

# MARSP History

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## 1990-1999

- 1990** Annual Convention became 2 day event and added vendor exhibits.
  - 1991** MARSP Center construction began.
  - 1992** April, MARSP staff moved into MARSP Center; Voluntary Benefit Defense Fund (VBDF) established; 41,325 members.
  - 1993** Sponsored Capitol Rally to protest Defined Contribution legislation – over 1,500 retirees attended; MPSERS members rated MARSP as most important source of information for retirees and VANGUARD as most used publication by retirees.
  - 1994** MARSP joined the Musselman v Governor case with the filing of amicus curaie brief.
  - 1995** Filed a second amicus curaie brief in the Musselman v Governor case; Michigan divided into twenty-eight (28) areas and Florida into two (2) areas; expanded fall conferences schedule to include the out-of-state chapters in area formations.
  - 1996** Added half day of workshops to Annual Convention creating 2-day convention; set-up internet site.
  - 1998** Sponsored Medicare + Choice before convention; 3,000 members attended.
  - 1999** Convinced MPSERS Board to establish Feasibility Study Taskforce to look at pension increases; reduced fall/winter conferences to one half (1/2) of the areas one (1) year, and one half (1/2) the following year, which created a two (2)-year schedule to be repeated.
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