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INSIGHT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

by William I. Winegarner



2010 has been a challenging year for Ohio's retired public employees.

Starting last fall and continuing throughout the year, our publicly employed retirees have been maligned in Ohio's newspapers as a greedy and useless group of people, who are being treated to huge-undeserved public pensions and golden-egg benefits at the expense of Ohio's taxpayers.

Recently State Senator Jon Husted, after we thwarted his efforts to manipulate the sale of certain OPERS investments, accused Ohio's public retirees of being more concerned over their pension earnings than they

were for our men and women in the military.

Over the past 10 years in particular, Ohio's newspapers have had a field day in criticizing the pension systems' investments, Executive Directors, and Trustees.

Following each newspaper assault was a legislative endeavor to use or divert the funds in our pension system to further someone's personal or political agenda.

Let's review a few of these: 1997 HB 586: A rather innocent bill that established an alternative retirement program (defined contribution) for certain college professors and top executive university employees.

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Legislative Report

by John Gilchrist



Since there has been very little legislative action in 2010, my report this quarter will be a refresher on bills that are still in the works.

S. B. No. 219 (Sen. Grendell) The bill has been introduced in response to an ongoing public corruption criminal investigation in Cuyahoga County and addresses a disability issue related to the investigation. Apparently an individual plead guilty to public corruption in federal court and then filed for disability benefits. The disability apparently relates to the anxiety of being caught and prosecuted for the public corruption. Although the bill will not affect this individual, it attempts to prevent this from happening again.

We testified in support of the bill in both the Senate and House and stated that PERI supports the bill because we believe that an individual who commits one of the enumerated felony offenses while serving in a position of honor, trust, or profit should not be allowed to receive a disability benefit if the disabling condition arose out of the commission of the offense. For example, the disability results because of the anxiety and depression result-

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**PERI 2010
Annual Meeting
MONDAY
September 27**

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A Message From the Chairman

by Jack Wymer



Greetings to all of you wonderful members of PERI.

This will be my last article, as I will be completing my third term of office at this year's Annual Meeting.

I want to thank you for the privilege of being your Chairman, as well as the other PERI state offices I have held over the past 10 years. Having previously served as chapter secretary and president before joining the board, I in-

tend to stay active in PERI, but once again at a local level. As a board member, I hope I have made some difference in PERI, and I know your next group of officers will do their best for PERI and our retirement system, also.

I have learned a lot in the past 10 years working on the PERI board. I have learned that we are fortunate to have Bill Winegarner, Laurie Frithiof, and Nancy Heath to run the daily operations of PERI. I have learned that John Gilchrist does an excellent job for us at the Statehouse in keeping an eye open for legislation that could affect our retirement system. I have learned that we have some of the best volunteers in the state and probably the country. Our chapter leaders always perform their jobs to the best of their abilities. I have learned

that the board does a great job of educating our District Representatives so they can do their best for our chapter officers. I have learned that PERI continues to provide educational information to the chapters, so they can continue to help us maintain a watch on our retirement system.

It amazes me how far we have come since 2000. I know we are currently 100% better prepared to act on legislation than we were when I started as a board member. In looking toward the future, I would like to challenge the chapters and board to continue pressing toward the following: 1. That all Chapters meet every month to stay better educated and prepared to activate the legislative action plan. 2. That the board continues with the PERI Long Range Development Plan, so

that they always have goals to be accomplished. 3. That the Executive Board members continue to meet before the regular board meeting. 4. That the board and chapters continue to find new and additional means to reach out to those members who are state members, but do not participate in a local chapter.

Well, it is time to close. I have enjoyed working for you, but in September it will be my time to step aside and allow new members to take the PERI reins. I look forward to being with you at the Annual Meeting where we learn so much about the operation and future plans of our retirement system, and enjoy the fellowship of one another.

Jack Wymer, Chairman

Email Program for Legislative Alerts and Updates

In 2008 PERI began accepting email addresses from members who wanted to receive emails if and when there were issues that would require them to contact their legislators. During 2008 and 2009 we learned that it was also beneficial to these same members if we sent them special legislative updates when the political winds were blowing.

If you would like to participate in the Legislative Alert Email Program, you will have the opportunity to sign up when you renew your membership for 2011. Renewal notices are sent out in mid November. If you are a Lifetime member, just email your member number, Life certificate number, name, and email address to office@operi.org and we will add you to the list.

Trying to maintain an email list is challenging, so we

need your help. Please print the email addresses so they are legible. If you change email addresses during the year, please notify us. Finally, please make sure that your email service provider has office@operi.org listed as an accepted email sender.

