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## Changing Your Federal Withholding Amount

You may change your federal tax withholding with PSERS at any time. To change your federal withholding rate, you must complete, sign, and submit a *PSERS W-4P Federal Tax Withholding Certificate for Annuity Payments* (PSRS-996) or an *IRS Form W-4P*. You may obtain the PSERS form from our website under Forms or by calling our Member Service Center at 1.888.773.7748.

PSERS offers an online Federal Withholding Calculator to assist you in choosing the amount of federal withholding tax for your PSERS benefit payment. This online feature is found on the PSERS website by clicking on Tax Calculator.

When you submit a *Form W-4P* to PSERS, the withholding selected on the new form replaces any previous tax withholding request you made. Please keep this in mind, especially if you are requesting the withholding of an additional dollar amount.

Due to payroll processing time frames, it can take up to eight (8) weeks for the change to go into effect. You will receive written confirmation of the change prior to receipt of the monthly payment first affected by your request.

## Keep Your Address Up to Date

As a retiree, you should keep your mailing address up to date, not only to ensure that you receive informational publications and your yearly *Form 1099-R*, but also to ensure that you continue to receive your monthly benefit payment. This is true whether the payment is mailed to your home address or sent directly to your financial institution.

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## **PSERS Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**

**June 11, 2015**  
**August 4, 2015**  
**October 5, 2015**

PSERS Board meetings are held in Harrisburg at PSERS, located at 5 N 5th Street.

In addition to these Board meetings, committee meetings are held throughout the year. All PSERS Board meetings are open to the public.

For exact meeting times or if you would like to attend and require an accommodation to participate, please call Barbara Book, PSERS Executive Office at 1.888.773.7748, extension 4617.

## **Public School Employees' Retirement Board Re-Elects Chairman and Vice Chairman**

***Melva S. Vogler re-elected Chairman and James M. Sando re-elected Vice Chairman of PSERS' Board of Trustees.***

The Board of Trustees of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) recently held its annual organizational meeting at its headquarters in Harrisburg. Melva S. Vogler, of Hawley, Wayne County, was re-elected Chairman of the PSERS' Board of Trustees and James M. Sando, of North Wales, Montgomery County, was re-elected Vice Chairman.

The Board unanimously re-elected Ms. Vogler to a one-year term as Chairman. Ms. Vogler has been a member of PSERS' Board since 1994. She represented active members on the Board for twenty years and was recently elected to serve as the representative for PSERS retired members. She has served as Chairman since January 2007.

Ms. Vogler is a graduate of Susquehanna University. She also earned a Master's Degree from Marywood College and received her supervisory certificate from the University of Scranton. She retired from Wallenpaupack Area High School in 2013.

She currently serves on the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) Staff Pension Board and was a member of PSEA's Board of Directors from 1988 until August 2004 and served on its Budget Committee from 1991 through August 2004. She also is a member of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) Legislation Committee. In addition, she was a member of the Executive Board of the NCTR from November 2003 through November 2009 and served as the President of NCTR. She also served on the National Institute on Retirement Security Board and on the Executive Committee of the Council of Institutional Investors. Ms. Vogler is currently a member of PSEA-Retired and Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

The Board also unanimously re-elected James M. Sando to a one-year term as Vice Chairman. Mr. Sando serves as one of three Board members elected to represent the active certified contributing members of the System. He has been a Board Member since 2007.

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Mr. Sando earned a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education from East Stroudsburg University. He has been a teacher at Shady Grove Elementary in the Wissahickon School District for 28 years.

Mr. Sando has been on the PSEA Board of Directors since 1999, and currently serves as President of Mideastern Region. He served on the North Wales Borough Zoning Hearing Board from 2010 to 2011 and was elected to the North Wales Borough Council for a term that began in January 2014.

Additionally, Mr. Sando is the President of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) where he has previously served as President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, a member of its Executive Committee and a member of its Trustee Education Committee. He is on the Executive and Steering Committees of the Trustee Leadership Forum for the Initiative for Responsible Investment at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Sando is also the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bucks and Montgomery Counties Health Care Consortium, providing health care for 20 school employers and over 10,000 members.

## New, Must-See Video from the Health Options Program

Do you want to see a lively, easy-to-follow introduction to Medicare and the Health Options Program? Go online to [HOPbenefits.com](http://HOPbenefits.com) and click on the video link that appears on the home page. A brief (under six minutes), animated video will walk you through the options available to you when you become eligible for Medicare.

PSERS is constantly exploring new ways to help our retirees understand their Medicare coverage and supplemental insurance options. You will learn about the basic differences between a Medicare Supplement plan and a Medicare Advantage plan—both of which are available to you under the Health Options Program. After you watch the video, please be sure to answer the short online survey. The survey results will help us determine if producing more videos on a variety of topics would be beneficial to our current and prospective members.

## Keep Your Address Up to Date (Continued from page 1)

Please submit any address changes to PSERS in writing. You can do this either by sending a letter to PSERS or by completing the *Change of Address for PSERS Retirees* (PSRS-1301) form. You can access the form on the PSERS website under Forms, or by calling PSERS at 1.888.773.7748 and requesting the form be sent to you. Be sure to include your signature, last four-digits of your social security number, and the effective date of the change.

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