

Mississippi Retired
Public Employees' Association

Founded in 1985





Representing retired and active employees covered by the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi









# MRPEA The Guardian for PERS Members

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#### Who We Are

The Mississippi Retired Public Employees' Association (MRPEA), founded in 1985, is a non-profit organization that serves as an advocacy group for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), its staff, its Board of Trustees.

MRPEA works tirelessly to help and support PERS. In 1986, MRPEA members worked diligently for passage of an amendment to the Mississippi Constitution protecting the PERS trust fund. Since then, MRPEA has supported efforts to safeguard and improve benefits while maintaining the fiscal integrity of PERS.

### **Our Purpose**

MRPEA promotes the health, well-being, quality of life, and financial interests of retired and active members of PERS.

Public employees have a vested interest in legislation and any decision that could potentially affect their retirement benefits, organizational change to PERS or its Board of Trustees, as well as the type of pension plan offered. Therefore, MRPEA has and continues to conduct events, support educational programs, promote beneficial legislation, discourage harmful legislation, and pursue other activities aimed at enhancing our members' lives and well-being.

## **Our Organizational Structure**

MRPEA operates using an all-volunteer board of directors and four officers – president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary – elected by the membership. Directors and officers attend board meetings, establish and maintain relationships with members and affiliated partners, disseminate information, and approve district director appointments. Eight appointed district directors serve the organization by being the local contact between the board and our members. MRPEA directors and officers are all retired Mississippi public employees who volunteer their time.

## **Our Organizational Goals**

- To expand our current networking capacity;
- To increase our legislative presence;
- To increase communication with members;
- To increase our membership; and
- To ensure that our organization is well-positioned for continued growth.

#### **Our Constituents**

- All PERS Retirees
- State and Public School Employees
- University and Community/Junior College Employees
- County and Municipal Employees



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