members who rejoin for 2022-2023. Beginning on March 1, MRSPA dues will be reduced to \$10, with anyone who signs up for dues deduction getting the \$10 off incentive, so paying no state dues for the remainder of the 2022 – 2023 membership year. New and former members who pay by credit card or check will pay the \$10 MRSPA dues. Local dues will be collected regardless of payment type. Checks are payable to MRSPA for state and local dues. Members who join during this time period will be billed for membership for 2023-2024 in June, like every other dues paying member.

### Dues Deduction:

MRSPA is able to deduct New or Switch and Save member dues any month. Dues are deducted only once ANNUALLY, per membership year.

### Switch and Save Invitation

MRSPA will extend an invitation to cash members to switch to dues deduction for 2023-2024. If they make the change, they are eligible for a one-time \$10 reduction in state dues. They would pay \$35 for state dues for 2023-2024, plus their local dues amount. Members need to complete and return the Dues Deduction Authorization Form, which is available on the MRSPA website under Switch and Save (<https://www.mrspa.org/switch-and-save>).

### Gift Card Incentive:

The \$10 Gift Card incentive continues! Any member who recruits a **NEW** member via **DUES DEDUCTION** will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card. Please ensure that the member recruiter writes their name on the new member application form before it is returned to the MRSPA Office.

MRSPA, 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton, MD 21113 (410)551-1517

**MRSPA Membership Application (Please Print)  
New Members Only!**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street or PO Box) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Retired from (school system) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position at retirement:  Teacher/Other Certified  Support Staff  
 Administrator/ Supervisor  Other \_\_\_\_\_

MRSPA Annual State Dues: \$45.00

Local Associations & Dues: \$5.00 - Somerset; \$8.00 - Caroline; \$10.00 - Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester; \$12.00 - Harford; \$15.00 - Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot; \$20.00 - Allegany, Prince George's

Selected Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred or recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options:**

I hereby authorize the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System to deduct annual membership dues for the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) and my local retired school personnel association from one of my retirement checks each membership year. By authorizing dues deduction, I will receive a one-time \$10 reduction in my state dues. This authorization will remain in effect until canceled by written notice to MRSPA.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Social Security Number Required) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- I prefer to call 410-551-1517 to give my SSN over the phone AND will mail this form with my signature.
- Enclosed is my check - Make payable to MRSPA. \$45 State + \$\_\_\_\_\_ Local = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total
- I prefer to pay by Credit Card. Please go to: [www.mrspa.org/join-mrspa](http://www.mrspa.org/join-mrspa)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The MRSPA Membership year is July 1 - June 30. Please complete form and mail to: MRSPA, 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113

MRSPA Foundation

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in our schools across Maryland. Therefore, we are seeking donations to the MRSPA Foundation so that we can continue our work. Again, this year, raffle tickets will be purchased solely through the MRSPA newsletter using the form below and through local association newsletters using the same form. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

Your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation based on this criterion: Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket while donations of \$25 will earn 3 raffle tickets incrementally. MRSPA staff will write your name on the correct number of tickets when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2023 Annual Business Meeting whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland themed basket valued at \$150 second prize, or one of 5 third place themed baskets valued at \$75: Cooking, Spa, Wine Lover, Movie Night, and Sports Lover. Out of state winners will receive gift cards in lieu of basket contents.

Entering the drawing is fun and easy!

1. Make your check payable to MRSPA Foundation
2. Write Raffle in the Memo line
3. Date and sign your check
4. Mail check and completed form to: MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 before March 22, 2023.



Will you send a donation today? Receipts will be sent via US Mail.

MRSPA Foundation

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_