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## July 2017

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### **FY18 Contribution Rates**

Below are the employer contribution rates effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18, which include the disability premium of 0.53%:

MoDOT & Civilian Patrol	Uniformed Patrol
58.00%	58.00%

### **Board of Trustees – Special Election Results**

Due to the retirement of Major Kemp Shoun, a special election was held to fill the vacant position of our Highway Patrol Active Employee Representative. We are pleased to welcome Sergeant Matt Broniec to our Board of Trustees!

### **Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees met on June 22nd. A summary of the board meeting may be found here: <http://www.mpers.org/board-meeting-summaries/>

### **The Feedbag – Staying Connected**

We recently distributed Volume #2 of our retiree newsletter, *The Feedbag – Staying Connected*, which is also available on our website, under [Publications/Newsletters](#). We have already received several calls, mostly regarding the article on beneficiaries. If you are contacted by members with questions about their beneficiaries (or any other articles), please direct them to our office.

Our active member newsletter, *The Feedbag – Getting Connected* is scheduled to go out within the next month. A link to view the newsletter will be sent to employees via email. Please help us reach any employees without a work email by posting a copy of the newsletter, or directing them to our website. We want our newsletters to be interesting & informative. If you have suggestions for topics you think members would enjoy or find value in, please let us know.

### **New Employees**

When a new employee is hired, they are added to our retirement system via customized files we receive from SAMII each pay period. In order for these files to load correctly there is required information, other than the ESMT, that must be keyed in SAMII, prior to the employee receiving their first payroll. Those items include:

- 1. Hire Date** – this information needs to be keyed into the USR1 screen, field #3, and should be the date the member was hired in a benefit eligible position (not the date they were hired as a part-time, non-benefit eligible employee)
- 2. Date of Birth & Gender** – on the ATTR screen (*marital status should also be keyed on this screen, but will not cause our system to fail if omitted*)
- 3. Address** – on the ADDR screen

If these items are not entered prior to the member's first payroll, error notifications are received, the member cannot be added to our system, and the payroll information for **all** active employees cannot finish processing. We must then contact you directly for the information, and wait for a reply. Once the information is received, we manually key the missing data and resubmit the files. This all causes a delay in the payroll files being processed, which delays our benefit specialists from finalizing retirements and delays our payroll section from finalizing the monthly retiree payroll. Thank you in advance for your help to make this process a smooth one.

**Pre-Retirement Seminars for July**

There are no seminars scheduled for July. The next seminar will be held on August 3, 2017, in Sikeston.

**2017 Board Meeting Schedule**

September 28, 2017

November 16, 2017