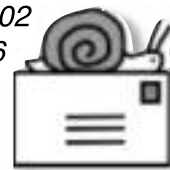


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Do you have a new address or phone number?
Please let us know. You may submit any changes online at mrsea.org, simply go to the contact us page, click on membership information, then click address change or call 1-877-487-0402 or regular mail MRSEA PO BOX 416 Excelsior, MN 55331



SAVE THE DATE!

2012 ANNUAL MEETING MAY 9TH 2012

Please mark your calendar now and save the day for our annual meeting.

We will have an interesting speaker, legislative and pension updates as well as board elections.

WHERE: JIMMYS BANQUET CENTER VADNAIS HEIGHTS MN



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MRSEA BOARD MEMBER?

If you have an interest in maintaining, improving, having input into and increasing your knowledge of critical retirement issues such as: Pensions, Health Insurance, Social Security, Legislation or Information, please consider serving as an MRSEA Board Member.

The Board of Directors conducts the business of the association. It meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except for July & August) currently meeting at the Retirement Systems building in St. Paul. The meetings generally take two to three hours.

The Board consists of fifteen members. Each year five of the board positions are open for election, which occurs at the annual meeting in May. The Nominating Committee is responsible for the initial aspects of the election process, is charged with reviewing the qualifications of candidates and recommending a slate to the Board of Directors and the Association membership.

We urge all members to seriously consider serving on the board. The topics present challenges. The work is beneficial and rewarding. The time requirement is manageable. And you keep in touch with former co-workers across the state.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest to the Nominating Committee.

This letter should include:

- A short statement of 100 words or less regarding your work history.
- Skills you would bring to the position.
- What you would like to accomplish.
- Include your name, street address, E-mail address (if any) and telephone number for future contacts with you.

The deadline for submission is ●●●●●● February 17, 2012

The Nominating Committee will review the letters of interest and the names of other potential candidates. The committee will consider candidate expertise, geographic representation and other qualities when recommending the slate of Board endorsed candidates. The committee will notify all candidates of the Board's endorsement decisions. Candidates not endorsed will be given the opportunity to have their name placed on the annual voting ballot.

If you have any questions, call or email: info@mrsea.org
952-470-6611 or 1-877-487-0402 (toll free)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Are you interested in 'Pension' and 'Healthcare' issues? Interested in helping your fellow Retirees? No experience is required; only your interest in helping by sharing the perspectives acquired over your lifetime. The rest you will learn, as we all did, on the job.

MRSEA has various opportunities available:

1. As Sub Chapter Officers. MRSEA has sub chapters in Brainerd, Duluth, Mankato, Fergus Falls, Rochester, West Central and the Northwoods and Marshall areas. If you would be interested in starting a sub chapter in another area, please do contact us.

2. As a Committee Volunteer. If you have any interest in serving on the publications, legislative or technology or committee please do let us know.

3. As a Board Member. Board Members are elected annually, however on occasion a vacancy occurs and the board may appoint a member to fulfill the vacancy. Please do contact us by phone or email or you would like further information on volunteer opportunities!

Mission Statement

United to advocate for the well being of state retirees by:

*monitoring the deliberations of the legislature and the Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors; and responding as appropriate to promote, protect and enhance retiree interests.

*providing educational information on state and national issues affecting retirees

*maintaining working relationships with other retiree organizations

*promoting social activities through local sub chapters and statewide meetings

*advocating for the affordability of state retiree health and long term care benefits

Editors Note:

Articles are contributed by MRSEA Committees comprised of board members, who are assigned to specific committees on an annual basis.



Ruth M. Husom

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Seasons Greetings!

I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support of MRSEA over the last year.

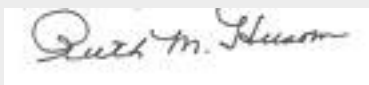
Our eight sub chapter officers have worked tirelessly in bringing meetings to the outstate area all year long. If you have not attended a sub chapter meeting and would like to be place on a mailing list, please do contact our office.

We also had a great turnout for the Riverboat Cruise in September, this has always been a fun well attended event.

We again this year had a very successful turnout for our Retiree Open Enrollment Meetings, and we look forward to being able to work with MMB establishing more meetings next year.

We look forward to your renewals for 2012 which your membership cards will be out shortly. For those newer retirees on their first year free your will arrive early spring for renewal of 2012. Please remember to be patient as we have limited staff processing all of the renewals.

Please remember to save the date for our Annual Spring meeting which will be held on May 9, 2012. I look forward to seeing you there!



**INSURANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT 3RD ANNUAL
EXCLUSIVE OPEN
ENROLLMENT MEETINGS**

For the third year, Minnesota Management & Budget (MMB), in partnership with MRSEA, hosted the Exclusive Retiree Open Enrollment meetings.

This was an opportunity for State retirees who have continued in SEGIP to learn more about the insurance coverage offered as their benefit. The Exclusive Retiree Open Enrollment meetings provide MMB and the carriers an opportunity to highlight the Senior Plans and the way they work in conjunction with Medicare.

This year's attendance again

exceeded our expectations. The meeting locations are determined by the higher number of retirees within the program area.

The meetings were held in Bloomington, Mankato, Brainerd, Moose Lake and St. Paul, with over one thousand retirees attending. MRSEA in accordance with its' Mission Statement is pleased to be able to promote and educate retirees about the insurance programs through this venue. MRSEA is very pleased this program has grown from just three meetings to doubling in size in just three years. MRSEA thanks all of our members for your strong show of support and attendance; attending these sessions and participation is vital to keeping the program continuing.



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2011 THE ST CROIX RIVER RIVER BOAT CRUISE

Thank you for attending this popular event . After five years we once again were relaxing upon the beautiful St Croix River in Stillwater MN.

St. Croix Boat and Packet were our navigators on this fantastic fall day. With sunny warm skies and being upgraded to the Majestic Star, a super luxury 100 foot yacht we set sail to enjoy a two hour cruise.

The Emporers of Jazz provided entertainment as we boarded and during the cruise. Everyone enjoyed a great luncheon fare and mingling with former co workers.

Our member Darla Tischer brought her whole family!



2012 SUB CHAPTER MEETING DATES

BRAINERD

MARCH 15
JUNE 21
SEPTEMBER 20

DULUTH

JANUARY 25
APRIL 25

MANKATO

JUNE 4

NORTHWOODS

JUNE 14
OCTOBER 2012

ROCHESTER

MAY 4

FERGUS FALLS

JANUARY 3
FEBURARY 7
MARCH 6

MARSHALL SOUTHWEST

APRIL 26

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