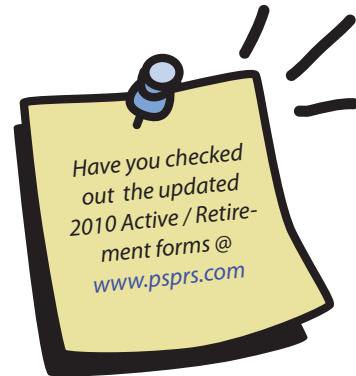


## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The following seminars are free and no charge to sign up!

October 13, 2009  
Time 1 PM to 4 PM  
Topic: Duties of your Local Board and Disability Retirements  
Location: Bullhead City Fire Department (Station 1)  
1260 Hancock Rd  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
If you would like to sign up for this seminar:  
email [ddorman@bullheadfire.org](mailto:ddorman@bullheadfire.org)



October 19, 2009  
Time: 10:00 AM to 12 Noon  
Topic: Retirement 101 and DROP (for members of PSPRS)  
Location: Leaf Center  
911 E Sawmill Rd  
Flagstaff, AZ

If you would like to sign up for this seminar: email [vausband@coconino.az.gov](mailto:vausband@coconino.az.gov)

October 22, 2009  
Time 8 AM to 12 Noon  
Topic: Duties of your Local Board and Disability Retirements  
Location: Sierra Vista Fire Station 3  
675 Giulio Cesare  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

If you would like to sign up for this seminar: email [DHilton@ci.sierra-vista.az.us](mailto:DHilton@ci.sierra-vista.az.us)

October 26, 2009  
PSPRS Local Board Conference (all day seminar)  
This seminar will help your local board

Time 9 AM to 4 PM  
Topic: General Local Board Conference (Phoenix)  
Location: 5033 N 19th Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85015 (Phoenix Board of Realtors)

If you would like to sign up for this seminar:  
email [don@psprs.com](mailto:don@psprs.com)

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## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Did you know at the Fund Manager Meeting on August 26, 2009, a revision to the Fire Fighter and Peace Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program was made?

Answer: The period to submit cancer claims was changed from 180 days to 18 months retro to November 1, 2006. If you have any questions about this change, contact Annette Jorgensen at 602-255-5575, extension 2024.

Don Mineer – Local Board Training Coordinator

## BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

CORP Deferred Annuity - CORP employees must terminate employment on or after 9-30-09 in order to be eligible for a Deferred Annuity. If the employee terminates prior to 9-30-09, the employee can only refund, or transfer his/her contributions.

## ACTIVE DEPARTMENT

Direct Deposit – The New Refund Payment Option

We are now offering Direct Deposit as a payment option for members who have terminated employment and requested a refund of their contributions. We want to make the refund process more convenient, faster and safer for the member.

All the forms needed to request a refund plus the direct deposit form and a check list can be found on our website, [www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com). The refund packet can be found under the individual plan - PSPRS, CORP or EORP, "Member's Section" on the left side of the page, Common Forms, and then you will see the refund packet under the Additional Resources section.

Please inform any of your members who request a refund of this new option and pass on this information to your personnel department.

Also as a reminder, a member working for an employer in a position covered by one system such as CORP, who then terminates that employment to take a position covered by Public Safety but still with the **same employer**, is **not** eligible to take a refund of their contributions from CORP until they separate from service with the employer. To pay out the CORP monies is considered to be an In-Service distribution by the IRS and is not allowed.

If you have any questions, please call us at 602-255-5575.

## L'IL RONNIE'S CORNER

Many of you have called or e-mailed to tell us how much you appreciate the Monthly Newsletters. I have personally found that you are reading them with great attention. I was recently called and corrected about a point I made. In my September article, I referred to the "Solution" and wrote (Ron Snodgrass was found to have a pre-existing condition and a memo was placed in his personnel file). That should have stated PENSION file. Each local board should have a file for both active and inactive members. These files should contain relevant medical information as well as any other information needed to conduct the business of the pension board. Sorry about that!

This month we are going to address a "Fire District" issue that may need to have a legislative solution.

I am referring to the following current statutory language:

***38-847 Each local board shall be constituted as follows: For fire districts organized pursuant to section 48-804, the Secretary-Treasurer as chairman, two members elected by secret ballot by members employed by the fire district and two citizens appointed by the Secretary-Treasurer, one of whom is a resident of the fire district and one of whom has experience in personnel administration but who is not required to be a resident of the fire district.***

This section ARS Title 48-804 speaks to the make-up of a local board with the Secretary-Treasurer as the Chairman. Seems simple so far.

What 38-847.A.3 does not address is the fact that Fire District Boards are also organized under 48-803 and these boards are very different in make-up from the 48-804 language. I am told that most FD Boards are currently formed under 48-803.

I am no expert on Title 48 so I will not go into the differences but I will try to help the confusion as to who the Chairman of the FD Board is. Boards formed under 48-804 are easy; the Chairman is the "Secretary-Treasurer" who is "elected" by 804 rules.

But in 48-803 there is no Secretary Treasurer as set forth in pension law. Hum? But under Title 48 the Board of the fire district shall appoint or hire a Fire Chief. They shall also elect from its FD Board members a Chairman and a Clerk. I think "Clerk" is someone that does most of the work. If the Board does not have a Secretary Treasurer (the person that does a lot of the work) I believe that you would be safe in saying the elected "Clerk" could be the FD Pension Board Chairman. This seems pretty simple in a convoluted way. But there is a little more.



What if an 804 Board reorganizes to an 803 Board? We have an easy answer from 48-804. "Upon reorganization of a fire district administered by a district Board as a district administered by an elected Chief and Secretary-Treasurer, the elected Chief and Secretary-Treasurer shall serve until the qualification of their successors at the next election." So the Secretary-Treasurer would continue to serve as the Chairman of your Pension Board until the election occurred in the Fire District Board that would delete the Secretary-Treasurer and create a "Clerk". I believe the Clerk wins the Chairman's position on the FD Pension Board.

Yes, it would be a lot easier if legal staff reviewed Title 48 and did a technical correction in the pension law during the next legislative session.

It's just that simple. Whew!

Contact Ron at 602-361-0803 or [littletonnie@mac.com](mailto:littletonnie@mac.com) if you need some help, a visit or training. We are here to serve.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Please refer to our website at [www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com) for our responses to questions regarding the portion of HB2010 which may impact our members. The bill passed in the third special session, which is effective 11-24-09.

- 1) Definition of compensation ARS 38-842 (10)
- 2) Dispatchers must go into Arizona State Retirement System after 11-24-09
- 3) Privatization of prison medical services
- 4) Investigating the feasibility of lease-purchase agreements for state buildings, including prisons except the Arizona state prison complex in Yuma.