



Date: February 19, 2020  
To: Board of Retirement  
From: James Wilbanks, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Subject: Administrative Report

## **2020-2021 State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Board of Directors Elections and Nomination Period**

Please see the attached information from SACRS regarding elections and the nomination period.

### **Ethics Training**

Several Trustees are due for the biennial required ethics training. Judy has sent emails to those who are required to take the training in 2020. Once you have completed the training, please send a copy of your certificate to Judy for our records.

### **Fiduciary Insurance Renewal, Waiver of Recourse Payments**

If you forgot last month and the month before and the month before that, please bring a check for \$9, made out to MCERA for the Waiver of Recourse payment.

### **Form 700 Filing**

Form 700s will be due to MCERA after the beginning of the year. The deadline for submitting the form is April 1, 2020.

### **Legislative Update**

Please see the attached Legislative Update from SACRS.



January 22, 2020

To: SACRS Trustees & SACRS Administrators/CEO's  
From: Ray McCray, SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair  
SACRS Nominating Committee  
Re: SACRS Board of Director Elections 2020-2021 - Elections Notice

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SACRS BOD 2020-2021 election process began January 2020. Please provide this election notice to your Board of Trustees and Voting Delegates.

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
March 1, 2020	Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.
March 25, 2020	The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25
May 15, 2020	Nomination Committee to conduct elections during the SACRS Business Meeting at the Spring Conference (May 12-15, 2020)
May 15, 2020	Board of Directors take office for 1 year

**Per SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1. Board of Director and Section 2. Elections of Directors:**

**Section 1. Board of Directors.** *The Board shall consist of the officers of SACRS as described in Article VI, Section 1, the immediate Past President, and two (2) regular members*

**A. Immediate Past President.** *The immediate Past President, while he or she is a regular member of SACRS, shall also be a member of the Board. In the event the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Board, the most recent Past President who qualifies shall serve as a member of the Board.*

**B. Two (2) Regular Members.** *Two (2) regular members shall also be members of the Board with full voting rights.*

**Section 2. Elections of Directors.** *Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.*

*The Nominating Committee will report its suggested slate, along with a list of the names of all members who had been nominated, to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25. The Administrator of each regular member County Retirement System shall be responsible for communicating the Nominating Committee's suggested slate to each trustee and placing the election of SACRS Directors on his or her board agenda. The Administrator shall acknowledge the completion of these responsibilities with the Nominating Committee.*



*Director elections shall take place during the first regular meeting of each calendar year. The election shall be conducted by an open roll call vote, and shall conform to Article V, Sections 6 and 7 of these Bylaws.*

*Newly elected Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the office of Treasurer. The incumbent Treasurer shall co-serve with the newly elected Treasurer through the completion of the current fiscal year.*

The elections will be held at the SACRS Spring Conference May 12-15, 2020 at the Paradise Point Hotel and Spa, San Diego, CA. Elections will be held during the Annual Business meeting on Friday, May 15, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Ray McCray, [raym1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:raym1@sbcglobal.net) or (209) 471-4472.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this timely matter.

Sincerely,

*Ray McCray*

Ray McCray, San Joaquin CERA Trustee  
SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

CC: SACRS Board of Directors  
SACRS Nominating Committee Members  
Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Administrator



**SACRS Nomination Submission Form  
SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2020-2021**

All interested candidates must complete this form and submit along with a letter of intent. **Both the form and the letter of intent must be submitted no later than March 1, 2020.** Please submit to the Nominating Committee Chair at [raym1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:raym1@sbcglobal.net) AND to SACRS at [sulema@sacrs.org](mailto:sulema@sacrs.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sulema Peterson at SACRS at (916) 701-5158.

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	Name:
<b>Candidate Contact Information</b> (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address:  Email Address:  Phone:
<b>Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On</b>	System Name:
<b>List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Chair</li><li><input type="radio"/> Alternate</li><li><input type="radio"/> General Elected</li><li><input type="radio"/> Retiree</li><li><input type="radio"/> Other _____</li></ul>
<b>Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> President</li><li><input type="radio"/> Vice President</li><li><input type="radio"/> Treasurer</li><li><input type="radio"/> Secretary</li><li><input type="radio"/> Regular Member</li></ul>
<b>Brief Bio</b>	



February 6, 2020

TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems

FROM: Mike Robson, Trent Smith, and Bridget McGowan, Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC

RE: **Legislative Update – February 2020**

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### **Overview**

Roughly one month into the second year of the two-year legislative session, things are picking up in Sacramento. The deadline for two-year bills to pass out of their house of origin was January 31. A few hundred bills failed to meet this deadline and are officially dead for the rest of session.

February 21 is the bill introduction deadline for new bills in the second year of session. We will begin to see a higher proportion of bills introduced everyday as we near this deadline. In the meantime, new bills will begin to be set for their first policy committee hearings and two-year bills will for their first hearings in their second house.

### **Legislation**

**SB 783 (Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement) – SACRS Sponsored Bill.** This cleanup bill makes technical changes to withdrawn employer liabilities, service purchase for parental leave, military leave, board approval of retirements, 60-day advance application windows, reinstatement from retirement and lump sum payments for minimum age distribution.

New language for SB 783 was drafted by the SACRS Legislative Committee and approved by the SACRS board and membership. The Legislative Committee Chairs have been working with Legislative Counsel to clarify this language before it is amended into the bill.

This bill is in its second house and will likely be heard in the Spring.

**AB 315 (C. Garcia) – Government Lobbying Associations.** This bill limits how associations funded by local governments/special districts can use their funds. Specifically, the bill would prevent local agency associations from using funds for activities that are not lobbying or strictly educational activities. Further, the bill would require that an association publicly disclose the amount of money spent on these activities and prohibits an association from incurring travel-related expenses except for

the association to hold an annual conference or send its members to attend educational activities.

The bill was pulled from the Assembly Local Government Committee in early January, causing it to fail the January 31 deadline. The bill is dead for the rest of session.

**LACERA Proposal on Nonservice-Connected Disability.** This proposal would authorize a county board of supervisors to adopt a resolution that would remove the intemperate use of alcoholic liquor or drugs as a factor in the calculation of a nonservice-connected disability retirement allowance. The goal of this proposal is to modernize the statute to reflect contemporary views of alcohol and drug addiction. If viewing alcohol and drug use from a disease perspective rather than a moral failure, the benefit limitation therefore would be discriminatory and financially punitive for that member.

After approval by SACRS membership in November, the language was submitted to Legislative Counsel. Legislative Committee members have been working with Legislative Counsel staff to draft the language for the proposal.

**Governor's 2020-21 Proposed Budget.** CalPERS and STRS have \$165 billion of unfunded pension liabilities. The 2020-21 proposed budget, like last year's budget, would pay an additional three billion dollars of General Fund towards unfunded liabilities in addition to the constitutionally required amounts. Last year's budget set aside an additional six billion dollars for this purpose.