**Suggested Language Providing for a Retiree Chapter in an AFT Local Union or State Federation Constitution**

ARTICLE: MEMBERSHIP

Special Members

Retired

1. Retired membership shall be open to all retired personnel of (name of employer) who have held active membership in the (name of local) for at least one year prior to retirement.
2. A retiree chapter shall be established within the (name of local) for the­ purposes of:
   1. maintaining the ties of professional unity between working members and retirees;
   2. representing and promoting the interests of retired members in the (parent body), its affiliates, the labor movement and the community; and
   3. providing a forum for exchanging information of interest and benefit to retired members and for the expression of their views.
3. All members of the retiree chapter shall hold simultaneous membership in the state and national affiliate as a retiree.
4. The retiree chapter shall establish bylaws that delineate membership, officers, committees and their responsibilities.
5. The retiree chapter president or a designee shall serve as a member of the executive board (or executive representative body) of the (name of local) and may have voting privileges on all matters except contractual considerations and issues of working conditions.