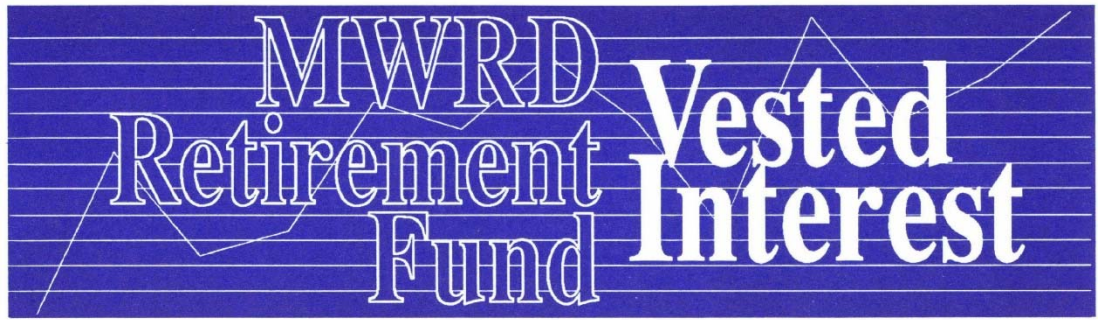


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Trustee Election

It will soon be time to elect one employee member to the MWRD Retirement Fund Board of Trustees to serve a 4-year term, beginning December 1, 2016. President Joseph F. Kennedy's term expires on November 30, 2016. The nominations of the two candidates have been certified and approved by the Judges of Election.

Candidates, as listed in petition filing order are:

2016 Candidates

Joseph F. Kennedy

Kamlesh K. Patel

Election ballots will be mailed on September 30th to District employees eligible to vote as of October 10th. Only ballots received at the Postal Lockbox by 10:00 a.m. on October 18th will be counted. Votes will be tabulated that day. Please do not send your ballot through interoffice mail to the Retirement Fund office.

Contact the Fund office (at x13229) if you do not receive a **complete** set of election materials by October 10th. Unfortunately, retirees are not eligible to vote.

The Retirement Fund encourages all of its active members to vote!

Retiree Dental and Vision Plans Move Forward

We are pleased to announce that we have reached the required enrollment goal in order for the retiree dental and vision plans to become effective on 9/1/2016. These plans are being administered by Group Benefits Associates (GBA). Information regarding the plan can be found at www.groupba.com.

This announcement affects readers in different ways, depending on the individual's retirement status.

Long-term annuitants (more than 18 months since retirement): If you enrolled, you should have received your cards by mid-September. If you did not enroll at the initial offering, you will have another opportunity in August 2017, the plan's open enrollment period. The effective date will be September 1, 2017 for those who enroll at that time. Certain waiting periods and other restrictions may apply for those who enroll during the open enrollment period. Contact GBA at the number below for full details.

Recent retirees (< 18 months retired) who are enrolled in COBRA dental benefits through the District: You may enroll in the GBA plan within 30 days of the termination of COBRA.

Active members approaching retirement: District retirees are offered dental benefits through COBRA for 18 months after retirement. After those benefits are exhausted, retirees may choose to enroll in a dental plan through GBA. At the time of application for retirement, Fund staff will provide new retirees with the GBA enrollment package. It is up to the retiree to enroll when the time comes. Premiums are paid directly to GBA.



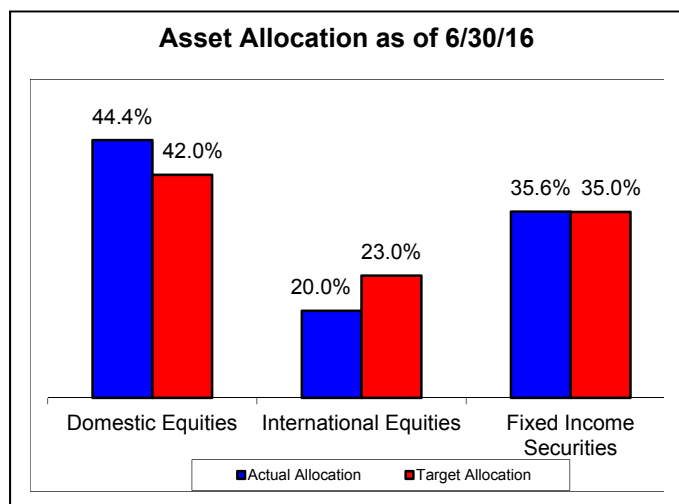
Feel free to contact GBA at 1-800-450-1271 with any questions relative to the retiree vision or dental plans.



- U S equities advanced moderately during the second quarter despite the volatility triggered in late June by the U.K's vote to exit the European Union. Stock prices regained nicely ending the quarter back within the trading range they roamed throughout the quarter. The S&P 500 Index finished the quarter with a gain of +2.5%.
- International equities generally underperformed U.S. equities, as slowing growth in China and Brexit concerns in Europe had an adverse impact on results. Sluggish economic data continues to overhang many regions of the world, despite the aggressive efforts of central bankers. Europe faces serious questions about the future of the European Union now that the U.K. has voted to exit. Policy makers in China continue to attempt to engineer a soft landing from an export-driven to a more sustainable consumption-driven model. As a result, international stock indices were down for the quarter. The MSCI ACWI ex-US Index, which measures performance of world markets outside the U.S., declined -0.6%. The MSCI EAFE Index of developed markets stocks fell by -1.5%.
- Fixed income securities generated positive returns across the spectrum, as they did in the prior quarter. High yield securities performed well, advancing +5.5%, as investors continue to seek yield. Prices of non-U.S. fixed income securities also rose, as the Barclays Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Index posted a +3.4% return.

