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Newsletter of the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island

STATE EMPLOYEE & RETIREE ELECTION IN 2004

Teacher & Municipal Incumbents Automatically Re-elected

Elections will be held in the month of January for one retiree representative and two active state representatives. Ballot order was determined by lottery at the November Retirement Board meeting. Ballots will be mailed to the voting membership in December.

There will be no 2004 election for the two active teacher representatives and one active municipal representative to the Employees Retirement Board of Rhode Island. Regulations governing the election provide that if only two active teachers qualify for the election, and if only one active municipal member qualifies for the election, they shall be deemed elected and no election shall be necessary.

Only two active teachers and only one active municipal employee filed nomination papers with the Employees Retirement System this past fall, therefore the three incumbents have been automatically re-elected to serve the membership for another term. They will be sworn in at the March, 2004 meeting of the Retirement Board.

Representatives to the Retirement Board serve a term of four years and meet monthly at the offices of the Employees Retirement System in Providence.

The Retirement Board is chaired by General Treasurer Paul J. Tavares.

Active or Vested State Members and Retiree Members will be mailed ballots for the January, 2004 retirement board election.

*Teachers & Municipal members
will not receive ballots.*

Candidates in Ballot Order

State Representatives (2 seats)

Roger L. Boccanfuso

Department of Corrections

Linda C. Riendeau

Department of Administration

Linda M. Masse

MHRH Eleanor Slater Hospital

Michael E. Reis

Department of Corrections

Retiree Candidates (1 seat)

John C. Travers

Pawtucket School Dept. Retired Teacher

Edward J. Slattery

Cranston School Depart. Retired Teacher

Michael J. Boyce

City of East Providence Municipal Retiree

Re-elected to the Retirement Board

Teacher Representatives

William B. Finelli

John P. Maguire

Municipal Representative

Louis M. Prata

Regulation No. 5, August, 1995

**Rules of Elections to
Employees Retirement Board**

(provided in part)

Section (1) Election Administration

(A) Regular Elections

Each member who wishes to be a candidate for the board from his/her respective group, must file his/her intent for such office and obtain nomination papers in person from the retirement system.

Each candidate must secure at least 100 valid signatures on such nomination papers and return them to the retirement office as of the date identified within the notice of election. Such date must be between October 15th and October 30th of the year preceding the election.

The Sub-Committee on Elections shall validate such signatures and certify to the Retirement Board that the candidate has qualified for a place on the ballot.

Signatures of members appearing more than once on a set of nomination papers are invalid as are signatures of non-members such as a candidate's spouse, family member or beneficiary.

In the event that only one retired or municipal candidate qualifies under this section, he/she shall be deemed elected and no election shall be necessary for that group. If only two active state employees or teachers qualify under this section, they shall be deemed elected and no election shall be necessary.

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