

## **OP&F Pension Fund Report, January 2017**

**The Fund closed at \$14.6 Billion on January 24, 2017.**

Director Gallagher commented that the OP&F Pension Fund is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. More information about the history and anniversary can be seen on the Fund's website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) under the "Members" tab.

Additionally, he said that the Board's March retreat is scheduled for March 2nd and it will be held at the Creekside Conference and Event Center from 9am-4:30pm. More information and the agenda will be posted to the Fund's website. A large portion of the day will be spent dealing with the health care plan.

### **DISABILITY COMMITTEE**

- There were 17 Initial Determination Hearings (IDH) this month. The recommendations were (14) for approval, (2) were denied and (1) was postponed for additional information. There was (1) reconsideration hearing this month and the recommendation was for no change.
- There were (2) Death Benefit Fund consideration hearings this month and both were approved.
- There were (0) appeal hearings this month.
- The committee reviewed the Annual Mandatory Disability Experience Report by Employer for 2016 and approved forwarding it to the appropriate legislative branches.
- Staff presented the 4th Quarter Disability Experience Report.

### **BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

- Staff presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter DROP Experience Report. At year's end there were 3,988 DROP participants. An additional 459 members are eligible to enter DROP, but they have elected not to participate at this time. 1,879 of those participating have less than 3 years in DROP. The average time in DROP at termination remained fairly consistent at 5.58 years.
- Administrative Rule 742-3-08 (Interim Payments) was reviewed subject to the 5-year rule review requirement. Other than some wording changes to make it consistent with statutory language no other changes were made. The committee recommended approval of the changes.

## **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

- Staff and the board members commented about receiving calls from members related to the health care plan changes that became effective at the beginning of the year. There was significant discussion about the future of the health care plan and the rising costs of drugs and co-pays affecting all of our members.
- Trustee Deighton requested that the Fund's next newsletter remind members about the AARP premium increases that will be effective in Ohio beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **COMMENTARY**

Members are always welcome to attend the Fund's board meetings as well as the retreat that will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Most of the day will be spent discussing the future of the pension fund's health care plan. We anticipate that substantive changes will have to be made in order to subsidize coverage for our members at some level.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 21-22.

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