

SERS TRUSTEE ELECTION



Would you be interested in serving on the SERS Board of Trustees as an active member?

In 2014, we will hold an election for three active SERS members with at least eight years of service to serve a five-year term on the thirteen-member board.

To be eligible for candidacy, you must file a Statement of Candidacy and have a Nominating Petition signed by at least 400 active SERS members. The Statement of Candidacy and Nominating Petition must be returned to our office by February 19. *(For more information about the election, see the Time Line below.)*

On May 1, 2014, ballots will be mailed to all qualified SERS members. These ballots must be sealed in the envelope provided and received

in our office by May 30 to be counted.

The SERS Board of Trustees meets four times a year to review and approve the annual operating budget, approve legislative initiatives, administer policies & procedures, and review disputed benefits.

The Comptroller of the State of Illinois serves as Chairman of the Board and the Governor appoints six trustees, subject to Senate confirmation.

We encourage all active members to participate in this election, since we all have a personal interest in the finances and benefits of SERS. If you're interested in running for a Board position, contact our offices in

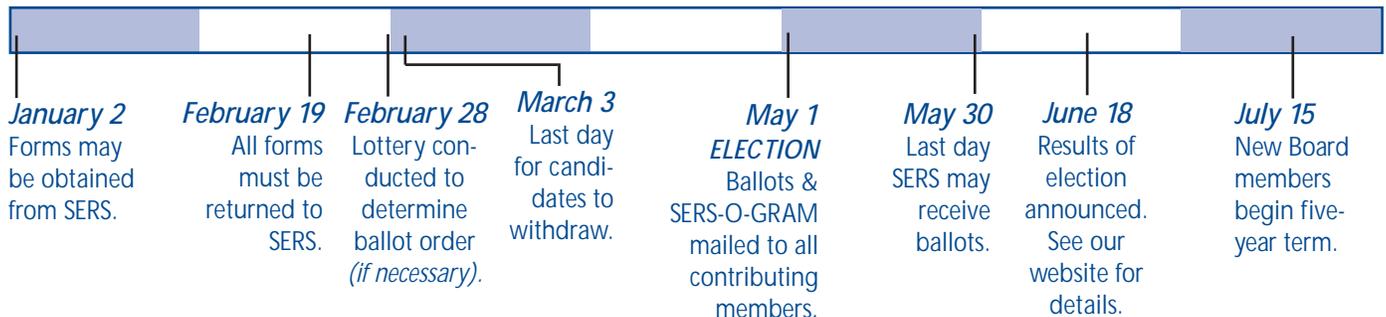
THE SERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1 *Ex-officio member: the Illinois Comptroller to serve as Chairman*
- 6 *Illinois citizens appointed by the Governor*
- 4 *Elected active SERS members*
- 2 *Elected SERS retirees*

Springfield (217-785-6975), Chicago (312-814-5853) or visit our website at www.srs.illinois.gov

SERS office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 am. to 4:30 p.m.

2014 ELECTION TIME LINE



2014 Workshop Registration

As of October 1, 2013, state employees can register for 2014 SERS workshops using our website (www.srs.illinois.gov) and following the instructions.

You must still receive your supervisor's approval before completing the online registration. Once the registration form is submitted, the member and the Retirement Coordinator receive an email from SERS.

The Retirement Coordinator will then approve or deny the registration request, and the member receives an email for either the approval or denial.

The approval email will contain information about the workshop (i.e. time, location, agenda, etc). Reminder letters are sent to the member two weeks before the workshop and also two days before the workshop.

You can visit our website for specific workshop information or to find out if a 2014 workshop is filled. All of our workshops provide you with information on financial planning, Deferred Compensation, entitlements, insurance and estate planning.

SERS FACTOID

In 2002, there were 81,680 active SERS members. By 2013, that amount was down to 61,545, a reduction of 25%.



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SERS Field Services Personnel Moves

The Field Services Division of SERS is responsible for the pre- and post-retirement workshops, benefit seminars and meeting with members to discuss their retirement plans. They are also responsible for all printed communications and for developing and maintaining the SERS website.

Field Services has undergone a few recent personnel changes:



Field Representative **Irene Barber** is retiring at the end of this year after working for the state for 40 years. She has been with SERS for 20 years and previously worked for DCCA. We wish Irene a happy retirement!



Amy Little is the Field Services Office Coordinator. She is responsible for assisting members with

our new online workshop registration. Amy previously worked in the Pensions and Disability Sections and has worked for the State for 13 years.



P. J. Budd is our new Field Representative replacing Irene Barber. P. J. worked in the Disability Section for eight years and five years at DDS before coming to SERS.



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