

SUMMARY OF RETIREE CONNECTION (ONLINE) MEETING

June 25, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Attending: Jandra Carter, David Gillispie, Dennis Hare, Larry Hightower, Myron Holder, Jacqueline Horton, Harry Kennedy, Edith Nelson, Donnie Shuck, Robert Sprehe, and Leon Wahlbrink.

Absent: Gary Findlay (Retiree Elected Board Member)

Attending from MOSERS: Juanita Mummert, Assistant Benefits Officer-Education; Tricia Kliethermes, Education & Legal Specialist; Ronda Stegmann, Executive Director; Andrea Binkley, Chief Benefits Officer; Jamie Mullen, Assistant Benefits Officer; Candy Smith, Communications Manager and Public Information Officer; Nicole Dawson, Digital and Print Content Creator in Communications, Pettina Duenckel, Executive Project Coordinator; and Abby Spieler, General Counsel.

Attending as Guests: N/A

Ms. Mummert opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and providing an overview of the meeting agenda.

Ms. Mummert introduced Ronda Stegmann. Ms. Stegmann provided a review of the 2020 legislative session along with an update from the June Board Meeting. Ms. Stegmann also reported on MOSERS' ongoing response to the COVID-19 situation. Based upon the guidance from Governor Parson's office and in accordance with the CDC guidelines, MOSERS office was closed to visitors. All staff, with the ability to work remotely, were placed on a telecommute status. Staff is returning to the office in designated waves and decisions are being made daily to ensure the continuation of vital benefit services to our members while also protecting the health of members, staff, and other stakeholders.

Ms. Mummert reported that several options were being discussed for the 2021 Coffee Break season. Due to COVID-19, social distancing and large gathering restrictions, the 2020 Coffee Break season was cancelled. Ms. Kliethermes reported that feedback from retirees was appreciative and certainly understanding. The presentations selected for 2020 will be rolled over to the 2021 season. MOSERS anticipates releasing further information about the 2021 season along with a new schedule later this year.

Ms. Mummert relayed to the group the resignation of Henry Leaming. The current Retiree Connection Guidelines were reviewed for updates and the Purpose statement was reexamined. The group voted unanimously that the current Purpose statement was accurate and that no changes were needed.

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The Retiree Connection members continued discussions about the possible recruitment of new members in 2021 and a timeline for the phases was presented by Ms. Mummert. Phase One is for a promotion/awareness piece for the current group members, which is slated to go live in the fall of 2020. Phase Two is a review and update of the current Retiree Connection webpage, also slated to go live in the fall of 2020. Phase Three has many layers. The first is to determine the parameters, demographics, qualifications, marketing and selection processes for adding a new member to the group. Ms. Smith shared retiree data from existing MOSERS reports and reported she is working with MOSERS IT Department and the state's Office of Administration for other queries. The exact timeline will be finalized as data continues to be collected and analyzed.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be scheduled in August, 2020.
