



# MEA RETIREES CHAPTER MEETING

April 27, 2023

# AGENDA

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## **Welcome**

Alice Wong, Executive Director

## **MEA Benefits**

Matt Conley, Member Services Representative

## **Chapter Elections**

Darrell L. Sims, President

## **Medicare**

Steve Fisher, Recording Secretary



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR GOALS

improving work/life balance via advocacy and support services

## OUR MISSION

protect Civil Service and Protect your Rights

## OUR HISTORY

since 1968 with representation in every Agency



# MEA BY THE NUMBERS

CASES

418

2022

PROGRAMS

50

Annually

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10K

Awarded  
Annually

# BENEFITS

## PROGRAMS

special programs and events for members only, including financial and health/wellness seminars

## ISSUE

### RESOLUTION AND ADVOCACY

MBF & HBP  
assistance

## SCHOLARSHIP

MEA members and their dependent children are eligible

## EBULLETIN

biweekly, email to keep members update to date on current events



# LEGAL COUNSEL

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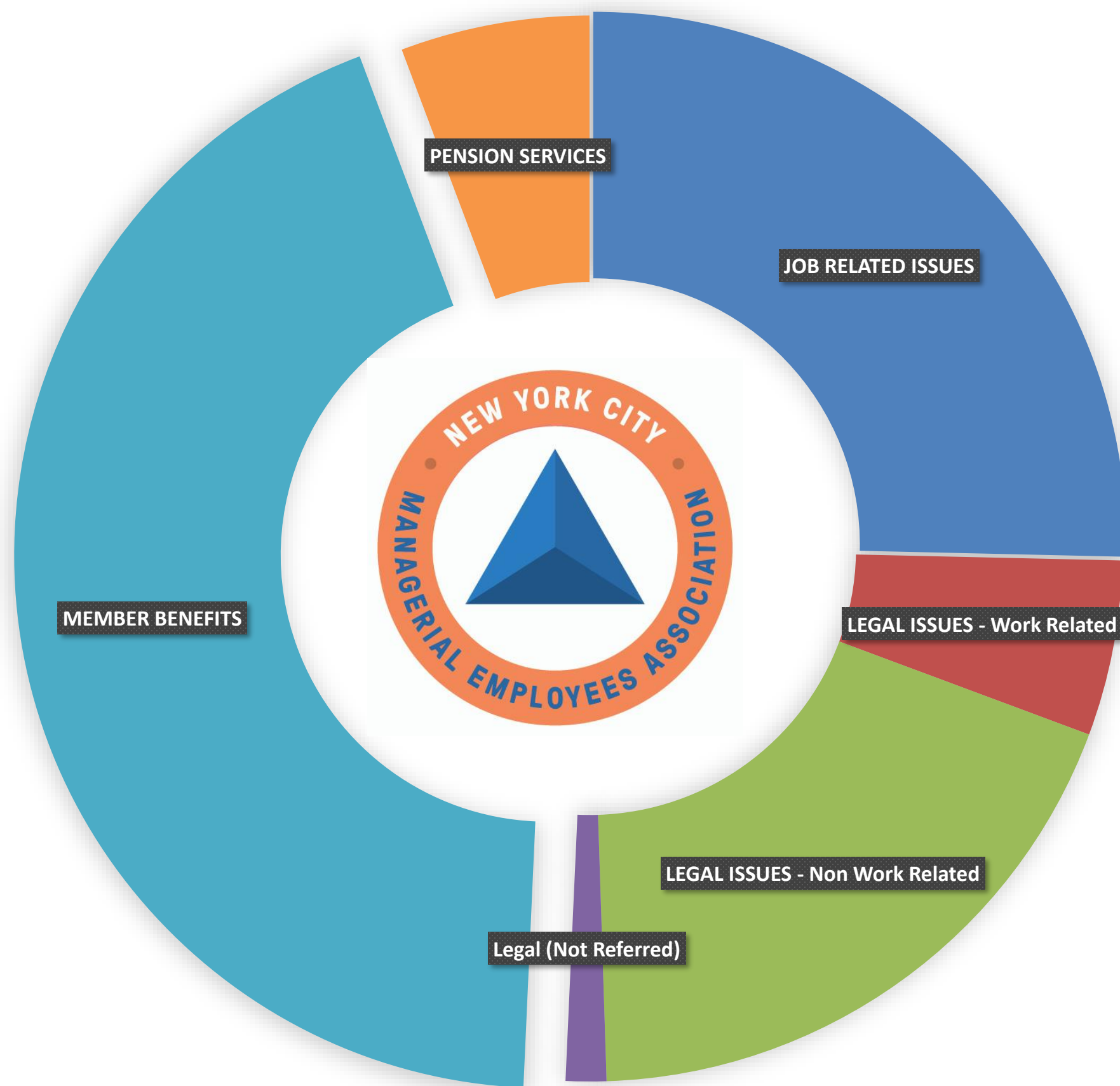
Legal services for personal matters, including:

