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## 2016

All Louisiana retired educators are invited to join LRTA for the 2016 Spring Meeting in Alexandria on April 26 and 27. The meeting's theme will be: Happy 60th Birthday LRTA.

All meeting and meal functions will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 701 Fourth St. in Alexandria.

The LRTA Executive Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. on April 26, followed by a pre-convention dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. General session will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29. The event will conclude with a luncheon. Attendance at meal functions are by pre-registration only. Details of the convention schedule will be available soon on the LRTA Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lrtal](http://www.facebook.com/lrtal), and website, [www.lrta.net](http://www.lrta.net).

Special hotel room convention group rate at the Holiday Inn Downtown is \$97 per night, plus tax. Cut-off date for this special rate is Monday, April 11, unless the hotel sells out earlier. To make a room reservation, call hotel representative Dave Coates directly at (318) 618-0465. Be sure to ask for the special LRTA convention rate.

In order to register for the convention, please use the form on page 8 of this newsletter. Registration deadline is April 15. Mark your calendars and make your plans! We look forward to seeing you in Alexandria on April 26 and 27.





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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading this great association. My goal as president was to provide leadership so that we would continue positioning our association so that “our retirement years would be great!”

In my meetings with legislators, and in my testimony before legislative committees, I have tried to give accurate and specific information about the needs retirees are experiencing.

What have I learned these last two years as your president? Let me start by saying that we are fortunate to have a very dedicated and capable staff that works hard to keep our ‘ship’ on track. Also, that I am becoming senescent—therefore it takes me

longer to get things done. My mind says ‘go’, but my body says let’s wait a while.

The world we live in today is changing, we must accept the fact that technology is shaping how we live—we must continue to explore our best use of technology.

I have visited district and unit meetings, and have experienced excellent leadership being provided at all levels. In visiting with leaders and discussing their needs, as well as soliciting ideas from our email club members, I have learned that it takes time, energy and technology to keep a district/unit active. It is es-

pecially important to remember that all district and unit leaders are volunteers. We must provide the support and resources they need to be successful.

With numbers comes strength, and it is vital that we continue to recruit both active and associate membership in LRTA. District and unit membership chairs must be able to rely on LRTA for leadership and support.

Pat and I are grateful and thankful for all of our LRTA friends. Please continue to pray for us and the membership of LRTA. We wish the best for all! May God bless!

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This volume of our newsletter is our Legislative Edition focused on communicating proposed statute and ramifications for both our Associate and Regular membership.

Friday, January 29, 2016 was the deadline to pre-file retirement legislation. Approximately 24 Bills have been filed that require monitoring as it may affect our benefit plan either directly or indirectly. Each of these Bills are listed in numerical order and designated as either a House Bill (HB) or a Senate Bill (SB). Included is a brief digest of the proposed legislation.

Before making a determination on whether to support each Bill, the text will have been through a series of reviews. First the TRSL Board of Trustees did an initial review of each Bill at their Legislative Committee meeting on Friday, February

5, 2016. TRSL further reviewed and made recommendations on March 4, 2016. As your Executive Director, I made notations and took notes for the rationale behind each TRSL recommendation. That information was provided at our subsequent review made by the LRTA Legislative Committee on March 9, 2016. These recommendations were presented to the Executive Committee for final approval on March 10, 2016.

Many of you know that I am providing our membership with an overview of our retirement system, proposed legislation, and language on how to communicate with their Legislative Delegation in regards to defending and retaining our current benefit plan. If you haven't had the opportunity, please try to attend a meeting in your area. We send out an email blast weekly



that recaps our visits to local units and districts with a schedule of the following weeks' activities.

The Regular Legislative Session begins March 14, at 12 noon and concludes no later than June 6, at 6 p.m. 2016. The call to ‘activism’ has never been so important for our organization. I will send you updates and requests with information to share with your Legislators as we move through

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## 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

The legislative session begins at noon on Monday, March 14 at 12 noon, and the legislature must complete its work by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6. It is anticipated that other bills, and perhaps some resolutions, will be added to this list of legislation to be monitored by LRTA once the session begins. Future issues of LRTA's Regular Legislative Session Update will provide the LRTA Executive Board's official position on each item included on the list, and legislative actions taken on each item will be added as the session progresses.

