

Hello, MTA Higher Ed members:

I'd like to advise the FSU membership at UMB of NOVEMBER opportunities for **virtual retirement consultations (voice or online)**. Individual sessions are available between **9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.** on **Thursday, NOV 7**; **Tuesday, NOV 12** and **Wednesday, NOV 20**.

For those just now hearing about retirement consultations, these sessions assist members in securing answers to retirement questions as they relate to the member's specific situation. For example:

- *Given my age and my service, when is the best time for me to retire?*
- *I've heard that members may be able to "buy back" service. Might I have a buyback opportunity?*
- *I'm involved with the [now closed] Section-60 option for transfer into the MSERS? Where am I in this process?*
- *Why take option "C" instead of Option "A" or "B"?*
- *How will my Social Security benefit be affected by my MA pension?*
- *Where will I stand with health insurance in retirement? Will I be going into Medicare?*
- *As I move toward retirement, what, if any options, exists for me to enhance my retirement benefit?*

PLEASE NOTE: MTA has upgraded to a new version of the Microsoft Bookings app for signing up for an individual session. Do review the image below before registering. Registration requires a member's name, full home address (street address, town, state and zip) and email. Also needed are: a best phone contact for the appointment day, the member's campus affiliation, the member's **MTA number (found on the wallet-sized membership card)**, and a preference for a call or an online Teams/Meet (Zoom-like) session. Once completed, a confirmation email is generated.

If you have your MTA membership number at hand and would like to register for one of these consultations, click on this [link](#) and register. PLEASE REMEMBER: MTA uses the Microsoft Bookings app. **Do review the image at bottom before registering.**

If none of these days is suitable or if all slots have been taken, email me directly. I will place you on a list to receive late NOV and DEC announcements later this month.

Sincerely,
Ed McCourt

P.S. I encourage you not to begin the appointment registration process until you have your MTA ID number at hand. Secure your number by emailing: membership@massteacher.org or by phoning: 617-878-8208. Regretfully, registrations lacking MTA ID numbers are subject to cancelation.

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