

**Maine Association of Retirees, Inc.**  
**Executive Director's Report**

January 2015

**Total MAR Member is 14,921**

	State	Teacher	PLD	Total
<b>New Members</b>	9	5	2	16
<b>Deceased Members**</b>	12	9	8	29
<b>Members Resigned</b>	7	1	0	8
<b>Total Membership Change</b>	-10	-5	-6	-21

\*\* Deceased Members from 12/14 through 1/15 according to MePERS was 50

Membership packets sent to:

Month	Total	State	Teachers	PLD	Legislature/Judiciary
July 2014	661	45	556	59	1
August 2014	118	47	41	30	0
September 2014	63	21	27	14	0
October 2014	62	23	15	24	0
November 2014	61	25	24	12	0
December 2014	63	17	26	20	0
January 2015	-	-	-	-	-

New Members by month

Month	Total	State	Teachers	PLD	Legislature/Judiciary
July 2014	24	11	6	6	0
August 2104	62	10	46	5	0
September 2014	47	7	32	8	0
October 2014	54	25	23	6	0
November 2014	30	10	16	4	0
December 2014	26	20	5	1	0
January 2015	16	9	5	2	0

**Personnel**

- Personnel is stable.
- Patty Castonguay has been upgraded to include benefit development and Newsletter coordination.

**Operations**

- MAR has had 3 full days and one partial day off administrative leave due to snow storms and one days off for holidays. This is 26% loss of work time during the past month.
- Continuing to update and scrub the data in the MAR data base
- Work on end of year financial reports/taxes is complete
- The net change in Delta Dental enrollment is a loss of 23 or .5% of enrollments
- Receive no pictures or agreements from the notices sent to Regional Directors.

## **Building**

- The large majority of work on the electricity system is completed, there may be some minor work needed to be done in 2015.
- Majority of building insulation completed, the wall insulation will need to be completed in the spring/summer of 2015
- Cellar wall is built

## **Annual Meeting**

- The contract for the Civic Center Contract for May 27, 2015 was been signed

## **Committees and Task Group**

- Membership Committee held a meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions for recruitment were to have editorials in local newspapers regarding MAR, twelve queries from the Data Base comparing active public service employees to the number of MAR members, have Regional Directors identify potential businesses willing to provide benefits to MAR members, increase the mailing to non-member back to a five year period.
- Legislative Committee members have been communicating on the LDs and the proposed Biannual Budget. The chairperson has not responded to emails and telephone calls.

## **Legislative Update**

- Over 250 LDs have been printed. Currently evaluating 8 LDs.
- MAR has established a tracking and review process.

## **Newsletter**

- The winter newsletter has been prepared and sent to the printers
- MAR held a meeting with the printers (Hallowell Printing) to understand the process and the two to three week timeframe for completion. MAR and Hallowell Printers agreed to improve communications in order to expedite the process. Even with perfection, the process will take a minimum of 1 ½ weeks once the material is at the printers.
- Spring Newsletter must be out by April 20<sup>th</sup> in order to meet the timeframes for Annual Meeting.

## **Hall of Flags**

- MAR has established the plan, has the site and refreshments ordered. Contacted Albison's to make the posters.
- Received no additional pictures of MAR members in action.
- Offer Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer Association to share the space on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Open Issues**

- Scheduled meeting with Owner/publisher of Maine Seniors magazine
- Theme and registration fee for the Annual Meeting
- Timeframe for the Board of Directors' Meeting
- Re-write of the By Laws

Respectfully Submitted By:  
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