### PERMANENT BENEFIT INCREASES

#### **House Bill No. 32 by Representative Sam Jones**

This bill provides for the payment of a permanent benefit increase out of the balance on deposit in the Experience Account to eligible members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to begin on July 1, 2016. The benefit increase will be provided to those eligible individuals receiving a benefit from TRSL who have been retired for at least 12 months, and who are at least age 60, on June 30, 2016. The benefit increase will be applied to the first \$60,000 of the annual benefit currently received from TRSL. The benefit increase will also be paid to disability retirees and to the beneficiaries of retirees and disability retirees who would have met the above stated eligibility requirements.

Similar PBIs are authorized for members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System and the Louisiana State Police Retirement System.

#### **House Bill No. 33 by Representative Sam Jones**

This bill repeals the requirement

that benefit increases of retirees and beneficiaries of state retirement systems be approved by the legislature and authorizes the board of trustees of such systems to pay the increases when requirements in present law are otherwise met. Further it requires the board to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on retirement within 10 days after action to grant a COLA.

#### **Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Barrow Peacock**

This bill provides for the payment of a permanent benefit increase out of the balance on deposit in the Experience Account to eligible members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to begin on July 1, 2016. The benefit increase will be provided to those eligible individuals receiving a benefit from TRSL who have been retired for at least 12 months, and who are at least age 60, on June 30, 2016. The benefit increase will be applied to the first \$60,000 of the annual benefit currently received from TRSL. The benefit increase will also be paid to disability retirees and to the beneficiaries of retirees and disability retirees who would have met the above stated eligibility requirements.

This bill is a similar version to HB no. 32 by Representative Sam Jones.

### RETURN-TO-WORK RETIREES

#### **House Bill No. 60 by Representative Blake Miguez**

Authorizes a retiree of the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL) to return to work as a school nurse and continue to collect his benefit check, subject to an earnings limitation of 25% of his benefit amount.

#### **House Bill No. 61 by Representative Frank Hoffmann**

Authorizes retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL) to return to work as a school psychologist in a critical shortage area without reduction of retirement benefits.

### RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING

#### **House Bill No. 15 by Representative Pearson**

Requires administrative expenses of state retirement systems to be calculated on a prospective basis and added into the employer contributions of each system instead of assessed as a net loss each year and amortized as a debt over 30 years.

#### **House Bill No. 21 by Representative Sam Jones**

Current law provides for the accounting of and funding for the liabilities for the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). Relative to liabilities of state retirement systems (TRSL), this law moves up the implementation of the 20-year amortization periods for such liabilities and authorizes re-amortization of such liabilities once every five years.

#### **House Bill No. 47 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Requires administrative expenses of state retirement systems to be calculated on a prospective basis and added into the employer contributions of each system instead of assessed as a net loss each year and amortized as a debt over 30 years.

#### **House Bill No. 49 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Requires members of state retirement systems first hired on or after July 1, 2017, to share certain retirement costs equally with employers. Once aspect of this proposed law would increase the employee share from 8% to 9.5%.

## 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE *continued*

### **House Bill No. 62 by Representative Barry Ivey**

For state retirement systems meeting certain funded ratio criteria, sets a minimum employer contribution rate of 20% and provides for use of funds from such additional contributions.

### **Senate Bill No.5 by Senator Barrow Peacock**

The law provides for required employer contributions for each state retirement system to be a dollar amount for yearly benefits and unfunded accrued liability (UAL) payments. This law adds as an additional component of the sum of the cost of projected noninvestment related administrative expenses for that year.

### **Senate Bill No.18 by Senator Barrow Peacock**

Proposed law, for purposes of determining the maximum PBI within the schedule in present law, specifies that the funding level shall be determined before any allocation to the experience account. Additionally, proposed law provides that effective for the June 30, 2016 system valuation the amortization period for most actuarial changes, gains, and losses shall be reduced from 30 years to 20 years in two-year increments over the next five years. Further provides that in the first system valuation following June 30, 2015, in which an allocation is made to the system's experience account and for each valuation thereafter, actuarial gains allocated to the experience account shall be amortized as a loss with level payments over a 10-year period.

### **RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP**

### **House Bill No. 13 by Representative J. Kevin Pearson**

This bill allows a current TRSL member

to purchase service credit for time spent teaching in an elementary or secondary nonpublic school that was located in another state and was approved by that state's educational agency during the time the teaching service was rendered.

### **House Bill No. 45 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Eliminates certain protections for benefits of state retirement system members if such benefits are paid by a third-party provider and not by a state retirement system. Proposed law only protects guaranteed benefits if two conditions are met. (1) The benefits are annuitized by a state retirement system. (2) The benefits are based on service in a plan or tier of a state retirement system that calculates normal retirement benefits using an accrual rate and an average of the member's compensation or salary. Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2016.

