



The Pensioner: *Looking Forward*

Welcome to the digital MPERS newsletter! *The Pensioner: Looking Forward* contains news, updates, and important information for active employees of the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MPERS.

MPERS Represented at 2024 MAPERS Conference

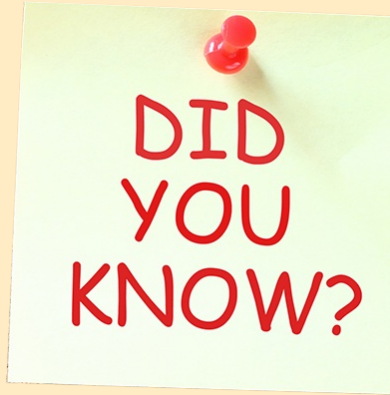
The annual Missouri Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (MAPERS) conference was held on July 10-12 at Lake of the Ozarks and several MPERS staff and MPERS Board of Trustees were in attendance.

Dan Meers, also known as KC Wolf the mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs, served as the keynote speaker. He delivered a positive and encouraging message focused on character, purpose, and passion.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jennifer Even participated in a panel with CFOs from other systems including the Local Area Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS), Public School Retirement System (PSRS), and the Missouri State Employees Retirement System (MOSERS).



Dan Meers, a.k.a. KC Wolf, mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs delivers the keynote address at MAPERS.



Attending the MAPERS conference helps trustees meet continuing education requirements.

According to the MPERS 'Board of Trustee governance policy, trustees must complete a minimum of six hours of continuing education each year.

Trustee education reports can be found on our website!

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Investment Update

The System turned in a preliminary net return of 12.7% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The financial books are not yet closed for the fiscal year, so this number is subject to change. Performance should be finalized sometime in mid-August, and we hope to have the results in the October newsletter.

Educational Opportunities

St. Joseph

Pre-Retirement Seminar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan Members

Tuesday, August 20
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 12

OR

Wednesday, August 21
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 13



Register

Retirement Deadlines

Intended Date of Retirement	Step 1 <i>Notice of Retirement</i> Due at MPERS	Step 2 <i>Retirement Election Form</i> Due at MPERS
January 1	September 1-November 30	December 31
February 1	October 1-December 31	January 31
March 1	November 1-January 31	February 28
April 1	December 1-February 28	March 31
May 1	January 1-March 31	April 30
June 1	February 1-April 30	May 31
July 1	March 1-May 31	June 30
August 1	April 1-June 30	July 31
September 1	May 1-July 31	August 31
October 1	June 1-August 31	September 30
November 1	July 1-September 30	October 31
December 1	August 1-October 31	November 30

August Events

- 20 - Pre-Retirement seminar in St. Joseph Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 21 - Pre-Retirement seminar in St. Joseph Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 30 - Deadline to submit step 1 - *Notice of Retirement* for October 1 retirement



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