We currently have 3,502 names on the email roster. We sent a legislative update on June 29, 2010 and approximately 75 of them came back to us as undeliverable. Ten of these said they didn't recognize us as an approved sender, 5 requested we fill out a form so we could become an approved sender, and the balance were closed email accounts. This time, I did take the time to fill out the 5 forms, but it is too time consuming to do this on a continuing basis. The balance of the rejected emails were automatically deleted from our email list.

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1998 HB 199: A bill to create a defined contribution program, offered by private vendors, which workers could select rather than the established defined benefit program offered by OPERS.

1999 HB 628: Last minute amendment to insert defined contributions into the pension program.

2000 HB 691 and 2001 HB 171: Bills to require OPERS to invest a set amount of pension fund reserves in the very risky high tech venture capital markets.

2002 SB 289: A bill to force OPERS to use OHIO stockbrokers to invest their funds;

and SB 180: an amendment to create a “Legislator-appointed Public Fund Investment Study Committee.”

2003: Ohio newspapers concentrate on demonizing the leaders of all of the pension systems.

2004 HB 227: Amendments to place the State Treasurer as overseer of the pension system administration, and the so-called “Buy Ohio” amendments to force investments through local stockbrokers, causing an estimated 100 million dollar yearly loss of benefits to retirees.

2005 SB 66: Amendment to allow municipal safety directors to transfer into OPERS-LE (Law Enforcement); HB 270: to allow prison officers to join the Law Enforcement division; HB 71: To allow up to 5 years of inactive mili-

tary service to be purchased; HB 286: To allow municipal rangers and township cadets to transfer into OPERS-LE. All of these bills create large un-funded liabilities on the pension system and reward select individuals with political favors.

2007 & 2008 H.B. 151: An attempt to impose politically motivated investment decisions on the retirement system, by preempting federal regulations on international stock trading.

When one follows the introduction of legislation, and time compares each to a newspaper pension system exposé, it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to see the correlation between political agendas and the press.

PERI can reasonably identify aspects of the national

effort by stockbrokers and large corporations to break the defined benefit pension systems and replace them with 401K type retirement packages, and the efforts of some politicians to use our pension funds to reward their political allies, or to further their personal political agendas.

Thank God for the dedicated men and women of PERI who have stayed the course by remaining informed, prepared for action, and willing to communicate with their local legislators.

Because of the dedication and involvement of PERI members and volunteers, Ohio has been able to avoid the financial ruin of their pension system like that caused by poor legislative decisions in other states.

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ing from being caught and prosecuted for the crime. The bill is narrowly drawn and has limited application. Again, it would apply to those in a position of honor, trust, or profit (elected officials, certain individuals serving on boards or commissions, key state and local policy-making officials, and others) who commit one of the enumerated felony offenses found in current law (bribery, obstructing justice, theft in office). The offenses

must have been committed after the effective date of the bill and the offender was granted a disability benefit prior to disposition of the criminal action. The court, prior to sentencing the individual, will hold a hearing to determine whether the offender’s disabling condition arose out of the commission of the offense. If the court determines that it was, the court is to order the retirement system to terminate the disability benefit, and the system would be authorized to recover any disability benefit paid prior to the termination.

The bill also expands the definition of “position of honor, trust, or profit” to also include positions in which, in the course of public employment, an employee has control over the expenditure of public funds of one hundred thousand dollars or more annually.

The bill was recommended by the Ohio Retirement Study Council; it passed the Senate and was reported out of committee in the House. It awaits the vote of the entire House.

PENSION PLAN DESIGN CHANGES: We are still waiting for a bill to be introduced that will reflect the changes that OPERS formally recommended to the legislature designed to strengthen the pension system and with the added goal of maintaining adequate funding for health care. Of the various provisions submitted by OPERS, one will affect future retirees; this provision deals with the COLA. The 3% rate would remain except in those years when the consumer price index is less than 3%. Thus,

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Election Information

PERI is governed by a representative body called: The Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is comprised of five (5) Officers and eleven (11) District Representatives.

District Representatives are up for election in their districts every other year for terms of two years.

All Officers, except for the Secretary/Treasurer, are up for election every year for 1 year terms. The Secretary/Treasurer is up for election every two years for terms of two years. Officers are elected by all members.

All members of record as of July 31 shall have election information and ballots sent to them in the mail no later than August 15.

In order for a ballot to count, it must be received at the Corporation's main office prior to 5 P.M. September 15.

