

Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension & Relief Fund

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DATE: May 28, 2009
TO: Active and Retired Parish Representatives
FROM: Ashley J. Pridgen
Executive Assistant/Supervisor of Deputy Elections
SUBJECT: Active and Retired District Deputy Elections &
Board Member Elections

Please be advised, when Deputy Representative Parish Elections were held it was noted that upon completion of parish elections, our office would facilitate a meeting at the Pension office of deputies elected as parish representatives to meet in eight separate districts to elect District Committee members from among themselves. District Committee members would then meet to elect members from the District Committee to be a candidate for expiring or vacant terms for deputies serving as voting members of the Board of Trustees.

We had also advised that another educational seminar would be planned for those unable to attend the first seminar held in January 2009. LSPRF law now provides advance training requirements. In order to be eligible to be a candidate for election as a voting member of the Board of Trustees, all candidates, including active and retired sheriffs and active and retired deputy District Committee members, must attend 8 hours of training prior to election. These are informational only sessions with no test or passing requirements. **A second educational seminar session for required eligibility and District Deputy Representative elections are scheduled on the following dates:**

- June 24, 2009 from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM
- June 25, 2009 from 9:30 AM until 2:00 PM

Please note: Both sessions must be completed to meet the requirements. Lunch on site will be provided both days. Travel and lodging expenses are not provided.

- District Elections will be held immediately following the conclusion of the seminar on Thursday.

LOCATION

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Board Elections are set for 10:00 AM on July 7, 2009 at the Pension Fund office.

If you attended the seminar held earlier this year, it is not necessary to attend again to be eligible for Board candidacy. If you do not wish to seek a position on the Board of Trustees at this time, an active and a retired Board member term will expire at the end of the year; and this education would meet the eligibility requirements for those elections, and future elections.

Please be advised, the Governor's and Legislature's Ethics Reform legislation of 2008 required mandatory annual financial disclosure reporting due by May 15, 2009 for current Board members and due May 15, 2010 for newly elected Board members. Sheriffs serving on the Board of Trustees are required to file at level Tier 2. All other Board members are required to file at a lower level, "Tier 2.1". This reporting is not required for District Representative committee members, **only** for those members elected to serve on the Board.

Elected parish representatives unable to attend the meeting who would like to vote by proxy in the District election, may request a proxy from the Pension office, return it to our office or send it to the meeting with the parish representative you have designated as your proxy. 1) In the district elections, the proxy must be given from active to active parish representative or retired to retired parish representative or 2) In the Board elections, the proxy must be given from active to active district representative or retired to retired district representative. A facsimile copy of this proxy can be accepted, if the original is received by the Sheriffs' Pension Fund office within 30 days after the District or Board member elections. **The form must be fully completed and notarized.**

To assist us in providing for meals and other requirements, please make reservations to attend the sessions by calling Ashley Pridgen at 800 586-9049 or 225 219-0500 by June 18th.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call. Thank you.