

Maine Association of Retirees, Inc.
Executive Director's Report
 November 2014

Total MAR Member is 14,908

	State	Teacher	PLD	Total
New Members	25	23	6	54
Deceased Members	16	15	7	38
Members Resigned	2	2	0	4
Total Membership Change	7	6	-1	12

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

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

Personnel

- Personnel is stable.
- Temporary staff person may be out for a short period of time due to a health procedure.

Operations

- Continuing to update and scrub the data in the MAR data base
- Training was held on developing queries using the MAR data base
- Met with Chairperson on the Membership Committee to introduce possible enabled recruitment
- Will be sending a target mailing to non-MAR MePERS retirees who are near the end of their COBRA coverage (approximately 280)
- Delta Dental enrollment will start on December 1, 2014 and we have been reviewing the premium increases and potential other options. Also looking at the potential to have a "eye care" insurance.
- Negotiated with BJ's to have four enrollment periods next year
- Obtaining quotes from vendor on printers, photocopies, etc. for MAR Office
- Completed the agreement with Dostie Funeral Home for 10% off funeral home expenses
- Established a contract with Transco for printing (\$4310.64 annually including services, toner, etc) versus A-copy (\$3484.64 annually with no service, toner, etc.)

Building

- Three chimneys have been removed and two new chimneys have been completed
- Gutters have been clean out (no more trees growing on the building)
- Thermostat corrections have been completed
- Security Service has been repaired
- Outside light fixtures have been replaced
- Continued work on the electricity system (rewiring)
- Front porch canopy will be repaired by the first of the week
- The bulk head door entrance repairs are scheduled
- Upper attic and cellar insulation is completed

Public Relations/Local Activities

- Met with Senator Katz and MSEA, MaryAnne Turowski, regarding the Social Security Windfall and Government Pension Offset. Senator Katz asked for the past Resolve, which MAR found and sent to him. He has sent it forward.
- Attended MCOA Board meeting. Established strategy plan for MCOA. Will have a meeting November 14 with all the MCOA member organizations to establish legislative priorities

Committees and Task Group

- Financial Committee meeting held on November 6, 2014.
- Membership Committee meeting held on October 14, 2014. Two suggestions were to: Expand benefits to cover more areas of the state and create a seed suggestion to leading newspapers in the surrounding area.

Special thanks to Patty Castonguay for donating a microwave to MAR.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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 Executive Director
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