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a ballot and a return envelope.

Please make your selections, place the ballots in the supplied ballot envelope, affix postage, and mail.

Please...Use the ballot envelope to send ballots only...DO NOT include your annual meeting reservation, or any other information in the ballot envelope.

FOR THE OFFICE OF... CHAIRPERSON



Beverly Sycks

I am a graduate of the Coshocton Business College. My 30 years of public service was with the Veterans Service Commission from which I retired as its Administrative Secretary. My community service has been as a member of the Professional Women's Club, the Volunteer Blood Mobile team, the YWCA Board, and President of the CHI-TAU Club.

Upon retirement, I joined PERI and the Coshocton County Chapter, where I served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President. In 1999, the members of PERI District 9 honored me by allowing me to serve as their representative. Since then I was privileged to be elected as PERI's 2nd VP in 2005 and 2006, 1st Vice-Chair in 2007 and Vice-Chair in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

I've grown and learned as a member of the Constitution, Chapter, Program, and Finance committees, and by chairing the Legislative, Chapter Growth and Education, Chapter Bylaw, Education, and Audit Committees.

FOR THE OFFICE OF... VICE-CHAIRPERSON



Beverly (Bev) Calvert

I began my public employment as a secretary to the ODOT Design Engineer and retired as the Equal Employment Coordinator for the Department of Transportation.

Upon retirement, I became a Lifetime member of PERI, and a member of the Washington County chapter. The members of District 8 first elected me in 2002, and again in 2004 to represent them on the PERI board. During my tenure I worked with the members and chapter officers to improve individual member participation, and the quality and content of our chapter meetings.

In 2006 and 2007, I was elected as 2nd Vice-Chair and 1st Vice-Chair in 2008, 2009, and 2010. I believe my experiences as a member of the Chapter-Growth and Education Committee; and the chairperson of the Legislative, Audit, and Constitution and Bylaws Committees; will help me to be a good Vice-Chair for the most important association a publicly employed retiree can join.



FOR THE OFFICE OF...
1ST VICE-CHAIR



Elizabeth "Becky" Somerville

In May of 2001, I was first appointed and then elected by the members of District 11 to represent them on the PERI Board of Trustees. I served in that position for 3, 2-year terms, before being elected to the position of 2nd Vice-Chair for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

My state employment was 19 years as a program coordinator for the Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District.

I have been told that my vitality and enthusiasm for the importance of PERI as our legislative watchdog association brought new life and vigor into our district. As a Board member I have been privileged to serve on the following committees: Audit, Legislative, Chapter Education, Finance, and Nominating. In addition, I was able to learn even more as the chair of the Constitution & By-Laws, Chapter Growth & Education, Audit, and Legislative Committees. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

FOR THE OFFICE OF...
2ND VICE-CHAIR



Jack Murphy

I offer the following qualifications for the position of 2nd Vice Chair. I'm a Navy veteran, with two years of formal education in business administration. I have 27 years in public service, served three years as Vice-President of PERI Chapter number 63, Portage County. In 2007, the members of District 11 elected me as their representative on the PERI Board of Trustees. As District Representative, I successfully worked with members in Geauga County in re-establishing their chapter, and with the folks in the Aurora and Twinsburg areas in establishing a 2nd chapter in Portage County. As a member of the board, I have served on the Legislative, Trustee Education, Finance, and Continuing Education committees. As the PERI 2nd Vice Chair, I would bring my chapter, district and committee experience to the table, along with my vision for growth and my abilities to work with members to get the job done.



Shirley Thurber

My husband and I have two married daughters and one granddaughter. We moved to Toledo, Ohio in 1980. I was employed in 1983 by Lucas County Jobs and Family Services and retired as an account clerk III in 2002.

I joined PERI at that time and became a Chapter President for 3 years. Upon moving to Berea in 2006, I joined a PERI chapter and again became active. In 2007, I was appointed, and in 2008, elected to the position of District 10 Representative. I was happy to charter a new PERI chapter for Cleveland's east side at Mayfield library, bringing the district's total to 11 chapters in eight counties. As District Representative I have served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, and several other committees.

I enjoy working with membership and feel it's very rewarding helping to protect our pensions and health care.

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if the CPI is 3% or more, the retiree would receive a 3% COLA.

However, should the CPI be less, the retiree would receive the same percentage rate as the CPI. For example, if the CPI were 2%, the retiree would receive a 2% COLA. And unlike years past, retirees will not be able to “bank” points when the CPI exceeds 3% and then use them when the CPI is below 3%. It should be noted that there appears to be no transition period, and it appears that the change will affect those who retire after the bill becomes effective.

