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**Correspondence Memorandum**

**Date:** April 28, 2016  
**To:** Group Insurance Board  
**From:** Kim Esselman, Appeals Coordinator  
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**Subject:** Pending Appeals

**This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.**

During calendar year 2015, 29 new appeals were filed; 5 final decisions were issued; and 53 appeals were withdrawn.

As of December 31, 2015, there were 399 pending appeals, which can be divided into the following categories:

**Employee Trust Funds Board (387)**

Participation ..... 45<sup>1</sup>  
Category of Employment ..... 335<sup>2</sup>  
Death Benefit ..... 2  
Final Annuity Calculation ..... 5

**Wisconsin Retirement Board (3)**

40.63 Disability Benefit ..... 1  
40.65 Disability ..... 2

**Group Insurance Board (8)**

Long-Term Disability Insurance ..... 3  
Income Continuation Insurance ..... 4  
Life Insurance ..... 1

<sup>1</sup> Forty-five (45) of the pending ETF appeals involve a single group of employees who believe they should be reported by their employers as Wisconsin Retirement System participants.

<sup>2</sup> Three hundred thirty-five (335) of the pending ETF appeals involve a group of employees who were changed from the Protective employment category to the General employment category.

Reviewed and approved by Pamela Henning, Assistant Deputy Secretary  
*Pamela L Henning*  
Electronically Signed 5/16

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**Deferred Compensation Board (1)**

Financial Hardship Withdrawal ..... 1

Staff will be available at the May 18, 2016, meeting to answer questions.