



March 5, 2014

To: Members of the Retirees Committee

From: Liz Koppenhaver, Chair, Retired Trustee

**Subject: Summary of the March 5, 2014 Retirees Committee Meeting**

Committee Chair Liz Koppenhaver called the March 5, 2014 meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Committee members present were Liz Koppenhaver, Dale Amaral, George Dewey, and Elizabeth Rogers. Also present were Annette Cain-Darnes and George Wood; and alternate member David Safer. Staff present were Vincent Brown, Chief Executive Officer; Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer; Margo Allen, Fiscal Services Officer; Marguerite Malloy, Associate Counsel; Rose Kwong, Benefits Manager; Latrena Walker, Projects and Information Services Manager; and Harsh Jadhav, Internal Audit Manager.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items for discussion.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **1. Retired Member (Lump Sum) Death Benefit Amount**

Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, provided information on the legal analysis of the history of the Retired Member (Lump Sum) Death Benefit (Death Benefit) amount along with the applicable Government Code (GC) sections, concluding that due to the adoption of GC §31789.12 by the Board of Retirement in 1992, the vested Death Benefit amount should be \$1,000.00 not \$750.00 as previously provided. She reported that Staff will begin paying the correct amount effective April 1, 2014 and make retroactive payments of \$250.00 for retiree deaths that occurred as of January 1, 2013.

#### **2. Retired Member Death Burial Benefit Reserve**

Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Board of Retirement, at its February 20, 2014 meeting, approved dispersing the Death Burial Benefit Reserve as excess earnings in ACERA's next available interest crediting cycle. At the April Retirees Committee meeting, Staff will provide information on the amounts credited to reserves, including the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR).

### **3. Semi-Annual Report on ACERA's Wellness Program**

Sharen Stanek-Lowe, Assistant Benefits Manager, gave a report on ACERA's Wellness Program, which included the results of the Bio-metric screenings from ACERA's Retiree Health Fair, the focus of the 2014 Wellness Program, and upcoming wellness events.

### **4. Miscellaneous Updates**

Sharen Stanek-Lowe, Assistant Benefits Manager, provided an update on the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) claims for 2013 that have been paid through January 31, 2014. She also reported that with respect to the bills Kaiser Permanente sent to the 200 affected ACERA members who were under charged, Kaiser will not initiate collection procedures if the member does not remit payment. In addition, Sharen provided a breakdown of the average monthly supplemental cost of living adjustment amounts and number of payees by Tier I and Tier II.

### **TRUSTEE/PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

### **FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) Policy Update

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.