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Legislative News that Affects You

This summer is full of legislative changes, and we're keeping track of them all for you.

To start, the Pension Management Oversight Commission (PMOC) is now chaired by Rep. Woody Burton (R-Greenwood). The first meeting of the PMOC will be held on August 14, 2012. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. in Room 404 of the State House, located at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Currently, the only item on the agenda is new reporting requirements by political subdivisions on various funds. We'll keep you updated.

On July 9th, RIPEA met with Senator Kenley, chair of Senate Appropriations and sponsor of HB 1123 (2011), our 13th check bill. While nothing was finalized at this meeting, I expect Senator Kenley to be thoroughly involved in our final bill. Since this is a budget-making year, our bill will likely be introduced in the House.

As you know, the elections will take place November 6, 2012. We expect an additional 20-25 newly elected legislators in addition to the 20+ since the 2011 elections. If these predictions are right, this will be one of the largest groups of new legislators ever! Right now republicans control the House (60 Rs – 40 Ds), as well as the Indiana Senate (37 Rs - 13Ds). The RIPEA board has invited all retired legislators to the 40th Anniversary Celebration at our 22nd Annual Meeting on September 10.

And of course, there's the race for our next governor. The battle between Rep. Mike Pence (R-Columbus) and former House Speaker John Gregg (D-Sandborn) is bound to be interesting. Both candidates will be speaking at our 40th Anniversary Celebration, so be sure to mark your calendar as this will be a perfect opportunity to meet our future governor.

As you can see, a lot will happen over the next year. Look for the latest developments in these legislative changes in the next Communicator.

A Message from the Executive **Director**

I want to take a moment and extend you my personal invitation to RIPEA's 40th Anniversary Celebration at the 22nd Annual Convention on September 10th, 2012 at Primo Convention Hall in Indianapolis.

As a member, your support enables RIPEA to protect the pension and other retirement benefits for all PERF members. And it works. In each of the past 15 years, RIPEA members have received either a permanent Cost of Living Increase in their monthly pension and/or a onetime additional payment in the form of a 13th check. We couldn't have done this without you.

As the Executive Director for RIPEA, I want to thank you for helping us stand up for PERF members over the past 40 years. I hope to see you at the 40th Anniversary Celebration in September. After all, without your support, this celebration wouldn't be possible.

Once again, thank you for helping to protect our fellow PERF members.





Mike Pence



Fall Chapter Meetings Scheduled

The following chapters have scheduled their Fall meeting. If you're not a Chapter member but wish to attend a meeting in your area, contact Phil Conklin at 317-257-5588 or pconklin@iquest.net.

Chapter Southeast	Date August 17, 2012	Time 11:30	Location Holiday Inn. Clarksville
East Central Indiana Installation of Officers and Program	September 5, 2012	11:30	MCL, Muncie Mall
Southwest	September 6, 2012	12:00	Ponderosa, Vincennes
Greater Bartholomew County Pre-Organization Meeting	September 14,2012	11:30	IHOP Columbus
Howard County Kokomo	October 9, 2012	11:00	Rozzis Continential Ballroom West Markland Avenue, Kokomo
Greater Vigo County	October 17, 2012	11:30	MCL -Terre Haute
Central Indiana	October 19, 2012	11:30	Golden Corral 6100 W. 38th St., Indianapolis

Northeast and South Bend - Dates have not been determined.

40th Anniversary Celebration to Feature Indiana Governor Candidates, Pad 34 Presentation, Prizes and More

The countdown is on! We're just over a month away from the long-awaited Forty and Forty Celebration in honor of RIPEA's 40th Anniversary. And the party planning Task Force has gone above and beyond to make this an event you'll never forget.

First and foremost, we're proud to announce that the celebration will feature both Congressman Mike Pence and former House Speaker John Gregg, one of whom will be Indiana's next Governor. This is one of the rare occasions that both candidates will be at the same place. Don't miss your chance to meet them both!

The celebration will also feature Representative Woody Burton and Senator Karen Tallian, who will provide updates and insight into possible changes to your Cost of Living Increase and 13th check.

Plus, Ray Boomhower from the Indiana Historical Society will give a presentation on the "Tragedy on Pad 34", which killed three astronauts including Gus Grissom from Mitchell, Indiana. Learn more about the significance of this tragedy that occurred on January 27, 1967, and how our own Gus Grissom helped change the future of spaceflight.

The event will also include lunch and coffee, door prizes, a celebratory birthday cake, and perhaps best of all, fun with friends and fellow RIPEA members.

RIPEA's Forty and Forty celebration will take place at our 22nd Annual Convention on September 10th, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. at Primo Convention Hall in Indianapolis. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Please register by August 31st by completing the form below or visiting our website at www. RIPEA.org. See you there!

September 10, 2012			
Primo South Banquet & Conference Center, 2615 E. National Avenue, Indianapolis, 46227			
Name			
Address			
Registration Fee Remitted \$ (\$12.00 for each attendee)			

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