### **House Bill No. 46 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Requires members of state retirement systems whose first date of employment making them eligible for membership in a state retirement system occurred on or after July 1, 2017, to equally share the cost of certain elements of their retirement benefit with their employer.

### **House Bill No. 50 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Establishes a tiered accrual rate based on years of creditable service for all new members of state retirement systems whose first employment making them eligible for membership in a state system occurs on or after July 1, 2018.

### **House Bill No. 65 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Establishes a hybrid retirement plan for members of state retirement systems whose first employment making them eligible for membership in a state system occurred on or after July 1, 2018.

### **House Bill No. 66 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Proposed law establishes a hybrid retirement plan (Hybrid Plan)—consisting of a combination of a small defined benefit pension and a defined contribution (DC) account—for members of each system whose first employment making them eligible for membership in a state system occurred on or after July 1, 2017 (hereafter referred to as “new members”).

### **Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Barrow Peacock**

Proposed law provides that an active, contributing participant in the ORP on June 30, 2016, may elect, through written notice to TRSL, to cease contributions to the ORP and begin membership in the regular retirement plan at TRSL as a new member on or before December 30, 2016.

### **RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION**

### **House Bill No. 48 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Adds citizens unaffiliated with the retirement system to the boards of trustees of each of the four state retirement systems. Proposed law adds five citizen trustees to the TRSL board. Each such trustee shall have filed his state income tax returns for the last five consecutive years and shall not have an immediate family member who is an active or retired member of the system or a beneficiary

of the system.

### **House Bill No. 51 by Representative Barry Ivey**

Proposed law requires the actuary hired by the system to be selected from a list maintained by the legislative auditor. Requires the list to contain the names of at least three actuarial firms. Requires each firm on the list to employ at least one qualified actuary who shall be responsible for providing technical assistance and actuarial services to the retirement system.

### **House Bill No. 14 by Representative Kevin Pearson**

Replaces the chairmen of the House

and Senate committees on retirement with the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate on each state and statewide retirement system, plan, and fund.

### **Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator Barrow Peacock**

Proposed law provides that the TRSL board of trustees shall meet at least 10 times each calendar year. Effective June 30, 2016.

### **Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Barrow Peacock**

Proposed law, for purposes of determining the maximum PBI

within the schedule in present law, specifies that the funding level shall be determined before any allocation to the experience account. Further provides that effective for the June 30th system valuation following the fiscal year in which the system first attains a funded level of 80% pursuant to proposed law, the amortization period for most actuarial changes, gains, and losses shall be reduced from 30 years to 20 years and the reduction of certain debt payments through reamortization after application of gains allocated to funding that debt shall begin.

**UNDERSTANDING THE RETIREMENT DILEMMA:**  
Defined Benefit retirement plans are under attack nationwide.

To see a pdf of a Power Point developed by LRTA Executive Director Rodney Watson to explain what a Defined Benefit plan is, and why preserving Louisiana's DB plan is important, please visit [www.lrta.net](http://www.lrta.net). You can find the "click here" link in the first paragraph in blue.

If you wish to receive it as a Power Point document for presentation, contact the LRTA office.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

LRTA will be representing and protecting your benefit plan as we monitor more than 20 pieces of pre-filed legislation during the Regular 2016 Legislative Session.

The session will run from March 14 at noon until June 6 at 6 p.m. Bills will be introduced through both retirement committees. The Senate Retirement Committee will meet on Mondays and the House Retirement Committee will meet on Thursdays.

I will provide weekly updates, through our email club and Facebook page, that will show how each Bill progresses through the legislature as either passed, amended, deferred, or defeated.

Please monitor our face book page and emails as we will ask you to contact your legislators to either support or oppose legislation that affects our retirement plan.

## **FOUNDATION DONATIONS**

St. Charles Parish Retired Teachers in Memory of Evelyn Jefferson

St. Landry RTA in Memory of all Deceased Members of St. Landry RTA

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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each retirement Bill.

Finally, the LRTA staff is working hard to improve the quality of resources to our Districts. Notably, we are focused on writing articles that help educate our community on essential issues framed around our benefit structure.

