1	SAMPLE BYLAWS		
2		FOR CWA RETIRED MEMBERS' CHAPTER	
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4	Note: <u>Passages underlined</u> are <u>mandatory</u> and all other text is recommended.		
5		Passages in italics are optional	
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23		ARTICLE I	
24		Objective	
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26	The objectiv	ve of this CWA Retired Members' Chapter shall be:	
27	A.	to unite CWA retired members in a cohesive organization that can, in	
28		conjunction with the CWA Retired Members' Council, other unions	
29		and like-minded organizations, develop effective support for programs	
30		on federal, state-wide, and community levels to bring about retirement	
31		security for all.	
32	B.	to foster fraternal ties of CWA members into the years of retirement;	
33	D. C.	to promote and support collective bargaining agreements and public	
33 34	C.	policy that assist retired members in securing medical care,	
35		prescription drugs and other consumer goods and services at prices	
36		they can afford to pay;	
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37 20	D. E.	to promote active support of retired members for CWA objectives;	
38		to keep CWA informed of special problems of retired members;	
39 40	F.	to affiliate with state chapters of the Alliance for Retired Americans.	
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41		ARTICLE II	
42		Name	

This Chapter shall be known as CWA Retired Members' Chapter
chartered on
ARTICLE III
Jurisdiction
The Chapter was sponsored by Local, but membership is open to all
CWA Retired Members' Council Lifetime members.
ARTICLE IV
Structure
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(1) Membership (2) Executive Board (4) Committees
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ARTICLE V
Membership
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Section 1-Eligibility
<u>The qualifications for membership shall be that the individual is a lifetime</u>
member of the CWA Retired Members' Council.
ARTICLE VI
Dues
Each member of the Chapter shall pay dues in an amount established by the
membership.
ARTICLE VII
Meetings
Section 1-Regular Meetings
Regular meetings shall be held on the
of each month, except when the meeting date
falls on a recognized holiday in which event a substitute day of meeting may be set
at the preceding meeting.
Section 2-Special Meetings

84	1.	Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Chapter	
85		officers or by the President.	
86	2.	Members shall be notified by email, postal mail or other appropriate	
87		methods at least 48 hours before special meetings are due to be held.	
88	Section 3-	Quorum	
89	The	number constituting a quorum for Chapter meetings shall be those	
90	present.		
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92	ARTICLE VIII		
93	Executive Board		
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95	Section 1		
96	The Executive Board shall consist of all Chapter officers. The President of		
97	the Chapter shall be Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Chapter Secretary		
98	or the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Secretary of the Executive Board.		
99	Section 2		
100		Executive Board shall meet at least once ato transact any	
101	business referred to it by this Chapter. The Chairperson and Secretary of the		
102	Executive Board may call a special meeting by notifying all members of the Board		
103	Section 3		
104		all be the duty of the Executive Board to deliberate upon all matters	
105	referred to it by this Chapter and other matters coming to its attention for the good		
106	and welfare of the Chapter and report as soon as possible its recommendations to		
107	the Chapte	er.	
108	Section 4		
109		vacancies of Officers between regular elections covering Officers and	
110		Board members shall be filled by appointment by the President of the	
111	-	ith the approval of the Executive Board.	
112	Section 5		
113		one should hold more than one office at a time.	
114	Section 6		
115		accurate record of all proceedings of the Executive Board shall be	
116	maintainea	<u>1.</u>	
117	Section 7		
118		najority of the members shall constitute a quorum for Executive Board	
119	<u>meetings.</u>		
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121		ARTICLE IX	
122		Officers and their Duties	
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124	Section 1-	Officers	

125	1.	The Officers of the Chapter shall be nominated and elected during the
125	1.	The Officers of the Chapter shall be nominated and elected <i>during the</i> <i>months of September, October, November, and December of every</i>
120		even numbered year.
127	2.	Officers of this Chapter shall be at least a President, Vice President,
120	۷.	and Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer.
130	3.	The term of office shall be for <i>two years</i> or until their successors have
130	5.	been duly elected and installed.
132	Section 2-I	•
132		Idition to the duties listed below all Officers shall perform whatever
134		duties that may be assigned by the Chapter, Executive Board, or the
135	Chapter Pr	
136	<u>enapter i r</u> 1.	<u>The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:</u>
137	1.	The Chapter President Shall-
138		<u>Be responsible for the conduct of all Chapter business;</u>
139		 <u>Deresponsible for the conduct of an Chapter busiless;</u> Preside at Membership and Executive Board meetings;
140		 <u>Supervise all Committees.</u>
141	2.	The Chapter Vice President Shall-
142	<i>L</i> .	1. Work under the direction of the President.
143	3.	The Chapter Secretary Shall-
144	5.	1. <u>Maintain a record of the Chapter membership;</u>
145		 <u>Record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter</u>
146		and the Executive Board.
147	4.	The Chapter Treasurer shall-
148	ч.	1. <u>Be custodian of all assets of the Chapter;</u>
149		 <u>Report to each membership meeting on the financial status of</u>
150		the Chapter;
151		3. <u>Cause the payment of all bill approved by the President and/or</u>
152		the Executive Board.
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154		ARTICLE X
155		Committees
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157	А.	The Chapter shall have at least the following regular Committees;
158		1. Audit/Finances
159		2. Elections
160		3. Organizing/Membership
161		4. Legislative/Political
162		5. Bylaws
163		6. Community Services
164		7. Pension and Benefits
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166	2.	Members of all Committees shall be appointed by the President with
167		the approval of the Chapter's Executive Board, subject to the right of
168		the Chapter membership to overrule such appointments.
169	3.	The majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for meetings.
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171		ARTICLE XI
172		Rules
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174	Section 1	
175	<u>All n</u>	neetings and other business of this Chapter shall be conducted under
176	these bylaw	s and rules of the Chapter. On questions where the bylaws and the
177	rules do not	clearly apply, Robert's rules of Order shall govern.
178	Section 2	
179	There	e shall be no bylaws, rules, or actions taken by the Chapter that would
180	conflict wit	h the CWA Constitution or policy.
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183		ARTICLE XII
184		Oath of Office
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186	Each	elected officer of the Chapter, after meeting all other qualifications
187	shall	be duly installed upon taking the following oath:
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189		"I (give name) hereby accept the office of (name of office) of the
190		Retired Members' Chapter of the Communications Workers of
191		America, AFL-CIO, CLC with full knowledge of the responsibilities
192		and duties of such office. I promise to faithfully discharge my duties
193		according to the Bylaws and rules of the Chapter, the Council, the
194		Constitution and policies of the Union.
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196		I further promise to give my successor in office all books and records
197		in my possession. I shall at all times endeavor to serve my Chapter
198		and the Union to the best of my ability, so help me God."