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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

March 3, 2014 DATE:

- TO: **Teachers Retirement Board** Wisconsin Retirement Board
- FROM: Deb Roemer, Director **Disability Programs Bureau Division of Insurance Services**

SUBJECT: 2013 Benefit Annuity Statistics

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

Attached for your review are the 2013 Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) disability annuity and duty disability statistics. The report provides information on disability benefit annuity applications approved by the Boards throughout 2013.

2013 DISABILITY ANNUITY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Department completed disability benefit estimates for 513 participants. ٠
- 40.63 Disability Retirement benefits were started for 169 participants.
- Duty Disability benefits were started for 24 participants.
- For the disability annuity benefits approved by both the Teachers Retirement (TR) Board and the Wisconsin Retirement (WR) Board, the most popular benefit option was "100% Continued to Named Survivor (Joint Survivor) with 180 Payments Guaranteed."

TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD SPECIFICS

- 94% of TR disability applications were approved. Only 4% were ٠ cancelled/void/withdrawn/invalid, and 2% were termed.
- 72% of TR disability annuities started were for females and 28% were for males.
- 4% of TR disability applications were for participants aged 41-45, 22% were for participants aged 46-50, 36% were for participants aged 51-55, 27% were for participants aged 56-60, and 11% were for participants aged 61-65.
- 72% of TR disability applications had one of five disabilities: Mental Illness (22%), Neurology (16%), Muscle/Tissue (13%), Cancer (12%) and Orthopedic (9%).

Reviewed and approved by Lisa Ellinger, Administrator, Division of Insurance Services. Lisa Mingie

Electronically Signed 3/11/14

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WISCONSIN RETIREMENT BOARD SPECIFICS

- 84% of WR disability applications were approved. Only 8% were cancelled/void/withdrawn/invalid or other, and 8% were denied.
- 49% of WR disability annuities started were for females and 51% were for males.
- 1% of WR disability applications were for participants aged 36-40, 4% were for participants aged 41-45, 16% were for participants aged 46-50, 38% were for participants aged 51-55, 28% were for participants aged 56-60, and 13% were for participants aged 61-65.
- 75% of the WR disability applications had one of five disabilities: Neurology (24%), Orthopedics (17%), Muscle/Tissue (15%) Cancer (10%), and Multiple Medical Problems (9%).

We would appreciate any feedback that you may offer for improving this report. Please contact me at (608) 266-5387 or <u>deb.roemer@etf.wi.gov</u> if you have comments or questions.

Attachment: 2013 Annual WR & TR Charts











