Board meetings are held one day each month. Some Board committees also meet monthly; others meet less frequently or as needed. Trustees serve without compensation but are reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending meetings.

Terms and conditions of office
In November, IMRF annuitants (individuals receiving an IMRF pension) will elect one Annuitant Trustee for a five-year term. The five-year term of office will run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

Nominating procedures—petitions
Candidates for the position of Annuitant Trustee must submit nominating petitions signed by at least 100 IMRF annuitants. (This petition may be duplicated and allows annuitants to fax or mail it to other annuitants). Persons receiving an IMRF annuity (pension) in July 2020 are eligible to sign a candidate’s petition. IMRF will verify signatures on the nominating petitions.

Once IMRF verifies that a candidate has submitted 100 valid petitions, we will advise the candidate that he or she does not need to submit any additional petitions.

Petitions for Annuitant Trustee candidates will be accepted in the IMRF Oak Brook and Springfield offices between August 1, 2020, and the close of business at 4:30 PM, September 15, 2020. Email scans of your signed petitions to IMRFTrusteeElection@imrf.org. If you prefer, you can mail or fax (630-706-4656) the completed petitions to IMRF, ATTN: IMRF Trustee Petitions.

If you scan the petitions and email them to IMRF or if you fax the petitions to IMRF, please call IMRF at 1-800-ASK-IMRF (275-4673) to confirm that they were received.

Petitions postmarked on or before September 15, 2020, but received after that date will not be accepted.

On September 17, 2020, letters will be sent to all candidates who submitted nominating petitions informing them whether they will be on the ballot. Annuitant Trustee candidates will also be provided the names of the other candidates.

Qualifications
Any IMRF annuitant receiving an IMRF annuity (pension) in January 2021 and who files petitions signed by at least 100 eligible annuitants is eligible to be a candidate.

Annuitant Trustee ballots
The third quarter Fundamentals newsletter, which will contain candidates’ biographies, will be mailed with the ballot for the Annuitant Trustee election. The newsletters and ballots will be mailed to annuitants’ homes on October 30, 2020. The voted ballots must be returned by the close of business at 4:30 PM, December 4, 2020.

New Trustee orientation
It is critical for the sound governance of IMRF that Trustees be fully informed with regard to IMRF’s nature, purposes, structure, operational systems and processes. To that end, the newly elected Trustee will participate in an in-depth New Trustee Orientation Program designed to fully inform him or her of IMRF’s key functions and his or her responsibilities as Trustee. The Program is more fully described in the IMRF Board Candidate Packet, available in the Board of Trustees area of the IMRF website.

The Candidate Packet also includes information about Public Act 96-0006 which amended the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Changes include requiring individuals serving as IMRF trustees to file a written statement of economic interest.

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