

I first started attending FPPTA events as an Associate Member in 1989, and I have watched the organization grow under both current and former leadership. It is a privilege to be part of the team that works to ensure we continue to grow, offer new and better opportunities to our members, and continually strive to make the next event better than the last.

My path from membership on the Associate Advisory Board and the Education Committee, to serving as editor of "The Voice" magazine for ten years, to being elected to the Board of Directors was a natural progression. I spent my professional career in the private sector providing custody and administrative services to both corporate and Florida municipal pension plans, first with Barnett Trust and later with Salem Trust Company. Watching pension trustees volunteer their time for their constituents and to further their education was eye-opening. It made me want to help advance the progress of Florida trustees and pension plans.

As a trustee of the Vero Beach Police Pension Fund since 2003 and a director of FPPTA since 2007, I can and do proudly recommend our organization, its educational offerings, and our front-runner status as protectors of defined benefit plans for public employees. Maybe someday all employees will be able to enjoy pension benefits and thriving retirement years.