

# MARSP History

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- 2010** MPSERS changed the Master Health Care Plan to Original Medicare plus a supplement for those who were Medicare-eligible. The legislature passed two bills making many changes to the school employees' retirement law. As a result, MARSP presented several PRIMs all over the state during the final two weeks in which employees had to make their decisions.
  - 2011** MPSERS returned the Medicare-eligible retirees to Medicare Advantage PPO – different from the previous Medicare Advantage PFFS. Legislation passed on May 12<sup>th</sup> subjects a portion of the pension received by those born between 1946 and 1952 to Michigan income tax, and all pension for those born after 1952 to Michigan income tax; and eliminates many other exemptions previously provided on the Michigan income tax return. The Leadership Seminars added a new session for public relations and newsletters, which was facilitated by the president-elect. The first MARSP Executive Director Bonnie J. Carpenter retired on June 30<sup>th</sup> after 28 years of service to MARSP. S. Mark Guastella was hired on September 7, 2011 as the new executive director. MARSP held its first Legislative Outreach Day in Lansing in October.
  - 2012** *VANGUARD* formatting was updated and began being printed in color. MARSP won the MSAE award for print newsletters in September. The MARSP Legislative Committee hosted the Spring Legislative Outreach Day in May. Legislation passed in August (PA 300) contained reforms to the MPSERS' pension and healthcare plan. MPSERS will now only pay up to 80% of health care premiums for retirees, instead of the up to 90%. Due to MARSP's lobbying efforts and the efforts of our members, the Legislature opted to maintain the 90/10 cost share for those retirees age 65 or older as of January 1, 2013.
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