H. B. No. 177 (Rep. Huffman) provides that those engaged in securities transactions or making investments on behalf of STRS may not receive performance-based bonuses or premiums in years of negative investment returns. Instead, the individual is only entitled to compensation for services the individual renders, and any term or condition of a contract agreement between STRS and investment personnel that provides a performance-based bonus or premium is void.

It should be noted that the bill as introduced does not affect OPERS; however, it could be amended to include OPERS and the other systems because OPERS inter-

nally manages about 60% of its investment assets and does provide a performance-based bonus. This incentive program was implemented in 2003 as a means to attract and retain top-caliber investment professionals and to incentivize them to achieve the best returns for the system. ORSC indicates that the use of internal management versus external management saved over \$30 million for OPERS in 2007, even after the payment of bonus incentives. Currently, 40 members of the 48-person investment staff are eligible for incentive compensation.

It should be noted that the Ohio Retirement Study Council voted to recommend that the Legislature disapprove H. B. No. 177. ORSC stated that the bill would diminish the authority of the STRS board to manage the system and give some of that authority to the legislature. “Traditionally, the legislature has provided oversight of all five retirement systems but has declined to involve itself with the day-to-day management of the systems....If the legislature chooses to involve itself in the day-to-day management of the funds by limiting compensation in the manner proposed by H. B. No. 177, this would establish a precedent for overriding the board’s authority on other issues.”

PERI and OPERS also formally oppose the bill.

H. B. No. 30 (Rep. Combs) deals with retirement incentive plans and would require an analysis of each proposed retirement incentive plan for OPERS members and would prohibit a member who participates in such a retirement incentive plan from being re-employed by the same employer. More specifically, the employer must have the incentive plan analyzed by a state university located within a specified geographic area of the employer. The analysis shall include a cost-benefit analysis of the plan that compares the projected long-term savings of the plan with the projected cost to the employer of purchasing the credit for participants along with a recommendation on the advisability of establishing the plan. The employer is not required to follow the recommendation.

Under the bill any employee who participates in a retirement incentive plan may not be re-employed after retirement by the same employer employing unit for which the retirement incentive plan was established. That is, a retired OPERS member who participates in a retirement incentive plan may still be re-employed, but is prohib-

ited from being re-employed by the employer that established the retirement incentive plan under which the employee retired.

PERI is monitoring this bill which is still in the House Financial Institutions, Real Estate, & Securities Committee.

S. B. No. 20 (Sen. Carey) amends Sections 9.44 and 124.181 to permit state employees to receive longevity and vacation credit for prior military service. That is, current law allows for the purchase of service credit for military service time and the bill would allow their purchased service time to count toward longevity and vacation credits. Section 9.44 provides that a person employed by the state (other than an elective official) who is currently earning vacation credits, would be entitled to have prior service as a member of the armed services or a reserve component counted as service with the state for the purpose of computing the amount of vacation leave.

Section 124.181 provides that a state employee may

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have prior service as a member of the armed forces or a reserve component counted as service with the state for the purpose of determining the amount of the longevity salary adjustment. As you may recall, longevity pay adjustments generally begin to accrue after an employee has attained five years of service.

PERI is monitoring this bill. It was reported out of the Senate State and Local Government & Veteran's Affairs committee.

S. B. No. 83 (Sen. Faber) One provision of the bill attempts to address the concern we have with spiking—the practice that allows employees to earn a higher pension benefit by virtue of their higher pay in the final years of their career—this creates an unfunded liability for the system. We oppose spiking and so does OPERS, and we anticipate that this spiking issue may be addressed in the Pension Plan Design proposal discussed above.

Another provision in the bill excludes from earnable salary any amounts that ex-

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2010 OPERS health care seminars for retirees

The 2010 OPERS retiree health care seminar schedule is listed below. These seminars are designed to address the needs and concerns of those receiving an OPERS benefit and participating in the OPERS health care plan. Discussion topics include medical/pharmacy coverage, other optional coverage (dental and vision), preventive benefits and wellness programs. Each seminar will also feature a question and answer session at the end.

Registration is required and seminars do fill quickly. Please register by calling OPERS at 1-800-222-7377 or visiting www.opers.org to register using My Benefits System (MBS). All seminars begin at 10 a.m. and last approximately two hours.

