

The ERS board today unanimously appointed our very own Jim Sommerville to the vacant trustee position. Jim, our former president, will serve a four-year term. He is the first GSRA nominee to be so honored. We thank the screening committee of former board chair Homer Bryson, current board chair Rebecca Sullivan, and Executive Director Jim Potvin.

Congratulations to Jim, and congratulations to the board for its wisdom in appointing him.

The board also considered the date and amount of the one-time payment or "13th check" for which \$26.75 million was appropriated for FY 2027. Jim Potvin recommended the check be distributed as soon as possible which he said will be before October 1. He also said the amount should be a little over \$500. The board unanimously approved both recommendations.

For both actions, congratulations to you too. Be assured that neither would have occurred without your sustained advocacy. These follow the board granting a 2.25% for this year, the largest by far since 2009, after several years of (admittedly lower) COLAs and one-time payments. And more legislators and administration candidates are expressing greater levels of support. With your participation, we look forward to the coming session being our best ever.