

# Retiree Update

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System  
May 2021



According to Iowa law, the CEO of IPERS is appointed by the Governor and recommended to the Iowa Senate for confirmation. Last month the Senate unanimously confirmed Greg Samorajski for a four-year term at the helm of IPERS. Get to know Greg [here](#).

## NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHING SOON!

- ✓ Fresh new look
- ✓ Streamlined content
- ✓ Simplified navigation



[www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org)

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website in mid-May! The new site features a fresh new look and streamlined content to provide the information you need to understand your retirement benefits. (NOTE: While we made every effort to eliminate broken links, you should check any IPERS pages you have bookmarked. It's possible the links may have changed.)

Here's what you'll discover:

- **Mobile responsiveness:** Each page is designed to look great and function well whether you use the site on a desktop computer, tablet or smart phone.
- **Simplified navigation:** Allows you to access the content you want faster with fewer clicks.
- **Resource Library:** Dedicated space on the homepage and throughout the site features relevant videos, publications and forms in one place.
- **Expanded content:** Whether you're a new hire, preparing to retire or somewhere in between, our new life stage pages make it easier for you to get information that's specific to your needs.

### Share your feedback with us!

We welcome your feedback on the new website. Let us know what you like and share any suggestions for improvement at [communications@ipers.org](mailto:communications@ipers.org). We will continually work to enhance the website.

We hope you enjoy the new [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org)!

## Governor lifting bona fide retirement and earnings limitation provision on May 31

On May 31, 2021, reemployment and earning limitation provisions that Governor Reynolds enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will expire, and all IPERS members will again be subject to IPERS' usual reemployment requirements.

IPERS members who choose to return to IPERS-covered employment after retirement must have a "bona fide retirement." This federally mandated requirement means retirees may not work in an IPERS-covered position with an IPERS-covered employer until the retiree receives four retirement benefit payments.. Further, members who are under age 65 and reemployed in IPERS-covered employment are subject to income limits.

[Governor Reynolds had waived the bona fide retirement period and earnings limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) for some specific IPERS members, including employees of school districts, area education agencies, health care organizations, etc. This waiver expires May 31, 2021.

Learn more about [bona fide retirement](#) and [returning to work](#).

## IPERS Communication

IPERS communicates with our members using various methods. We understand that sometimes it can be difficult to determine if the information you receive is legitimate.

Below are the most common channels we use to provide information to our members.

- Email - Mass email communication from IPERS will come from this address: [IPERS@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:IPERS@public.govdelivery.com). Please make sure you mark this as a safe email address so communication from IPERS doesn't go into the spam filter.
- Website - Information that is communicated by email is also featured prominently on the home page or newsroom at [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org).
- Social Media - Information that is communicated by email is also shared on Facebook and Twitter.
- Mail - Occasionally we mail information. Each year, members receive their Annual Benefit Statement and the IPERS Summary Annual Financial Report by mail. We also notify members by mail when changes have been made to their account (for example bank account information, address or email changes). Information sent by mail is usually on the IPERS letterhead or includes our logo and contact information.

If you have questions about the legitimacy of information you've received from IPERS, please email [communications@ipers.org](mailto:communications@ipers.org).

### Receiving IPERS Emails

We often use email to communicate important information with our members. You are receiving this newsletter because your email address is included in your member record. If you know an IPERS member who is not receiving email communication from us, encourage them to visit our [Receiving IPERS Emails](#) page or [contact us](#).