- Cincinnati (Sharonville)..... Nov. 12
- Columbus (OPERS)..... Nov. 19
- Huron..... Aug. 13
- Independence Nov. 12
- Lima..... Dec. 3
- Mansfield..... Nov. 19
- Ravenna Dec. 10



OPERS Health Care Plan Update



The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System is pleased to partner with PERI and provide news and updates concerning the OPERS health care plan within your PERI Newsletter. If you have questions or need further information, please contact OPERS at 1-800-222-7377.

OPERS health care plan open enrollment period scheduled for October

Open enrollment for the OPERS health care plan will be held from Oct. 1 – Oct. 31, 2010. During this time, participants in the health care plan may add or change coverage for themselves and/or their eligible dependents. Changes made during the open enrollment period will become effective Jan. 1, 2011. To help plan participants make informed decisions regarding their health care coverage in 2011, OPERS will be sending the following communications:

Open Enrollment Bulletin: scheduled to mail within the summer 2010 issue of Ohio PERS News for Retirees in early August, the bulletin will describe aspects of the plan that are new or changed for 2011 and provide a full list of available open enrollment seminars.

Open enrollment cost statement: personalized cost statements will be mailed with open enrollment packets in early September. The statements advise plan participants of the cost for their coverage in 2011 and also the cost for any alternate coverage options.

Open enrollment guide: the guide will be mailed with the cost statement and will provide in-depth coverage details for 2011.

The OPERS website, www.opers.org, will also be an excellent source of open enrollment information. Publications, forms, answers to frequently asked questions and even a video of an open enrollment seminar will be available on the site in early September.

Laurie Frithiof, PERI Administrative Secretary, met individually with the Chapter Officers in Districts 3, 8 and 9 to discuss the duties of a chapter officer. Her travels gave her the opportunity to meet many wonderful, dedicated PERI members.



PERI Chapter 17, Darke County: Alvin Spraley, Legislative Officer; Robert Downing, President; Peter Trocano, VP; Shirley Norris, Treasurer; Margaret Muhlenkamp, Secretary.



PERI Chapter 46, Perry County: Dennis Swingley, President; Deanna Bush, Secretary; Judith Nash, VP; Joyce Ramey, Legislative Officer.



PERI Chapter 24, Greene County: Leta Thordsen, Secretary; Deloris Willis, Treasurer; Joe Graf, Legislative Officer; Ken Moore, President.



PERI Chapter 48, Morgan County: Laurie Frithiof, PERI Administrative Secretary; Richard Ross, President; Claire Farnsworth, Legislative Officer; Ginger Williams, Secretary.



PERI Chapter 6, Montgomery County: Front row: Nancy McEldowney, Social Secretary; Lorna Eichorn, Treasurer; Helen Simmerman, Secretary. Back row: Ralph McEldowney, President; Charles Merrill, VP; George Satalia, Legislative Officer.



PERI Chapter 19, Preble County: In front: Georgia Moore, Secretary; Don Moore, President. In back: Larry Eubanks, Treasurer; Nancy Huggins, VP; Robert Byrne, Legislative Officer.



PERI Chapter 27, Champaign County: In front: Mary Sweeney, President. In back: Jackie Cummins, PERI Chapter 16, Logan County President; Raymond Snarr, VP; Richard Sommer, Legislative Officer; Nancy Bollenbacher, Secretary/Treasurer.



PERI Chapter 43, Monroe County: Eleanor Leeper, VP; Becky McGee, Secretary; Kitty Kahrig, President; Winifred Smith, Legislative Officer.



PERI Chapter 78, Guernsey County: Robert Lahmers, VP & Legislative Officer; Elmer Bright, President; Marvin Walker, Treasurer; Alberta Bates, Secretary, Roger Bates.



PERI Chapter 47, Muskingum County: John Janusz, Legislative Officer; Susan Wagner, Treasurer; Barbara Greulich, Secretary; John Schilling, President.



PERI Chapter 44, Hocking County: Barbara Chapman, Secretary; Jane McAdow, President; Marjorie Belville, VP.



PERI Chapter 26, Clark County: Glenna Kadel, Secretary; Steve Hopkins, President; Alice Riffe, Treasurer.



PERI Chapter 44, Athens County: Robert Antle, VP; Donna McLean, Secretary & Legislative Officer; Dave Thomas, President; William Irwin, Treasurer.



PERI Chapter 79,
Belmont County: In
back: Geno Sessi, VP;
John DeBonis, President.
In front: Mary Hudson,
Legislative Officer;
Linda Luke, Treasurer.