Fund performance as of 6/30/16	2nd Quarter	Y-T-D	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.
Total Fund (net of fees)	1.4%	2.8%	-0.7%	7.3%	7.1%	6.0%
Policy Index*	2.0%	3.8%	0.1%	7.0%	7.4%	6.2%

* The policy index is composed of the following: 21% S&P 500 Index, 10% Russell Midcap Index, 11% Russell 2000 Index, 11% MSCI ACWI ex-US Index, 6% S&P Developed ex-U.S Index, 6% MSCI Emerging Markets Index, 8.75% Barclays Global Aggregate (Hedged) Index, 26.25% Barclays Aggregate Index.



TOP TEN STOCK HOLDINGS AS OF 6/30/16

Stock Description	# Shares	\$MM
1. AFLAC Inc	64,625	\$4.7
2. Illinois Tool Works Inc.	38,505	4.0
3. Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc.	31,200	3.8
4. Laboratory Corp America	24,500	3.1
5. JM Smucker Co.	20,375	3.1
6. Viacom Inc.	73,366	3.0
7. Pfizer Inc	84,225	3.0
8. National Oilwell Varco Inc.	87,471	2.9
9. First American Financial Corp.	73,000	2.9
10. Northern Trust Corp.	44,000	2.9

Transitions

RETIREES (since June 2016)



Ahmed, Mohammed Y.
Bourgeois, Cheryl R.
Brown, Bernice E.
Brown, Nathaniel J.

Cardona, Carlos G.
DeLuca, Lynn A.
Errampally, Jyothi J.
Hoskins, Stuart S.

Johnson-Bey Jr., Reuben
Jones, Cleo
Kirchman, Mark J.
Korcal, Denice E.

Mason, Curtis L.
Montag, Daniel R.
Pierce, Doris J.
Romero, Arturo A.

Ross, Carla M.
Sanders, Robert B.
Schipma Jr., George E.
Siska, John J.
Stinson, Derrick D.

DECEASED EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES (since June 2016)

Anagnostopoulos, Nicholas
Barbaro, Josephine T.
Brewer, Evelyn D.
Calgaro, Edward J.

Danca, Carl E.
Daniel, Oliver
Dinovo, Joseph S.
Greenwald, Victoria

Gregory, Joseph A.*
Gross, Leroy L.
Helm, Ralph J.
Hickey, Gerald M.
Kalinowski, Gregory J.

Larson, Oscar E.
Larson, Steven C.
Manning, Thomas
Meeks, Buster
Neary, Michael P.

Nelson Jr., Wesley
Powell, Robert B.
Saric, Ronald S.
Thomas, Minnie
Zmuda, James T.

*Death in Service

MAPD Plan Approved



At its September 1, 2016 meeting, the District's Board of Commissioners voted to enter into an agreement with UnitedHealthcare to administer a Medicare Advantage Plan with Part D (MAPD) for annuitants and their dependents who are Medicare eligible. The plan will be effective January 1, 2017. Full details will be provided to annuitants in October. For now, here are the top nine plan highlights relative to the MAPD Plan:

1. Coverage mirrors the current PPO coverage.
2. Premiums for Medicare-eligible participants are anticipated to decrease by over 30%.
3. Open enrollment will start on October 24, 2016 for a January 1, 2017 effective date.
4. Pharmacy co-payments will remain the same.
5. The only coverage option for Medicare-eligible members and dependents is the PPO. There will be no HMO option.
6. The new insurance card for those in the MAPD plan will cover medical, Medicare and pharmacy benefits.
7. Referrals will not be necessary for seeing specialists.
8. No action is required on the part of the annuitant or dependents. You will be automatically transferred into the new plan
9. Members and dependents who are not Medicare eligible will remain in the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield plans.*

*At its September 15, 2016 meeting, the District's Board of Commissioners voted to enter into an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois to provide PPO and HMO services to non-Medicare retirees and active employees effective January 1, 2017. This agreement will include pharmacy benefits. Pharmacy benefits are currently provided through Envision Rx. Coverage through Envision will terminate on December 31, 2016. Pharmacy benefit coverage through Blue Cross will be effective January 1, 2017.

The District and the Fund will provide further information as it becomes available. In October, UnitedHealthcare will offer a toll-free number for District annuitants and dependents to call with specific questions. Information is available on the Fund's website at www.mwrdrf.org, and on the District's website at www.mwrdrf.org.



Harold "Hal" Downs Resigns as Retiree Trustee

Retiree trustee Harold "Hal" Downs tendered his resignation from the Retirement Board effective August 10, 2016. Mr. Downs served on the Retirement Board from January 2014 through his resignation. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Downs for his service to the Retirement Fund.



Questions about Retirement?

An MWRD Retirement Fund Benefits Staff member will be available to provide counseling to active employees at the following places, dates and times:



Plant	Location	Date	Time
Calumet	M & O Admin. Conference Room	September 27, 2016	7:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Egan	Laboratory Conference Room	October 11, 2016	7:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Stickney	OSS Building, Room S343	November 1, 2016	7:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

We recommend calling the Retirement Fund office at x13222 to make an appointment to guarantee that you have an opportunity to get information regarding your benefits.

RETIREE EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON



All District retirees are invited to a lunch and presentation on the “Roadmap through Retirement.” The session will be conducted by Prudential Retirement and will be followed by an opportunity to network with fellow retirees. The session will be held on October 5, 2106, starting at 12:00 p.m. at the Covenant Church of Schaumburg at 301 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Interested retirees should contact Emma Jackson of the District’s Human Resources Department at (312) 751- 7937.

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- U.S. mail** using the address below.
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