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Keep your Member Services contact information up-to-date to receive the latest news, announcements or deadlines by email, letter or call.

SERS Trustee Election

SERS will hold an election in May 2019 for one annuitant trustee to serve a term of five years beginning in July 2019. To be eligible to serve, an annuitant must:

- have retired on or before July 1, 2018; and
- file a Statement of Candidacy and submit trustee petitions signed by not fewer than 100 annuitants.

All signatures on the nominating petitions will be reviewed and validated by SERS staff to confirm candidate eligibility.

SERS Board membership consists of:

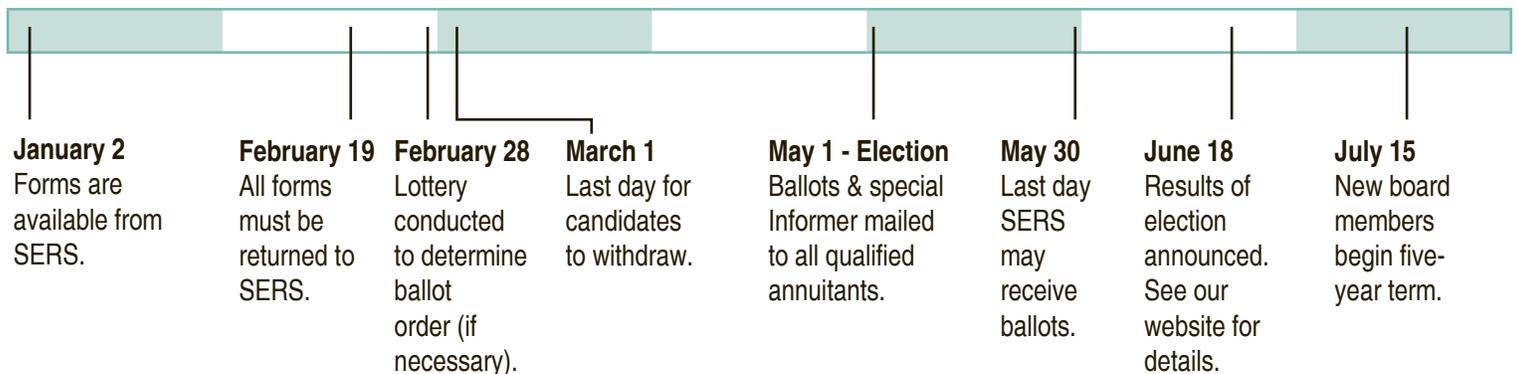
- Comptroller Susana Mendoza serves as the Chairperson of the Board.
- Six persons appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate who may not be SERS members or hold an elective State office, to serve for terms of five years.
- Four active, contributing members of SERS having at least eight years of SERS service, elected by the contributing members of SERS for terms of five years.

- Two annuitants of SERS who have been annuitants for at least one full year, elected by the annuitants of SERS for terms of five years.

The SERS Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the operations of the System. The Board meets at least quarterly to approve retiree, survivor and disability benefits, review and approve the System's annual operating budget, consider legislative and rulemaking initiatives, and set policies and procedures. In addition, the Board is responsible for setting the actuarial assumptions used in the annual valuations and certifying the annual State contribution to SERS. Additional committee meetings are held throughout the year, generally to discuss disputed claims and recommend policy changes to the full Board. Trustees are statutorily required to complete eight hours of annual training on ethics, fiduciary duties, investments and public pension plan administration.

If you are eligible and interested in running for an annuitant trustee position, you may contact us at 217-785-6975 for a packet of the required election forms. These forms will be available on January 2, 2019. Ballots, along with the biographical information on all candidates, will be mailed to all qualified annuitants on May 1, 2019.

2019 Election time line



Check out our Member Services website
memberservices.srs.illinois.gov



2019 Myths & Realities of Retirement Workshop

SERS retirees can now register online for next year's MRR workshops.

To register, visit srs.illinois.gov and follow the instructions. After you register, you will receive a confirmation and email reminders.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can complete and return the application below to us or call our office to register. After you're registered, we will send a reminder letter two weeks prior to the respective workshop.

The MRR is a free, one-day workshop examining various issues affecting retirees. At right is the schedule for the first six months of 2019.

- Feb. 5 Springfield
- Mar. 19 Carol Stream
- Mar. 19 Bloomington
- Mar. 26 Orland Park
- Apr. 2 Marion
- Apr. 16 Collinsville
- Apr. 23 Springfield
- May 7 Chicago
- May 21 Springfield
- June 18 East Peoria
- June 18 Rockford
- June 25 Springfield



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Phone number _____

Date & city of workshop _____

Last four digits of SSN _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Are You Bringing a Guest? Yes No