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**Correspondence Memorandum**

**Date:** April 1, 2018  
**To:** Group Insurance Board  
**From:** Kim Esselman, Appeals Coordinator  
 Office of the Secretary  
**Subject:** Pending Appeals Annual Report 2017

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

During calendar year 2017, 14 new appeals were filed; 5 final decisions were issued; and 95 appeals were withdrawn.

As of December 31, 2017, there were 270 pending appeals, which can be divided into the following categories:

**Employee Trust Funds Board (257)**

Participation ..... 7<sup>1</sup>  
 Category of Employment ..... 234<sup>2</sup>  
 Final Annuity Calculation ..... 4

Long-Term Disability Insurance 11<sup>3</sup>  
 Sick Leave Credit..... 1

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40.63 Disability Benefit ..... 3  
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<sup>1</sup> Seven (7) 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> Two hundred thirty-four (234) of the pending ETF appeals involve a group of employees who were changed from the Protective employment category to the General employment category.

<sup>3</sup> Effective January 1, 2018, the LTDI program closed to new claims and re-opened the Wis. Stat. § 40.63 Disability Annuity Program (40.63) to all eligible employees. Closing the LTDI program entailed moving oversight of the program's runout from the Group Insurance Board to the Employee Trust Funds Board. As a part of these overall changes, LTDI appeals will now be decided by the Employee Trust Funds Board.

Reviewed and approved by Pamela Henning, Assistant Deputy Secretary  
*Pamela L Henning* Electronically Signed 4/23/18

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Life Insurance .....	2

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.