



Retirement Monitor – September 25, 2009

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North Carolina Retirement Systems

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Retirement Systems to Launch E-Newsletter to Actives

The N.C. Retirement Systems plans to launch its first electronic newsletter to active employees in early October. *On the Horizon* e-newsletter will be e-mailed to active members who provided e-mail addresses when registering for ORBIT, the agency's online retirement portal.

The Retirement Systems is focused on providing members with access to more retirement-related information to help them make informed decisions. We expect to issue two electronic newsletters per year, in addition to the one newsletter mailed to active members.

It's not too late for members to add their contact information to ORBIT. It is easy to sign up. Just visit the Retirement Systems Web site at www.myncretirement.com and click on the "ORBIT" button. As members register, a box can be checked to receive more information from the Retirement Systems. If this box is not checked, the member will not receive the *On the Horizon* e-newsletter.

For members already registered on ORBIT:

- log on
- click on "Maintain Phone/Email," then
- click on "Maintain Your Current Phone..."
- provide your e-mail address and remember to check the box to receive more information.

Members are reminded to add the e-mail address NCRetirementNews@nctreasurer.com to their personal e-mail address book so that retirement news is not delivered to spam or bulk mail folders.

Reminder: Disability Process Training and Education Modules Available Online

To help you better understand the disability process and the information needed for each required form, training and education modules on disability processing are available on the Retirement Systems Web site. These training and education modules include information about the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) for Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) members regarding:

- Short-Term and Preliminary Long-Term Disability
- Long-Term Disability
- Extended Short-Term Disability
- Disability Retirement
- Short-Term Employer Reimbursement

An overview of Disability Retirement (state and local) is also available.

For your convenience, you can access this material by visiting the Employer section of the Web site. There you will find training and education modules under "Disability Processing" or you can go directly to the modules by following this link:

www.nctreasurer.com/DSTHome/RetirementSystems/DIPNC-Employer.

Venues Needed For Retirement Planning Conferences

Your help is needed to find locations where we can hold a Retirement Planning conference in your area in 2010.

The facilities should have the capacity to hold approximately 150 to 200 people and be available for the full day, as the length of each session is approximately 2 ½ hours. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System sessions will start at 1:30 p.m. Please send your recommendations for conference sites to Alice DeVane at Alice.Devane@nctreasurer.com.

Retirement Planning Conferences Schedule

The Educational Retirement Group of the Retirement Systems Division with the Department of State Treasurer conducts retirement conferences for members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System. The conferences provide an orientation for new members, pre-retirement planning information for members closer to retirement and educational information for personnel officers and others who handle retirement matters. The sessions also offer information on the N.C. 401(k) and N.C. Deferred Compensation (457) plans. Registration is not required. Some locations may charge a parking fee.

For members unable to attend their local conferences who would still like to receive the information provided, the PowerPoint presentations shown at the conferences are available on the [Employers](#) and [Active Employees](#) sections of the Retirement Systems Web site under "Retirement Planning Resources."

There are two presentations: one for Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) members and one for Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) members.

Below is the schedule of Retirement Planning Conferences. **TSERS sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and LGERS sessions will start at 1:30 p.m.** All of the 2009 dates are available on the Employer section of the Retirement Systems Web site at www.myncretirement.com. **We request that members who plan to attend a conference please check our Web site regularly or contact Member Services (telephone numbers below) for schedule updates.**

Member Services employees at the Retirement Systems Division are happy to help with questions. Please call 1-877-627-3287 (toll-free) or 919-807-3050 (Raleigh area only). Members may also schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor. We ask that members request and receive a retirement estimate before scheduling an appointment. Members should complete a [Form 309](#) to request an estimate.

October 1, 2009

NC School of Science & Mathematics
ETC Auditorium
1219 Broad St
Durham, NC

October 6, 2009	Stanly Community College Dennis Auditorium/Kelley Building 141 College Dr Albemarle, NC
October 13, 2009	Onslow County Multipurpose Complex NC Cooperative Extension Center/Rooms 1 & 2 4024 Richlands Hwy Jacksonville, NC
October 22, 2009	Wilson County Agriculture Center Main Auditorium 1806 Goldsboro St SW Wilson, NC
November 4, 2009	Historic Depot 58 Depot St Marion, NC
November 5, 2009	Surry Community College A Building/Reeves Building 630 S Main St Dobson, NC
November 17, 2009	Department of Transportation Highway Building Auditorium 1 S Wilmington St. Raleigh, NC
November 19, 2009	Lockhart-Taylor Center Ingram Community Room 514 N Washington St Wadesboro, NC

Retirement Systems Contact Information

- Employers with questions or in need of information should contact the NC Retirement Systems Division's Employer Education and Services Unit at EESU@nctreasurer.com or call toll-free at 1-877807-3131 Option 2 (for outside Raleigh area) and 807-3131 Option 2 (Raleigh area only).
- Active Employees with questions or in need of information or forms should contact the Division's Member Services unit toll-free at 1-877-627-3287 (for outside Raleigh area) and (919) 807-3050 (Raleigh area only).
- Retirees with questions or in need of information or forms should contact the Division's Member Services unit toll-free at 1-877-733-4191 (for outside Raleigh area) and (919) 733-4191 (Raleigh area only).

Remember, to better serve our Spanish-speaking customers, the Retirement Systems' Call Center is staffed with a representative who can assist members with translating Retirement Systems' information and addressing their retirement-related questions.

The Retirement Systems Division manages retirement benefits for more than 820,000 working and retired N.C. public employees. The North Carolina Retirement Systems are among an elite group of public pension plans that remain fully-funded and financially sound. With approximately \$60 billion in assets, the Systems comprise the 9th largest public pension plan in the United States.