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# E-Newsletter



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## WE NEED YOU!!! CORPE Rally Day February 14, 2019

**M**embers should plan to arrive at the Capitol Cafeteria around 8:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be served consisting of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee and hot tea. **(If you need a special diet, please let someone know when you arrive).** Pick up your ticket and give it to whomever is collecting tickets when you get your breakfast. There is no charge for breakfast. Free parking is available at Laidley Field (Laidley Field side of the Street) with shuttle service every 10 minutes.

**Wear your RED.**

**K**now Your Legislators. Invite them to attend our breakfast and sit with them and share our goals with them. When you arrive, find a table and have members from your unit sit together. Ask your legislator to introduce you on the floor during the session. Encourage as many members to attend as you can. If you have handicap people who want to come—no problem, We welcome retirees in wheel chairs, etc.

**Wear your RED.**

**V**isit the offices of your legislators (especially those who didn't attend the Breakfast). Attend the floor session of your choice and stand when your legislator recognizes you. Visit as many members of the Finance and Pensions Committees as you can. A list of these committee members can be found later in this newsletter. The rally will be organized similar to those in the past. No scheduled speakers. As legislators and others arrive, we will ask them to speak. Spud Terry (CORPE Co-Chair) will be the Emcee. **Remember the more members in attendance, the better the impression.**

**Wear your RED.**

## Legislative Leadership

### Senate



Mitch  
Carmichael



Tom Takubo



Craig Blair



Michael T.  
Azinger

### House



Roger  
Hanshaw



Amy  
Summers



Eric L  
Householder



Ray  
Hollen

President - Senator Mitch Carmichael  
Majority Leader - Senator Tom Takubo  
Finance Chair - Senator Craig Blair  
Pension Chair - Senator Michael T. Azinger

Speaker - Delegate Roger Hanshaw  
Majority Leader - Delegate Amy Summers  
Finance Chair - Delegate Eric L Householder  
Pension Chair - Delegate Ray Hollen

### Finance & Pensions Committees

#### Finance

##### Senate

Senator Blair - **Chair**  
 Senator Mann - **Vice-Chair**  
 Senator Boley  
 Senator Facemire  
 Senator Hamilton  
 Senator Ihlenfeld  
 Senator Maroney  
 Senator Palumbo  
 Senator Plymale  
 Senator Prezioso  
 Senator Roberts  
 Senator Stollings  
 Senator Swope  
 Senator Sybolt  
 Senator Takubo  
 Senator Tarr

##### House

Delegate Householder - **Chair**  
 Delegate Criss **Vice-Chair**  
 Delegate Bates - **Minority Chair**  
 Delegate Barrett- **Minority VC**  
 Delegate Anderson  
 Delegate Butler  
 Delegate Cowles  
 Delegate Espinosa  
 Delegate Ellington  
 Delegate Hardy  
 Delegate Hill  
 Delegate Linville  
 Delegate Maynard  
 Delegate Rowan  
 Delegate Storch  
 Delegate Westfall  
 Delegate Boggs  
 Delegate Hartman  
 Delegate Longstreth  
 Delegate Pethtel  
 Delegate Rowe  
 Delegate Skaff  
 Delegate Sponaugle  
 Delegate Williams

**For Contact  
 Information and to  
 Track Bills go to:  
[www.legis.state.wv.us](http://www.legis.state.wv.us)**

#### Pensions

##### Senate

Senator Azinger - **Chair**  
 Senator Hamilton - **Vice-Chair**  
 Senator Boso  
 Senator Ihlenfeld  
 Senator Plymale  
 Senator Romano  
 Senator Trump

##### House

Delegate Hollen - **Chair**  
 Delegate Graves - **Vice-Chair**  
 Delegate Pethtel  
 Delegate Evans  
 Delegate Malcom  
 Delegate Pack

## Legislative Goals 2019

- That WVARSE will promote legislation to continue and maintain the quality of PEIA coverage
- That WVARSE will promote legislation to establish a 1 percent tax on Marcellus, Utica and other lower sand gases together with a 1 percent severance tax on any future cracker plants as a funding source for state public employee's retiree benefits
- That WVARSE will promote legislation to increase the minimum pension to \$750.00 per month for those retirees with at least 20 years of service.

