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## July 2016

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### FY17 Contribution Rates

Below are the employer contribution rates effective 7/1/16 – 6/30/17, which include the disability premium of 0.53%:

MoDOT & Civilian Patrol	Uniformed Patrol
58.00%	58.00%

### Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on June 23rd. A summary of the board meeting may be found here: <http://www.mpers.org/board-meeting-summaries/>

### MPERS Forms

As we mentioned in the April 2016 edition, we are still receiving outdated forms from many of your offices, most noticeably the Membership Record & Termination of Employment. Please review the version you are currently using...if it has our old logo you are using the wrong form! The most recent versions are available under the [Employer](#) section of our website. Please feel free to pass this along to any staff who complete these forms but do not receive this newsletter.

In addition, we occasionally receive forms from our active members that contain “electronic signatures” rather than ink on paper signatures. The electronic signature capability is found on Adobe Pro and similar document handling software. We cannot accept those forms containing electronic signatures and we send them back to the members to sign with a pen. We are positive that this does not make the member happy but it is necessary that we have actual signatures on our forms. If you could spread the word to your employees that our forms need to be signed manually, that would be greatly appreciated. We will also put a note to this effect in our next round of newsletters.

### Credit Union Deductions

As we mentioned last month, after December 31, 2016 we will no longer be withholding credit union deductions from benefit payments. Letters were issued to members late last week notifying them of this change. Please feel free to direct any calls you receive to our toll free number (800-270-1271) so that we can address any questions members may have regarding this change.

### Webinars...coming soon!

We are currently in the process of developing and testing educational webinars for our members! We are very excited about this opportunity to reach our members who are unable to meet with us in person and look forward to providing you with additional information soon!

### **Pre-Retirement Seminars for July**

July 7, 2016	St. Louis
July 8, 2016	St. Louis
July 27, 2016	Joplin*
July 28, 2016	Springfield

For exact times and locations of these seminars, please have your staff refer to <http://www.mpers.org/members/seminarscounseling/pre-retirement-seminars/> on our website.

### **Pre-Retirement Seminar Change of Location – Joplin\***

The location of the seminar in Joplin has been changed to the Butcher's Block Event Center, 499 W. Fountain Road, Joplin, MO. The previous location will no longer be available to host the seminar on our scheduled date, thus the need for the location change. We will be contacting members that have already registered to alert them of the location change. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mary Jordan.