

## **OP&F Pension Fund Report, April 2015**

**The Fund closed at \$14.91 Billion on April 28, 2015.**

Ballots for the May trustee elections will be mailed out by next Monday. The election results will be available later in May.

The Treasurer of the State of Ohio will make an appearance at the June meeting. A more definitive timeline will be released later.

A group from Xerox's Health Care Exchange division presented a program to the board explaining health care exchange plans, including theirs. They included a list of private sector companies and public entities moving to exchanges, including OPERS. Discussion followed and the board will continue to explore methods to extend the Health Care Stabilization Fund to provide health care for OP&F members. The Fund's actuary, Buck Consultants, also attended the presentation.

### **DISABILITY COMMITTEE**

- There were 18 Initial Determination Hearings (IDH) this month. The recommendations were 13 for approval, 3 were denied, 1 recommended for re-examination and 1 postponed for additional information.
- There was 1 reconsideration hearing. The committee recommended for an increase.
- There was 1 Death Benefit Fund consideration hearing this month. The recommendation was for approval.

### **BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

- Staff presented the 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter DROP report. Some highlights are:
  - a. Average time in DROP for the quarter for members terminating was 5.99 years.
  - b. Currently 91% (3762) eligible members are in DROP with the average time of 3.27 years.
  - c. 175 members terminated and 171 enrolled this quarter.
  - d. DROP members currently have accrued \$741.98 million in their accounts.

- Rule 742-8-13 dealing with employer penalties was reviewed with no changes, but all employer penalty rules will be reviewed in the future.
- The IT department is working on a DROP calculator for the web site.
- The IT Director gave a brief overview how the security of our records is maintained and what other public and private sector entities are doing after the SONY breach on the internet.

## **COMENTARY**

It was enlightening to hear the Health Care exchange presentation and the board's questions to the presenters. Because of OPERS putting their members in exchanges, a lot of opinions are coming forth in Ohio. Its way too early, based on what was presented, to think this would be good for our members. We are drawing up our own list of questions to discuss with our representatives at the fund.

The board will continue each month with health care discussions and all members are encouraged to attend and hear what is presented.

The overview on technology security for our Pension fund was reassuring as this is an area of concern for everyone in today's world of cyberspace.

The next board meeting will be May 19-20.

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