



The HR Connection

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MPERS Benefits Meeting - Rescheduled

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with us on Wednesday, and therefore we've had to reschedule our MPERS Benefits Meeting for the backup date of **Tuesday, March 24, 2015**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, but some, including our presenters, had a long way to travel and we felt the safety of everyone involved should come first. In the meantime, the new MPERS Reference Manual is available on our website, under the Employers section. Please feel free to review the manual in advance to be ready to ask us any questions you may have.

Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume those registered, and how they plan to attend, will remain the same. If you need to make changes to your reservations, **please email mpers@mpers.org**. A confirmation email will be sent to those attending prior to the meeting date.

Pre-Retirement Seminars

It's that time of year again! Invitations have gone out for the 2015 Pre-Retirement Seminars. This round of sessions is scheduled to begin on March 27th and will wrap up on September 25th. Attached is this year's schedule and locations. As you will see, there are a few new locations this year. **As a reminder, members can only sign up for the seminars through their Secure Member Access.** If anyone has questions, we'll be happy to walk them through it.

Benefit Basics

We know that many of you like to schedule Benefit Basics in the fall to coordinate with your annual meetings. However, several offices have meetings at the same time, which makes it hard for us to attend them all. Please keep in mind that we are available at other times throughout the year as well. If you are planning meetings that include a large group (20 or more), please feel free to contact us! We will still do our best to accommodate you in the fall, but by changing up the schedule, hopefully we will be able to reach out to those we are unable to see due to scheduling conflicts in the fall.

One-on-One Counseling

While the Pre-Retirement Seminars and Benefit Basics are a great way for members to learn about their benefits, sometimes people still need that "one-on-one" time to answer *specific* questions about their *individual* situations. That's why we offer One-on-One counseling throughout the state. All you have to do is schedule the appointments and provide a private office/room (with Internet) for counseling. A good time to schedule these appointments would be when we are already in your area conducting Benefit Basics or Pre-Retirement Seminars. (Minimum appointments required: 20) Our benefit specialists are also available for conference calls with you and the member at any time.