

MARSP History



2000-2009

- 2000** Battled MPSERS Board over planned changes to Group 59000 Health Insurance; won delay of several items and accomplished establishment of study group; sponsored Capital Rally to protest prescription copay increase with over 2,000 members attending.
 - 2001** 50th Anniversary; sponsored 50th Anniversary Open House in October; actual 50th Anniversary date December 15, 2001; began presenting Pre-Retirement Information Meetings (PRIM) in individual school districts; VANGUARD available on-line.
 - 2002** 50th Annual Convention held.
 - 2003** Amendment to MARSP Constitution passed to eliminate Annual Convention and hold business meetings at Area Conferences.
 - 2004** Fall and Winter Conferences changed to Winter and Spring Conferences and Business Meetings; Dues renewal forms e-mailed to active members. Website is updated and issued a "secured site" so members can renew and pay their dues online; MARSP signed an agreement with Williams & Carroll, LLC to form MARSP Retirement Planning Services. Williams & Carroll will present MARSP PRIMs.
 - 2005** Chapter Online Services. Chapters are able to access their membership online.
 - 2006** Recruitment / Leadership Team Development Seminars were added to the area conferences. MARSP-sponsored Senate Bill 1017 passed to allow remarried retirees to name new spouse as beneficiary under certain circumstances. Became Public Act 617 of 2006.
 - 2007** Website re-designed; and chapter leadership resources added. Capwiz software is added to the MARSP website for effective communication with legislators. Ambassadors are trained on this software. Chapter Legislative Ambassadors were nominated, appointed and trained to become the liaison between the MARSP leadership and the Michigan legislators to represent the concerns of the MARSP organization with regard to legislative matters. Training is provided to these volunteers.
 - 2008** The out-of-state area conferences were recorded on DVD and sent to each chapter; the chapter president facilitated the MARSP annual business meeting.
 - 2009** The Michigan and out-of-state area conferences were recorded on DVD and sent to area directors, who facilitated the Michigan presentations and MARSP annual business meetings in each of the respective chapters. Leadership seminars were provided in four locations throughout Michigan; presenters were the President, Membership Chairman and Executive Director. The legislative committee developed a legislative goals and objectives brochure. Our first NEW legislator reception was held in February, followed by the ALL legislator reception in April.
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