

In this issue of the E-Newsletter, we would like to introduce our Board of Directors and focus on their important role in the FPPTA. Just for a little background the FPPTA is a not-for-profit organization founded for the purpose of defending and educating Defined Benefit Public Pension Plans in the State of Florida. The Organization is chartered as LLC. in the State of Florida. The documents governing the organization state that there is a 7 member Board of Directors (BOD) is elected by the membership. The BOD hires a CEO who submits an annual budget based upon an estimation of the future year's income from memberships and sponsorships, and the estimated number of registrants for each event. This budget includes the cost of full time and part time staff and consultants, the cost of each of the events that the FPPTA holds and any other matters that it takes to successfully run the organization. The BOD meets prior to each event, also for an annual budget meeting and special called meetings. There are also several standing Committees that the BOD divide up and sit on...Audit Committee, Bylaws Committee, Education Committee, and Scholarship Committee, Election Committee, Exhibit Hall Committee, Executive Oversight Committee, and Relief Fund Committee. The BOD has placed full confidence in the CEO to work with Staff and Consultants to organize and prepare for the FPPTA events and have everything ready to go at each event. But as you can see, the value of the BOD cannot be underestimated to the organization's smooth operation. These men and women you have elected are volunteering their time. We wanted to recognize them and make sure you understand a little more about the FPPTA and the Board of Directors that you have elected to oversee the organization.

I became a Trustee on the Palm Tran/ATU1577 pension board July 2001 and continue to serve on the board as Chairman. I completed my CPPT with the FPPTA in 2003. I was also the Union President and involved in legislative activities which eventually led to my working with Ray Edmondson to educate the State of Florida Legislature on issues arising over public pension funds. In 2010 or 2011, Ray ask me to serve on the Education Committee and then in 2012 I was elected to the Board of Directors to finish the term of a Director who had resigned.

Over the 24 years of coming to the FPPTA schools and Conferences, I have always gone back to our next Board of Trustee meeting with a fresh insight or question for the professionals who we have hired to assist us. As a Director for the FPPTA, I want to see the organization to continue to expand and enhance the educational program to keep up with the challenges of new technology and changes to our economic investments in our changing global economy. It is also my goal to listen to YOU our members and your needs as you are also faced with providing a secure retirement for your participants. I went through the TLC 2025 class and can tell you it will be well worth your time to get involved in this.