

# WISCONSIN COALITION OF ANNUITANTS

Summary 2012

## Coalition Directors Meetings

Ten monthly meetings were conducted and the 21st Annual Conference was held on Monday May 14th at the American Family Headquarters Madison. No meeting was held in August. All monthly meetings were at the office of the WPPA, 660 John Nolen Drive, Madison.

Average attendance at monthly meetings was 27 with a high of 33 and a low of 22. Of the twenty-two member organizations the average number of directors and alternates represented at the monthly meetings was 20 with a high of 23 and a low of 17.

## New Directors

1/23 Larry Bundy, ESP  
4/12 Dave Bennett, WREA  
6/12 Judy Craig, UWRA

## Motions Approved

- 1/23 MSC The Wisconsin Coalition of Annuity go on record opposing any changes to the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS): (1) without a complete actuarial study of what the effect of any change might be on present and future members of the WRS and taxpayers; (2) before the completion of the WRS study due to be submitted by June 30, 2012, to the Governor and Joint Committee on Finance; and (3) without a complete review by the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.  
Move that the Secretary be instructed to send notice of this motion to all members of the Legislature and the Governor.  
MSC The WCOA present a resolution to James A. Senty for his years of public service on the SWIB.  
MSC The WCOA Secretary purchase a digital recorder  
MSC The WCOA Officers for 2012 are: James Palmer II, Chair; Gerald Vreeland, Vice Chair; John Maydak, Treasurer; Dick Kratz, Secretary.
- 2/20 MSC The WCOA will recognize Dave Stella and Keith Bozarth as the recipients of the 2012 Blair Testin award. The award will be presented at the 2012 Annual Conference on May 14.  
MSC The WCOA will pay our web master the annual fee of \$450.
- 4/16 MSC The Wisconsin Coalition of Annuity (WCOA) supports the merits of a defined benefit retirement plan that provides a modest benefit and financial security in retirement.  
The Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) is a model pension system that is low cost for taxpayers. The WCOA urges its members to become knowledgeable about the WRS, become involved in retirement issues and support public policies that sustain a quality pension system for both public and private workers.  
MSC The WCOA secretary be given a \$150 honorarium.  
MSC The WCOA treasurer be given a \$100 honorarium.
- 6/18 MSC The WCOA encourage the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance to refer the June 30 WRS report to the JSCRS.  
1/23/12 MSC The Wisconsin Coalition of Annuity go on record opposing any changes to the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS):  
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(3) without a complete review by the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.  
Move that the Secretary be instructed to send notice of this motion to all members of the Legislature and the Governor. The 1/23/12 motion was emailed to all legislators January 30, 2012.

7/16 MSC The WCOA donate \$200 to the WPPA in appreciation for the monthly use of the conference room.

MSC The WCOA provide a \$50 honorarium to Julie Neeley for her assistance in coordinating the conference room and providing coffee.

9/17 MSC The WCOA will forward the following motion to Sen. Hansen:

The WCOA supports the Wisconsin Legislatures investigating the feasibility of developing a state-managed, and/or, -regulated pension system for Wisconsin private sector workers.

**Monthly Treasurer's reports were accepted as presented.**

**Guests/Speakers**

1/16 Robert Conlin, Secretary, ETF  
Shawn Smith, Communications and Legislative Director, ETF  
Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
Dan Schmidt, Senior Analyst, Legislative Council  
2/20 Vicki Hearing, Public Information Officer, SWIB  
3/19 Robert Conlin, Secretary, ETF  
Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
4/16 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
6/18 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
7/16 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
Michael Williamson, Executive Director, SWIB  
Steve Hurley, Director, Policy Unit, ETF  
Eugene Janke, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Unit, ETF  
9/17 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
Michael Williamson, Executive Director, SWIB  
10/15 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
Matt Stohr, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services, ETF  
11/12 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
12/17 Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB  
Bob Willett, Director, Office of Trust Finance and Data Analysis, ETF  
Matt Stohr, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services, ETF

**Annual Conference** May 14, American Family Headquarters, Madison

Presenters:

Robert Conlin, Secretary, ETF  
Michael Knetter, President and CEO, University of Wisconsin Foundation  
Matt Stohr, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services, ETF  
Blair Testin Awards - Keith Bozarth and Dave Stella  
Keith Bozarth, Executive Director, SWIB

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