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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2008
TO: Teachers Retirement Board
Wisconsin Retirement Board
FROM: Diane Poole, Director
Disability Programs Bureau
SUBJECT: 2007 Benefit Annuity Statistics

Attached for your review are the 2007 Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) disability annuity statistics. The report provides information on disability benefit annuity applications approved by the Boards throughout 2007. No Board action is required.

2007 Disability Annuity Highlights

- The Department completed disability benefit estimates for 771 participants.
- 40.63 Disability Retirement benefits were started for 242 participants.
- Duty Disability benefits were started for 21 participants.
- For the disability annuity benefits approved by both the Teachers Retirement Board (TR) and the Wisconsin Retirement Board (WR), the two most popular benefit options were "100% Continued to Named Survivor (Joint Survivor) with 180 Payments Guaranteed" and "Life with 180 Payments Guaranteed."

TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD

- 93.2% of disability applications were approved. Only 3.4% were cancelled/void/withdrawn/invalid, and 3.4% were denied.
- 83% of TR Board disability annuities started were for females and 17% were for males.
- 44.3% of TR Board disability applications were for participants aged 51-55, 21.6% were for participants aged 61-65, and 20.5% were for participants aged 56-60.
- 67% of TR Board disability applications had one of three disabilities: Cancer (34.1%), Mental Illness (18.1%), and Neurology (14.8%)

WISCONSIN RETIREMENT BOARD

- 81.4% of disability applications were approved. Only 5.6% were denied, 9.8% were cancelled, and 3.2% void/withdrawn/invalid/other.
- 54% of WR Board disability annuities started were for females and 46% were for males.
- 30.4% of WR Board disability applications were for participants aged 51-55, 24.3% were for participants aged 56-60, and 22% were for participants aged 46-50
- 54.7% of the WR Board disability applications had one of three disabilities: Orthopedic (22%), Neurology (18.7%), and Cancer (14%)

Reviewed and approved by Tom Korpady, Division of Insurance Services.

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Date _____

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