

State Employee Representative Nominations for the State Insurance Committee and TCRS Board of Trustees

Deadline – March 1, 2013

This year, there will be an election for two (2) state employee representatives to serve on the State Insurance Committee and the TCRS Board of Trustees for a three year term. These elections are very important to the Association. The Co-Worker was already printed and mailed when we received information last week about the elections, preventing us from including this information in our most recent edition.

Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees

State employees elect two (2) representatives to serve as members of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System for a three-year term.

New terms of office begin on July 1, 2013. An election will be held to elect two (2) representatives. Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. Candidate must be a State employee and be fully vested in the retirement system to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. Members joining TCRS on or before June 30, 1979 attain vesting after four (4) years of current creditable service. Members joining after June 30, 1979 are vested after five (5) years of current creditable service. Any candidate in doubt concerning his or her vesting status may contact the retirement system. NOTE: Employees classified as teachers for retirement purposes are excluded.
2. Employees who serve in any of the departments represented by ex-officio members are not qualified for candidacy. Those departments represented by ex-officio members are: Judicial, Comptroller of the Treasury, Treasury, Finance and Administration, Human Resources, and Secretary of State.
3. A qualifying petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) State employees who are TCRS members and who recommend the candidacy of the petitioner must be filed with the Division of Retirement.
4. Each applicant is requested to submit a brief resume including such information as education, work history, state service, etc. A resume form will be attached to each qualifying petition.
5. **The qualifying petition and resume must be returned to the Division of Retirement by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2013.**

Members interested in having their name placed on the official ballot may obtain qualifying petitions from the TCRS, 10th Floor Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0201. These forms are

also available at <http://www.treasury.state.tn.us/tcrs/index.html> and click on Trustee Elections or by calling Melissa Davis at (615) 741-1971.

Or you may contact TSEA at (615) 256-4533 or 1-800-251-8732.

State Insurance Committee Representatives

State employees elect two representatives to serve as members of the State Insurance Committee for a three-year term of service. The committee sets plan benefits, establishes the monthly premiums and provides for the management of the group insurance coverage available to state employees.

New terms of office begin July 1, 2013. An election will be held this spring to determine the two representatives. Individuals who want to be a candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. Candidates must be participants in the State Group Insurance Program.
2. Employees who are employed in any department represented by an ex-officio member of the committee are not eligible for candidacy. These agencies are: Comptroller of the Treasury, Department of Treasury, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Personnel and Department of Finance and Administration.
3. Faculty and staff of the state colleges and universities are not eligible to run as state employee representatives or to vote in the election. In accordance with state law, a representative from higher education is appointed to the committee through a process established by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.
4. Each applicant will be requested to submit a brief resume. A resume form will be provided with the qualifying petition.
5. To be included on the ballot, the applicant must submit a qualifying petition signed by at least 25 state employees who participate in the State Group Insurance Program and who recommend the candidacy of the petitioner to Benefits Administration by the deadline. We suggest that potential candidates obtain more than 25 signatures to ensure that they qualify for candidacy.
6. **The qualifying petition and resume must be returned to Benefits Administration in Nashville no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 1.**

Members interested in having their name placed on the official ballot may obtain qualifying petitions from Alisa Minton, Benefits Administration, 19th Floor William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 (phone 615-741-8669). Forms are also available on Benefits Administration's web site, http://www.tn.gov/finance/ins/sic_election.shtml.

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