Beginning with our next issue, I will write an article that addresses an 'Essential Question' regarding retirement. The purpose will be two pronged. First, to explain the language and verbiage used to describe some aspect of retirement. Let's face it, how many of

us understand terms like: valuation reports, discount rates, actuarial standards, etc. Second, I will address an 'Essential Question' to use with stakeholders as we defend our system with sound ideology based on empirical information.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication and a life-long commitment in Education. Let's work together to preserve our benefits with a positive and collective attitude as we engage stakeholders in meaningful discussions.

Regards,  
Rodney R. Watson



# IN MEMORIAM

*"...THESE IMMORTAL DEAD WHO LIVE AGAIN IN MINDS MADE BETTER BY THEIR PRESENCE"*

## DECEASED RETIRED TEACHERS

DECEMBER 3 THROUGH FEBRUARY 8

### District I

John E. Altazan – New Orleans  
 Adrienne H. Butler – New Orleans  
 Jocelyn Chatters – New Orleans  
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 Shirley Grady – New Orleans  
 Merian H. Gross – Belle Chasse  
 George E. Ioup – New Orleans  
 Lydia Lowry – New Orleans  
 Marion Louise Nash – St. Bernard  
 Elnora C. Ross – New Orleans  
 Eugenie Schwartz – New Orleans  
 Wallace R. Scott – New Orleans  
 Helen Smothers – New Orleans  
 Turner C. Thomas – New Orleans

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 Michael K. Fallon – Kenner  
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 William C. Gautreaux, Jr. – Bourg  
 Evelyn Jefferson – Paradis  
 George W. Kearney – Metairie  
 Iris W. Landry – Metairie  
 Penny J. Landry – Metairie  
 Raymond Latoof – Marrero  
 Judy LeBoeuf – Houma  
 Agatha P. Rhodes – Houma  
 Mary Riley Richardson – Luling  
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 Ruth Ann Rushing – Golden Meadow  
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 Beverly R. Lamarca – Loranger  
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 Betty Lou H. May – Mandeville  
 Joanna Gorby Ruiz – Abita Springs  
 Catherine A. Scott – Denham Springs  
 Ethel R. Sentilles – Covington  
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 Eleise G. Jones – Baton Rouge  
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 Rogers J. Newman – Baton Rouge

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 Alice Pippin – Sulphur  
 Grace B. Savoie – Sulphur  
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 Lenora B. Sizemore – DeRidder  
 Lou Anne Smith – DeRidder  
 Beverly Sue Waggoner – Sulphur  
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 Evelyn J. M. Williams – Iowa  
 Sarah M. Wilson – Lake Charles  
 Ella Mosley Young – Rayne

### **District VII**

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 Marion D. Cannon – Alexandria  
 Joycelynn R. Coulter – Alexandria  
 Sadie L. Cummings – Ferriday  
 Nadine C. Ellis – Hornbeck  
 Anthony R. Gauthier – Pineville  
 Doris U. Jack – Jena  
 Bettye C. McRae – Leesville  
 Billie s. McRae – Leesville  
 Linda Sue Morrison – Anacoco  
 Janis Perkins – Pitkin  
 Michael Otis Perkins – Pitkin  
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### **District IX**

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If you would like to stay informed via our Facebook page, please go to [www.facebook.com/lrta1](http://www.facebook.com/lrta1). Click on the "like" button to receive our updates and posts.

## LRTA NEWSLETTER

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| <b>TRSL (Retirement Benefits and Check)</b> .....        | <b>225.925.6446</b> |
| Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) .....            | <b>877.275.8775</b> |
| <b>Office of Group Benefits</b> .....                    | <b>225.925.6625</b> |
| Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) .....            | <b>800.272.8451</b> |
| <b>Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA)</b> ..... | <b>800.258.7041</b> |
| <b>LRTA Office</b> .....                                 | <b>225.927.8837</b> |
| Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) .....            | <b>888.531.1992</b> |
| Fax .....  | <b>225.927.8838</b> |

## 2016 SPRING MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2016 Spring Meeting in order to expedite registration in Alexandria. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Tuesday, April 26, and/or for the luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, indicate in the space provided and send a check for the appropriate amount. **Each person pre-registering and/or reserving a meal ticket should return a separate form** in order to receive a registration packet. Guests may use the form in order to receive a registration packet. (Photocopies acceptable.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Attendance only, no fee

\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets for Tuesday night Pre-Convention Dinner (\$30.00 per person) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Beef hamburger steak)

\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets for Wednesday luncheon (\$26.00 per person) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Smoked chicken)

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by **April 15, 2016**. Registration will be available at the meeting; however, meal function tickets are sold by pre-reservation only. **No meal reservations will be taken by phone. NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 20.** Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.