- Wills and Estate Planning
- Real Estate Contracts & Foreclosures
- Bankruptcy
- Criminal Defense
- Marital – Pre-Nuptial, Adoption, Separation



## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- 40% Member Benefits
- 19% Job Related Issues
- 25% Legal (nonwork related)
- 8% Pension Services
- 6% Legal (work related)
- 1% Legal (not referred)



# ELECTIONS





# BYLAWS

The purpose of chapters shall be to identify specific issues that are appropriate for resolution at the agency level. Chapters shall attempt to address member concerns and/or bring them to the attention of MEA leadership; provide information about City and MEA benefits; promote MEA-sponsored events by sharing information with members; support fundraising activities for the Career Development Program; recruit new members and advocate for members as appropriate.

# RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Attend monthly MEA Executive Board meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held via Zoom at 6pm (1 – 1.5 hours).
- Share info from the MEA Executive Board meeting to your chapter.
- Update the MEA Executive Board with chapter concerns, promotions/announcements, etc.
- Host chapter meetings (at least 1 per year).
- Recruit new members.

# LEADERSHIP



Chapter  
Director

Preside over regular  
and special meetings

Shall appoint  
committees

Executive Board  
representative

Assistant  
Chapter  
Director

Serve in absence of  
Chapter Director

Recording  
Secretary

Provide written  
communication and  
minutes from  
chapter meetings

# MEA RETIREE CHAPTER

**vacant**, MEA Retiree Chapter Director

**Sam Borkow** , MEA Retiree Assistant Chapter Director

**vacant**, MEA Retiree Recording Secretary

# MEDICARE PRESENTATION

# OVERVIEW

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Timeline – Critical Dates

Opting out to HIP VIP vs. Waiving City Retiree  
Health Care Coverage – Implications

MBF Coverage

# TAKE ACTION

NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees

Watch the videos on YouTube

<https://www.nycretirees.org/faqs>

<https://www.nycretirees.org/homework>

<https://www.nycretirees.org/announcements>

# CONTACT CITY COUNCIL

The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees is preparing meetings for Council member constituents.

Do you live in the one of the five boroughs?

If so, reach out to them. Find your representative at <https://council.nyc.gov/>



# HOMEWORK

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**Write letters.** You can send letters to the City Council, Comptroller Brad Lander and Mayor Adams.

Visit the MEA website for the prepopulated letters and instructions.

<https://nycmea.org/write-to-save-your-health-care-plan/>

# CALL THE MAYOR

**212-639-9675**

- tell him not to register the Aetna contract
- tell him to give us Option C (the offer of a Medigap Plan)
- tell him many doctors will not take the Aetna plan
- tell him prior authorizations will delay and deny your care

# RESOURCES

## **OLR Website**

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-responsibilities-assistance.page>

## **Aetna Website**

<https://www.aetnamedicare.com/cony/en/index.html>

# MBF INFO SESSION

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MEA Members are invited!

Meet with representatives from The Office of Labor Relations to discuss the future of MBF Benefits. Also learn about MBF Benefits regarding Aetna's Medicare Advantage Plan.

Zoom meeting.

RSVP on the MEA website: <https://nycmea.org/mbf-info-session/>



# Contact Us!

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