PERI Chapter 25,
Tuscarawas County:
In back: Pat Figuly, President;
Bob Zucal, Legislative Officer.
In front: Martha Dillon, VP;
Jim Hykes, Treasurer; Carol
Ditto, Secretary.



PERI Chapter 76,
Holmes County:
In back: Lynn Johnson,
President; Nellie Martin,
Secretary/Treasurer. In front:
Beverly Hall, Legislative
Officer; Ruby Martin, VP.



PERI Chapter 80, Harrison
County: Wanda Swelbar, VP;
Nedra Bailey, Secretary/
Treasurer; Annia Schiappa,
President; Carol Raber,
Legislative Officer.



PERI Chapter 77,
Coshocton County: Tom
Mills, President; Margaret
Lowe, Secretary, Jerry Veigel,
Legislative Officer.



PERI Chapter 5, Jefferson County:
James Eckard, Legislative Officer; Jerry Krupinski,
President; Maxine DiPalma, Membership Chair;
Rosemary O'Brien, Treasurer; Phyllis Foreman, VP.



PERI Chapter 81,
Carroll County: Fred Wilson,
President; Ruth Berry, VP;
Earl Ledford, Legislative
Officer, Linda Groves,
Secretary/Treasurer.

The District 6 Annual Meeting was held on June 17 in Westerville, Ohio with all chapters represented. John Mc David, President of Delaware Chapter conducted the election for District 6 Representative. Merlin "Boots" Sheets was elected. Because the meeting location was so close to the PERI Office, Laurie Frithiof, Administrative Secretary, and Nancy Heath, Bookkeeper and Newsletter layout artist joined us for lunch and fellowship. Administrator Bill Winegarner gave highlights of the year and told of the many jobs that the PERI office staff performs. The keynote speaker was Shane Olsen from Humana. His speech was informative and he explained different aspects of the health care plan.



PERI Chapter 33, Wood County:
Alice Loomis, Treasurer; Mary Ann Johns, Secretary;
Wayne Keller, VP; David Wagner, President; Dean
Weaver, Legislative Officer.

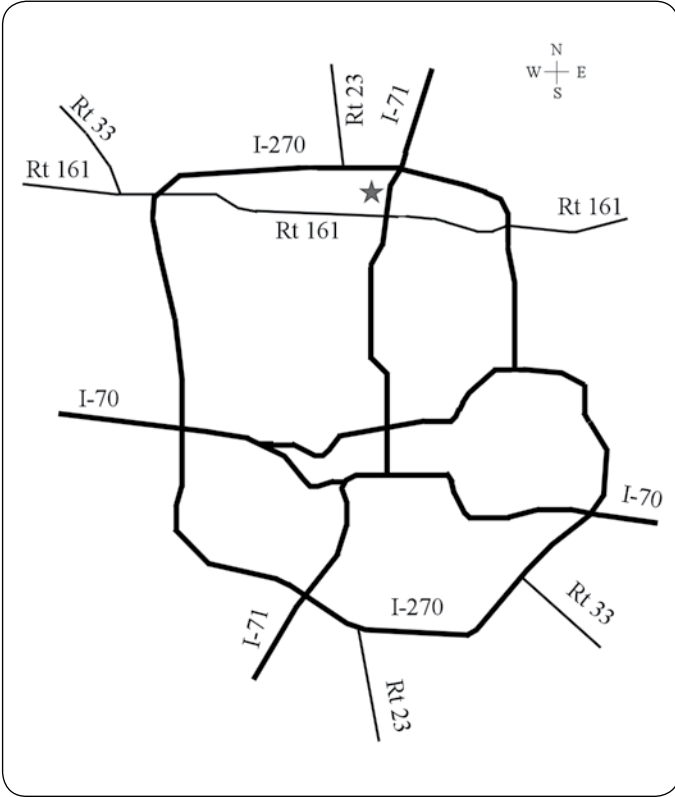


The District 5 Annual meeting was held on April 29 at Bucyrus. Speakers were: Shonda Berquin, OPERS Government Relations Officer and Devon Hooper, OPERS Health Care Educator. There were 85 in attendance. Recognition was given for each chapter's participation.



PERI ANNUAL 2010 MEETING MAP

Crowne Plaza Hotel
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From I-270:

Exit onto Cleveland Ave North.

Go to the first intersection and turn left (west) onto Schrock Rd.

Follow Schrock Road for 2-1/4 miles to Busch Blvd.

Turn left onto Busch Blvd.

