

It is Time to Say Thanks

During the past year I have frequently expressed concerns about various facets of PSRS, from the manner in which I felt the COLA decision was handled, to the way in which the Sunshine Law was interpreted, as well as the design and accessibility of the website (It was not an up-to-date, member friendly site, reflective of a \$36 billion operation). While I still have serious concerns regarding the COLA decision and co-joining of “member and employee” under the Sunshine Law, it is time, however, to say THANKS to those on the staff at PSRS who have transformed the PSRS website into a highly accessible, information rich resource for all members. If you have not visited, it is time to do so.

***Where once there was chaos – there is now a functioning Search Bar**

***Where once meeting minutes and agenda were difficult, if not impossible to find – they are now readily available for review, both current and past**

***Where once it was impossible to find information for contacting our Trustees – email contact is now available**

***Where once PSRS policies and procedures were nowhere to be found – they are now accessible upon request**

And best of all – changes and upgrades continue to be made, self-initiated from within PSRS.

My point of contact at PSRS for my concerns has been Nicole Hamler. And while I am sure that she had significant help from others on the staff, especially folks in the IT department, I just want to express my thanks to Nicole and all at PSRS who have expended time and effort to transform the website into something truly usable by the membership.

It is now up to us – as members – to make use of this expanded tool to make our voices heard, to stay in touch with our Trustees and to become active in our retirement system - even though we are retired.

From my perspective,

Jim Sandfort, retired superintendent