**Share this with your legislators**

### State Personal Income Taxes on Retirement Income

**WV State and local police, Deputy Sheriffs', Firefighters' and Military retirement benefits are fully exempt.**

**Other WV State pensions: \$2,000 exemption.**

**Federal Civil Service pensions: \$2,000 exemption.**

**Each WV Taxpayer aged 65 or older is entitled to a deduction of \$8,000 minus Retirement income deduction (\$2,000 mentioned above). In this statute, retirees \$6,000 plus the \$2,000 mentioned above.**

Visit the WVARSE Website

[www.WVARSE.org](http://www.WVARSE.org) This Newsletter will be posted

**Contact your Delegates and Senators and share our goals with them. Contact members of the Finance and Pensions Committees and ask them to support our bills in committee.**

## Summary of Retiree Increases Since 1998

### PERS

- 2000 - All retirees with 20 or more years of service were guaranteed a minimum annuity of \$500/month.
- 2001 - All retirees age 65 retired for 5 years or more received a 5% increase  
All retirees age 70 retired for 5 or more years received a 10% increase.  
All early retirees age 65 retired for 5 or more years received a 3% increase.
- 2006 - All retirees age 70 retired 5 or more years received a 3% increase.
- 2008 - 13<sup>th</sup> check of \$600 to retirees w/20 yrs and annual benefit of \$7200 or less adjusted.
- 2011 - 13<sup>th</sup> check of \$1200 to retirees w/20 yrs and annual benefit of \$7200 or less.

### TRS

- 1998 - All retirees who retired on or after 7/1/1986 but before 4/1/1998 received a \$2 @month for every year of service. All retirees who retired before 4/1/1988 and who were receiving less than or equal to \$300 received an additional \$1 @ month for each year of service.
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## New Faces in the Senate



William Ihlenfeld 01



Eric Tarr 04



Richard Lindsay 08



Rollan Roberts 09



Bill Hamilton 11

## New Faces in the House



Randy Swartzmiller 01



Lisa Zukoff 04



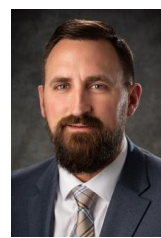
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Scott Cadle 13



Daniel Linville 16



Evan Worrell 18

## New Faces in the House con't



**Nathan Brown 20**



**Joe Jeffries 22**



**Tim Tomblin 24**



**Eric  
Porterfield 25**



**Brandon  
Steele 29**



**Christopher  
Toney 31**



**Margaret  
Stagers 32**



**Doug Skaff 35**



**Amanda  
Estep-Burton 36**



**Sharon Lewis  
Malcom 39**



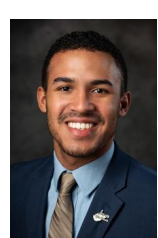
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**Cindy  
Lavender-Bowe 42**



**Cody  
Thompson 43**



**Caleb Hanna 44**



**Carl Martin 45**



**Chris Phillips 47**



**Terry Waxman 48**



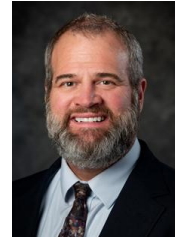
**Michael  
Angelucci 50**



**Evan Hansen 51**



**Danielle  
Walker 51**



**John Paul  
Hott 54**



**Larry Kump 59**



**Tom Bibby 62**



**John Hardy 63**



**Sammi Brown 65**



**John Doyle 67**

**Keep in contact with your legislators**

**Ask them to support our \$750 minimum monthly pension**

**Attend CORPE Day February 14, 2019**