



PSPRS Local Board Newsletter

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. - Milton Berle

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UPCOMING LOCAL BOARD TRAINING SEMINARS

If you are a new local board member, this seminar would be of benefit to you:

August 11, 2009

Topic: Duties and Responsibilities of the Local Board

Time: 10 AM

Location: 3010 E Camelback Suite 200 Phoenix, AZ 85016

If you would like to sign up for this seminar: email don@psprs.com

If you are wondering about who qualifies for a disability retirement, this seminar would be helpful for local board members and local board secretaries.

September 15, 2009

Topic: Disability Retirements

Time: 10 AM

Location: 3010 E Camelback Suite 200 Phoenix, AZ 85016

October 26, 2009

Local Board Conference (all day seminar)

Time 9 AM to 4 PM

Location: General Local Board Conference (Phoenix)

*To be held at 5033 N 19th Ave, Phoenix AZ

KNOW YOUR LOCAL BOARD STRUCTURE

If the Local Board for Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS only) is:

Cities or Tribal Nations (terms are staggered 4 years unless new joiner, then the first term for the employer representatives is 2 years and then 4 years thereafter)

- ♦ Mayor or chief elected official or a designee of either (Chairman)
- ♦ Two members elected by secret ballot by the members
- ♦ Two citizens, one of whom shall be the head of the merit system, if it exists or appointed by the mayor or chief elected official (serve on both police and fire boards)



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State agencies and Airport authorities (terms are staggered 4 years unless they are a new joiner, then the first term for the employer representatives is 2 years and then 4 years thereafter):

- ♦ Two members elected by secret ballot by the members
- ♦ Three citizens appointed by the governor
- ♦ Each board elects a chairman

Fire Districts (terms are staggered 4 years unless new joiner, then the first term for the employer representatives is 2 years and then 4 years thereafter)

- ♦ Secretary/Treasurer as Chairman
- ♦ Two members elected by secret ballot by the members
- ♦ Two citizens appointed by the Secretary/Treasurer, one has to be a resident of the fire district and one has to have experience in personnel administration but does not have to be a resident of the fire district

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

As a Local Board Secretary or Local Board Member:

Would you like to know if your local board is compliant with the law?

We are now scheduling on site appointments with your local board to answer this question. If you would like to schedule an appointment please email don@psprs.com

Don Mineer – Local Board Training Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVE MEMBERS DEPARTMENT TO PSPRS AND CORP CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS

Well, we have closed our fiscal year with success and ease! I am happy to report in this newsletter that your members' 2009 Annual Contribution Statements have been processed and emailed to you, either to the PAYROLL and/or LOCAL BOARD contacts in our email data base.



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You should print the statements and distribute to your employees as soon as possible. However, you may be unaware that the employees are able to access their personal information any time, throughout the year via the website. After they log on to the website, www.psprs.com, they may set up an account under MEMBERS ONLY, and upon validation of their information, they'll receive a pin number. They will be able to view and print their record for personal use, and are also able to verify that all of their information is current and correct. For security purposes they are unable to change any of the information.

If there are changes to be made, e.g., Change of Beneficiary or Name change, please provide the forms from your office to the employee or you may direct them to the website. Our forms are updated on our website, www.psprs.com every September.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the statements or printing problems, please email ladawn@psprs.com.

Thanks for your help and have a great summer!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT DESK

Don Mineer and Ron Snodgrass are helping local boards, offering training and assistance to those that are non-compliant and are experiencing difficulties. We are looking forward to being of greater service, offering better education, and gearing our training to your specific needs.

Please, take a moment and if you have not updated your Annual Local Board Update Information, do so now! Thank you! Send your updated information to lori.boyle@psprs.com

Lori Boyle
PSPRS Front Desk



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INTRODUCTION OF RON SNODGRASS - L'IL RONNIE'S CORNER

Hello everyone,

L'il Ronnie Snodgrass here!

During the past year Don Mineer and I have been working on new ideas to assist Local Boards so that they may be more successful in their mission. Don had been working hard to open the lines of communication with each and every board and local board member. First, with the inception of the newsletter we have found that the information is well received by our readers. Secondly, by offering training, available in a small group setting, above and beyond the current Annual Training seminars in the north, central and southern portions of Arizona. And lastly, as a result of better training and communication we have determined that there is great interest in one-on-one board training in your own local board environment. The results have been positive since this is the area in which we've noted the greatest improvement in compliance. We have found the local boards want to be compliant but need help and training to achieve the goal. In turn Don has made on-site visits to assist local boards in the area of compliance and determine if individualized training is necessary. These visits have proven very successful.

Since retiring in January I have continued in the educational role I have enjoyed throughout the past 12 years. These roles have allowed me to mentor, train, and guide the local boards and membership. The good news is many of you didn't realize I retired and have been keeping myself busy with phone calls, and e-mails. Don and I are glad to help so keep all of your cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails coming in; we love it. If you'd like more training or need advice on local board issues, make your needs known. After 28 years on the Phoenix Police Local Board and serving as a resource I am happy to continue.

You may reach me by calling, 602-361-0803 during normal business hours please, or just e-mail me at littleronnie@mac.com.

So if you get a call from Don or me don't be afraid, "WE ARE HERE TO HELP" Really!

We have a lot of new ideas for this next year but we will tell you more about those in upcoming newsletters. Let the good times continue to roll.