



2018 Teachers Retirement Board Election Annuitant Teacher Member

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The ballots for this election must be submitted in the enclosed envelope. You may vote for only one candidate. If you vote for more than one candidate or fail to sign the ballot, your vote will not count. Ballots must be received (not postmarked) on or before February 28, 2018, in order to be counted.

The candidates supplied the following information:



Esther Ancel

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I taught finance and financial management in the UW-Milwaukee Lubar School of Business for 25 years. As a member of the faculty, I served on numerous committees overseeing the school's long-range and strategic planning, finance student organizations, and student mentoring programs. I also served on the UW System Insurance Board.

Currently I am an active member of several nonprofit boards. As treasurer of one board, I prepare and analyze financial statements. On other boards I participate in investment and budgeting decisions.

If elected to the Teachers Retirement Board, I can offer comprehensive advice to the ETF Board informed by my financial background on retirement and benefit matters important to retired teachers. I welcome the opportunity to serve in this capacity.



Patrick E. Delmore

Madison, Wisconsin

As a board member, I will diligently work to protect the interests of participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System. Keeping our retirement system fiscally sound with quality financial management honors the dedicated work of retirement system participants.

I served as a teacher and a principal in the Madison Metropolitan School District for 33 years. For the past 11 years, I have taught teacher and administrator preparation courses at Edgewood College in Madison. In my college instructor role, I work with teachers and administrators at their school sites including Janesville, Watertown, Sauk Prairie, Monroe,

Baraboo, Oregon, Wautoma, Madison, and Sun Prairie. I hold degrees from UW-Stevens Point (BS, MS) and UW-Madison (MS, PhD) and have served on city, state and national boards.



Jesse L. Harness

Luxemburg, Wisconsin

All of my service as an educator of 37 years has taken place in Wisconsin—17 years teaching and coaching, 6 years mid-management, 11 years as superintendent and 3 years as a CESA administrator. Service to others has been my primary motivation. I have always had an interest in personal finance. I served as the Education Chair of the Northwest District of Junior Achievement and I was a member of the Governor's Council for Financial Literacy.

Currently I provide WRS Retirement Seminars on behalf of the WREA. I am president of the Door-Kewaunee Retired Educators' Association and serve on the WREA Board of Directors. I understand the value that the WRS brings to participants, and I am an ardent supporter of protecting the system and its purpose as delineated in Wis. Stats. 40.01. It would be an honor to serve on the Teachers Retirement Board.



Mary Jo Meier

Waukesha, Wisconsin

I was employed as a teacher in the Waukesha School District for 39 years. During that time, I served as an active teacher member on the Teachers Retirement Board. I am now running as a retired teacher representative. As a result, I am familiar with how the board functions and what I need to do to advocate for members and fulfill this responsibility.

I have also served on the board of Waukesha Industrial Supply, a public company that addresses employee benefits, including health, financial and retirement issues. I have served on the finance committees of many boards and organizations and participated in their investment decisions. I am also responsible for our personal investment portfolio and do extensive reading and research regarding investments that are both safe and secure, but will provide growth in the future. Given my background and the ever-changing investment market, I feel I can provide conservative yet creative and informed thinking that will grow and protect our retirement. I would appreciate your support for me to serve on the Teachers Retirement Board.



Dennis J. Murphy

Beloit, Wisconsin

I am a 69-year-old retired business and marketing instructor and currently serve on the Wisconsin State Teachers Retirement Board. I taught at Gateway Technical College for 26 years. I have been in the Wisconsin Retirement System for 34 years. My wife, Barbara Seguin, is also a retired teacher, having taught at Blackhawk Technical College for 35 years. Two of our adult children are teachers in the Madison School System.

In addition to currently serving on the Teachers Retirement Board, I serve on the Beloit Police and Fire Commission and am a past member of the Beloit School Board. I am a lifetime member of WEAC.

I would appreciate your vote so I may continue to represent retired teachers and protect our Employee Trust Fund pensions.



R. Thomas Pedersen

St. Paul, Minnesota

I believe in the value of public oversight of our public non-profit institutions. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Teachers Retirement Board and I respectfully ask for your vote to continue my service.

Professional Experiences/Education

- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College-New Richmond – Accounting, Finance, general business instructor, 1990-2016
- Wisconsin Retirement System – Teachers Retirement Board, 2003-present
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Volunteer, site manager, 1978-present
- Public accounting and business experience including:
 - Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
 - Honeywell, Inc.
 - Green Tree Acceptance
 - Various small business accounting and consulting engagements
- CPA – Minnesota certificate #4222, Wisconsin certificate #22200
- BA – Economics, MBA – Accounting, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



Patrick H. Phair

Waupaca, Wisconsin

Predicting the economic and political future can be tricky, but when it comes to protecting our pension and keeping the WRS strong and fully funded there are no uncertainties. A teacher of high school English for thirty-nine years in Waupaca and a former member of the Teachers Retirement Board for ten years as an active teacher I will work diligently for all annuitants.

Our pension program is one of the strongest in the country for a reason; administration that is non-partisan, an exceptional investment team, an army of watchdog annuitants and board members who are dedicated and willing to stand up to the political pressures that try to weaken the system. I would be honored to be one of your board members.