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MPERS Benefits Meeting

The planning has begun for the 3rd MPERS Benefits Meeting and we need your help with a few items. We would like to know if you have any recommendations for any presentation topics. We would also like to know if there are any dates that we need to avoid in late February or early March of 2017 (payroll, inventory, training, etc). We will take those requests under advisement and try to accommodate as much as possible. We are looking at alternative locations to hold the meeting in 2017 due to space limitations at our office. We still plan to have video conferencing as an attendance option. We will let you know the date and location in a future update as well as by email.

Any recommendations, questions or comments regarding the Benefits Meeting can be sent to Mary Jordan at mary.jordan@mpers.org.

MPERS Webinar Series

Be on the lookout for the second release to our webinar series, which will be announced virtually any moment. The second release provides a very basic update on MPERS funding. The webinar runs 30 minutes and we believe your employees will agree that the 30 minutes they dedicated from their daily activities to be worth that investment. Please give the update a look and encourage others to do the same. Be sure to submit any questions on the update to mpers@mpers.org.

Year 2000 Plan & 2011 Tier Handbook

We have recently updated the <u>Year 2000 Plan & 2011 Tier Member Handbook</u>, which is available on our website. We spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the handbook and have made several updates both in formatting and content. You will also notice that the handbook is interactive, and includes several links throughout the document. Please take some time to review our handbook and contact us with any questions you may have.

E-Mailing Documents

As technology develops, more and more information is being shared electronically. While we certainly encourage this development, we also ask that you please keep in mind the safety and security of our members' information, as well as their beneficiaries. If you are sending documents to MPERS via email, please ensure that they **do not** contain a full social security number, either for the member or their beneficiaries. Also please refrain from e-mailing *Direct Deposit Authorizations* or documents that contain a member's full bank routing & account number. If in doubt about whether or not a document should be sent via e-mail, you can always send them via fax to (573) 522-6111.

Happy Anniversary!

The November 2016 edition of *The HR Connection* marks three years that we have been reaching out to you on a monthly basis to share updates, concerns and milestones that have been achieved. Communication is a key factor in working together to provide the best services possible for our members. We hope you have found our newsletters useful and informative. We always look forward to, and appreciate, any feedback or questions you may have. Our goal is to provide you with any information or resources you need to support your retirement related duties. Thank you for all you do.

2016 Board Meeting Schedule

November 17, 2016