

We work better, when we work together...

## **August 2016**

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### **The Feedbag – Getting Connected**

We recently distributed the first issue of our new active member newsletter, [\*\*\*The Feedbag – Getting Connected\*\*\*](#). We are very excited about this new opportunity to provide valuable information to our active employees. We hope you found the newsletter enjoyable and informative. In an effort to keep costs to a minimum, we chose to distribute this newsletter via email to our active members as well as posting it to our website. Although we were able to reach a majority of our active members this way, we know there are approximately 800 employees without email addresses that may have not yet seen the newsletter. Please print and post a copy for these members in your area to view, or direct them to our website so that they too are able to have access to the information provided. We hope to distribute this newsletter, as well as a similar version for retirees, twice a year.

We look forward to any feedback or suggestions you may have regarding our newsletter. If you have topics you think would be useful to our members and would like to see them addressed in future editions, please contact us.

### **Member Surveys**

We recently asked members to provide us with feedback using our two on-line surveys. We received many responses to our survey and we want to take it a step further and provide our response to the members' concerns. We plan on putting the concerns raised and our response to their concerns on our banner on our main website page. Stay tuned.

### **Workplace Possibilities**

We recently added new information to the [\*\*Workplace Possibilities\*\*](#) page of our website, which includes a short three minute video provided by the Standard. Please take a few moments to view this new information and pass it along to any employees who may be interested in the program.

### **Webinar Series**

We will be conducting the first installment of our Webinar Series on Thursday, August 25th. The topic of the first webinar will be Disability: Long-Term, Work-Related & Workplace Possibilities. We encourage you to join us for this interactive 30 minute session detailing the disability insurance afforded to us by our employers. Invitations will be sent approximately two weeks in advance of the webinar. Registration is limited to 100 participants.

### **MPERS Board of Trustees**

Most of you know that MPERS is governed by a Board of Trustees, but how much do you actually know about our Board? The MPERS Board consists of eleven members who are responsible for the oversight of our system. The Trustees serve, without compensation, as fiduciaries to the members of the system and establish sound policies and objectives, monitor operations, and oversee performance with the assistance of MPERS staff and consultants.

Chapter 104.160 RSMo provides for the composition of the MPERS Board of Trustees, which is comprised of:

- three members of the state highways and transportation commission elected by the members of the commission,
- the superintendent of the highway patrol
- the director of the department of transportation
- a state senator appointed by the president pro tem of the Senate
- a state representative appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
- an active transportation department employee elected by the active transportation department members to serve a four-year term
- an active highway patrol department employee elected by the active highway patrol department members to serve a four-year term
- a retired transportation department employee elected by the retired transportation department members to serve a four-year term
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For a complete list of our current Board members, please visit the [Board of Trustees](#) section of our website. We hope to be sharing more information regarding our Board members soon.

### **2016 Board Meeting Schedule**

September 29, 2016

November 17, 2016

### **Pre-Retirement Seminars for August**

August 10, 2016                      Sikeston

August 24, 2016                      Rolla

August 30, 2016                      West Plains

For exact times and locations of these seminars, please refer to the [Pre-Retirement](#) Section on our website.