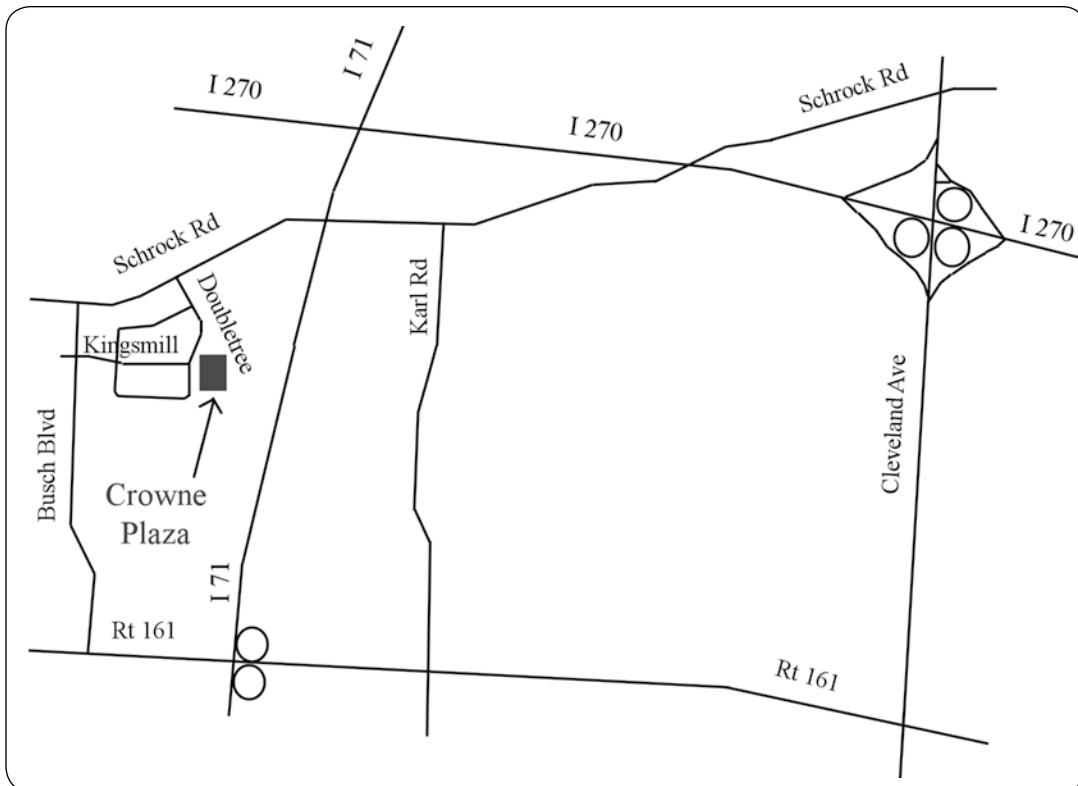
Turn left at first traffic light onto Kingsmill Pkwy which will deadend at Crowne Plaza Hotel.

From I-71:

Exit onto Route 161 and head west.

Turn right onto Busch Blvd.

Turn right at third traffic light onto Kingsmill Pkwy which will deadend at Crowne Plaza Hotel.



PERI 2010 Annual Meeting

Monday, September 27

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Columbus, Ohio

The PERI Annual Meeting will again be at the Crowne Plaza in north east Columbus. The Crowne Plaza offers nearness to a free-way exit, ease of parking without fees, covered drop off and entry, spaciousness, cleanliness, sufficient number of bathrooms, and quality food service.

We are limited to 550 attendees so early registration would be wise.

Registration will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Coffee, tea, and a pastry will be available during that time.

The business meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will feature reports from the PERI Administrator, Secretary/Treasurer, Legislative Counsel, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Administrator will announce the successful officer candidates and install the new board members for the remainder of 2010 through the Annual Meeting in 2011.

One of the rewarding experiences derived from attending a PERI Annual Meeting is the opportunity to meet and hear from various members of the senior administrative

staff of OPERS, on topics such as healthcare, investments, and administrative challenges.

Mr. John Gilchrist, PERI's Legislative Counsel and his OPERS counter-part will cover our legislative concerns.

Before and after the business meeting, we will have representatives from OPERS, Medicare, Medical Mutual, Humana, Express Scripts, Social Security, Envision RX Options, Deferred Comp and the Ohio Department of Insurance

located at service tables to answer your questions. Lunch will be served after the business meeting. The meal choices this year are Chicken Napa Valley or Baked White Fish with Citrus Relish, each served with a fresh garden salad, appropriate side dish and dessert. A Chef's Choice Vegetarian Meal is also available.

