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The newsletter for members of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois

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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 three contributing member trustees to serve five year terms beginning in July 2019. To be eligible to serve, contributing members must:

- have at least 8 years of creditable service; and
- file a Statement of Candidacy and submit trustee petitions signed by not fewer than 400 contributing SERS members.

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

SERS Board membership consists of:

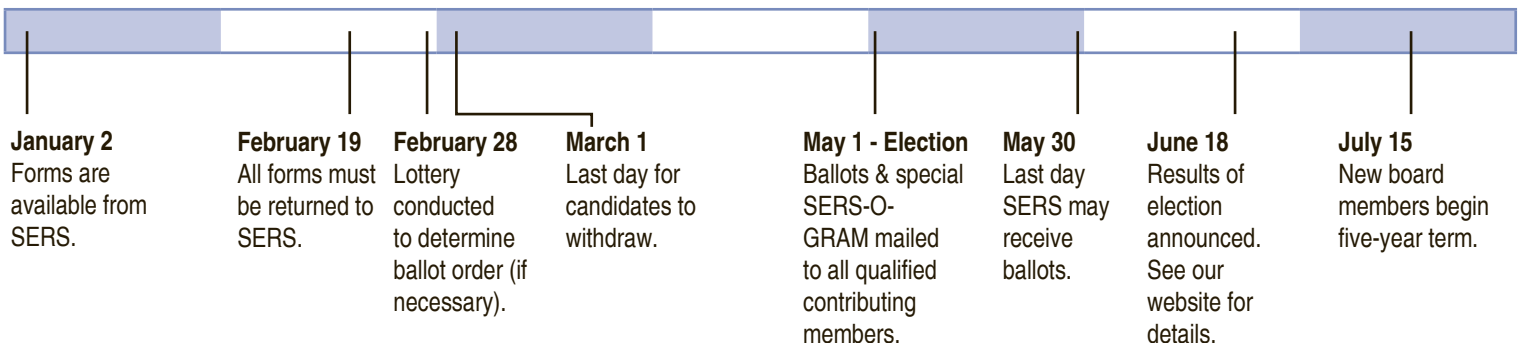
- Comptroller Susana Mendoza serves as the Chairperson of the Board.
- Six persons appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate who may not be SERS members or hold an elective State office, to serve for terms of five years.
- Four active, contributing members of SERS having at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

**SERS office hours are  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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 a contributing member 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 contributing members on May 1, 2019.

## 2019 Election time line



**Check out our Member Services website**  
[memberservices.srs.illinois.gov](http://memberservices.srs.illinois.gov)



## 2019 SERS Preretirement workshops

Registration for all SERS workshops began September 1, 2018. You must register for the preretirement workshops by visiting our website at [srs.illinois.gov](http://srs.illinois.gov) and clicking on the "Workshop Registration" logo. On the Workshop Registration Information page, click on the "Must Haves" link and follow the instructions. It's easy and efficient.

After you submit your registration, you'll receive an email confirming your registration has been submitted to your Retirement Coordinator for approval. Once approved, you'll receive additional emails about the workshop.

All workshops provide information on financial planning, deferred compensation, entitlements and estate planning. For questions about our online registration, call 217-785-6979 or email [stephanie.staber@srs.illinois.gov](mailto:stephanie.staber@srs.illinois.gov).



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