



The HR Connection

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Board of Trustees Member Election

Congratulations to Todd Tyler, who has been re-elected as the Active MoDOT Representative on the MPERS Board of Trustees! Also serving with Mr. Tyler are newly elected members, Sue Cox-Retired MoDOT Representative, William “Bill” Seibert, Jr.-Retired MSHP Representative, as well as re-elected member Major J. Bret Johnson-Active MSHP Representative. The election results will be certified by the Board at their June 2014 meeting. Our elected members’ 4-year term begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2018. We look forward to working with them!

The MPERS Board of Trustees is made up of 11 members. Along with our elected members listed above, below is a listing of trustees that are currently serving on our Board.

Lloyd J Carmichael (Chair)	Commission Member – Highways & Transportation Commissioner	Term Expires 3/1/2015
Colonel Ron Replogle (Vice-Chair)	Superintendent – MSHP	Ex-Officio Member
Senator Mike Kehoe	State Senator	Appointed by President Pro-Tem of the Senate
Dave Nichols	Director – MoDOT	Ex-Officio Member
Representative Shawn Rhoads	State Representative	Appointed by the Speaker of the House
Bob Sfreddo*	Retired MoDOT Representative	Term Expires 7/1/2014
Roger Stottlemire*	Retired MSHP Representative	Term Expires 7/1/2014
Kenneth Suelthaus	Commission Member – Highways & Transportation Commissioner	Term Expires 3/1/2015
Vacant	Commission Member – Highways & Transportation Commissioner	N/A

*A special thank you to Roger Stottlemire & Bob Sfreddo, who will be stepping down from the Board effective July 1, 2014. For more information about our Board of Trustees, check out the “Trustee” section of our website!

The Age of Electronics...

As most of you know, MPERS is working toward our goal of becoming an “electronic” system. A major component of this goal was to scan/image all of our member files. With our scanning system in place, many of you are now emailing your forms directly to us vs sending the paper forms via the mail. This provides a good tracking system for both MPERS and you as the employer. If you are not currently sending your forms to us via email or fax, please feel free to do so! However, please note that when you send forms to us electronically, do not mail a hard copy! By doing so, the documents end up in the member files twice, and they kick off two sets of workflows for our staff. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact us!

Also, please take this time to review the email addresses you are using when submitting forms or contacting MPERS staff. Several of you are still using our old email addresses that end in “@modot.mo.gov”.....all MPERS’ email addresses should end in “@mpers.org”. We also have an office email address of mpers@mpers.org, which is checked daily and distributed as needed.

Another major feature we provide is the ability for members to receive their correspondence from us via email. This feature can be set up under [Secure Member Access](#). As we move into the electronic age it is extremely important to remind members to keep their email information current, especially as they transition from active employment to retirement. We are still seeing several members who leave their work email as their primary contact after they retire, which could result in a delay in receiving their correspondence while we attempt to locate their current email address.

WWW.MPERS.ORG

Hopefully, most of you are familiar with our website. However, for those of you who haven't explored all that our site has to offer, let us show you what you are missing! Attached is a diagram which highlights some of the main features of our site that you may not be aware of.

1. **Secure Member Access** – Access point for personalized information for our members. Allows members to run benefit estimates, view their retirement paystubs, beneficiary information, as well as update their tax withholdings and direct deposit information for their retirement & survivor benefits.
2. **ASK MPERS** – We all know how easy it is for a rumor to start and circulate! If you've heard a rumor about MPERS and the benefits we provide, this is the place to either confirm or deny what you've heard. Submit your questions to our staff and the answer will be posted under this section of our site. No names will be used in the online posting. You can also search other questions we've received (and our response) by category.
3. **Seminar Enrollment** – Clicking this link will take you to [Secure Member Access](#), where members can enroll for a pre-retirement seminar coming to their area.
4. **Tax Calculator** – This link on our site helps [retirees/survivors](#) calculate their Federal Tax Withholding for the current year. If they know their other deductions, this program will also help them to figure what their net benefit could be with their new withholding election. Reminder – this feature is just a calculator – it does not update a member's tax withholding for their benefit (this can however be done through [Secure Member Access](#)).
5. **News and Announcements** – Find the latest information from MPERS at this link!
6. **News Archives** – Looking for an older article that you may have missed, or would like to see again? This link provides an archive of previous articles that were included under “News and Announcements”.
7. **Quick Links** – This feature of our site is a quick reference of publications or information that are visited most often.
8. **Employers** – This tab is specifically set up for you as the employer. Under this tab you can find publications, forms, procedures, our HR Reference Manual, as well as prior versions of your *HR Connection*.
9. **Forms** – This tab is your resource for all MPERS-related forms. There are three categories to choose from: 1.) Active 2.) Retiree 3.) Employer. Any forms completed via the MPERS website will still need to be sent via email, fax or mail for our office to process. However, members can electronically submit their *Notice of Retirement*, *Substitute W-4P & Direct Deposit Authorization* via [Secure Member Access](#).

10. **Publications** – This is your link to publications currently being circulated by MPERS. This section takes you to Member Handbooks, Annual Reports, Brochures, Newsletters and Annual Valuations.
11. **About Us** – This tab is your resource to specific information about MPERS and our staff. Under this section, you will find a history of MPERS, Organizational Chart, Legislative Updates, Job Opportunities, Contact Information, Meet our Staff, and a variety of other topics to help you better understand who we are and what we do.

We are always looking for ways to improve how we communicate with our members, and we are open to suggestions! Please let us know if there is additional information you would like to see on our site. As you can see from the diagram, there are several other features on our site that I did not include above, as there are just too many to list individually. Please take the time to search our site and give us your feedback.

Legislative Update

Attached is an *End of Session Review* of pension-related bills from the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER). As you can see, there were only a few bills passed that affect MPERS. These bills are still awaiting Gov. Nixon's signature. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions about the pending legislation.

Upcoming Seminars

Below is a listing of Pre-Retirement Seminars scheduled for June:

- June 19, 2014 Jefferson City
- June 20, 2014 Jefferson City

Please let us know of anyone that needs to be added to/removed from this distribution listing. If you have topics you would like for us to address, please send them to us and we will do our best to incorporate them in future connections. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have!