Come with great expectations for a rewarding time of learning, sharing ideas, and fellowshiping with OPERS retirees from around the state.

Chicken Napa Valley - Boneless breast of chicken marinated, grilled & topped with vegetables and cream sauce.
White Fish - Baked filet topped with a citrus relish.
Both entrees served with salad, rolls, oven roasted red skin potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots, and dessert.

Registration: \$25 per person
Registration deadline:
Friday, Sept 10, 2010.

If you are making reservations for more than one person, please list each person's name separately, along with their meal choice.

Make check payable to PERI and mail with registration form to:

PERI
Attn: Annual Meeting
659-F Park Meadow Road
Westerville, OH 43081

*PLEASE NOTE THAT
REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR
IS NOT AVAILABLE*

***Please do NOT send your registration
in the ballot envelope.***

The ballots are not opened until shortly before the meeting, and there will be no time to process your registration.

Registration Form for the PERI 2010 Annual Meeting

LAST Name FIRST Name M.I. Chicken - Fish
(Circle meal choice)

LAST Name FIRST Name M.I. Chicken - Fish
(Circle meal choice)

Phone Number _____ Your County Name _____

of Registrations: _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____ Check #: _____

You may copy this form as needed.

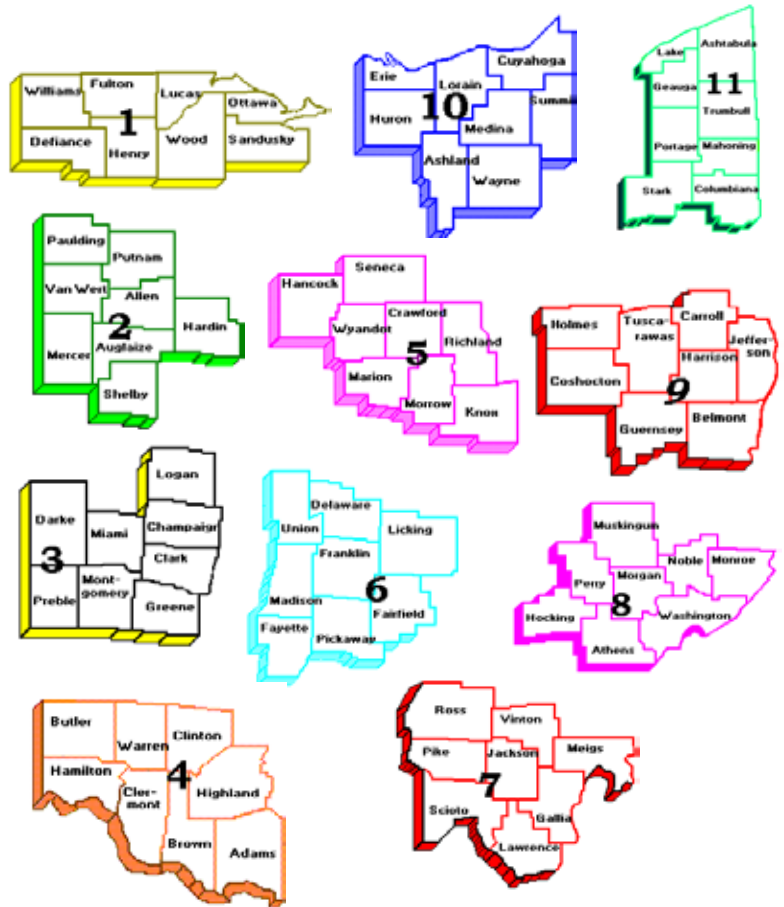
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ceed the yearly compensation of the Governor. For these amounts, neither the member nor the employer will be required to make contributions to OPERS. Amounts earned in excess of the Governor's salary will therefore not be used in determining a retirement benefit under OPERS. The Governor's salary is approximately \$145,000. A federal law provision set the limit at \$245,000. (Thus, under federal law, no contributions are collected on the salary amount that exceeds \$245,000.) OPERS indicates that lowering this threshold to approximately \$145,000 may have a negative effect on the Health Care Fund.

As you know, a retirement benefit is based on a formula using years of service and final average salary. Final average salary is the average of the member's highest three years of earnable salary. Earnable salary is the salary, wages, and other earnings of a member, other than payments for such things as fringe benefits and reimbursement of expenses. A member and the member's employer are required to make contributions based on the member's earnable salary.



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