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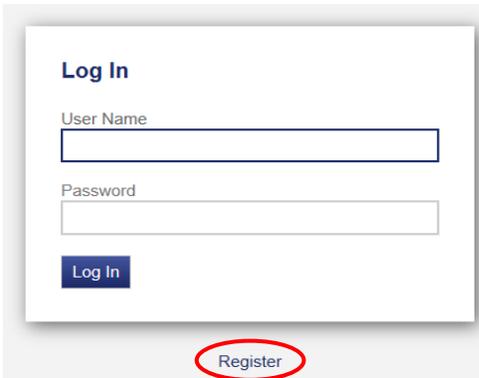
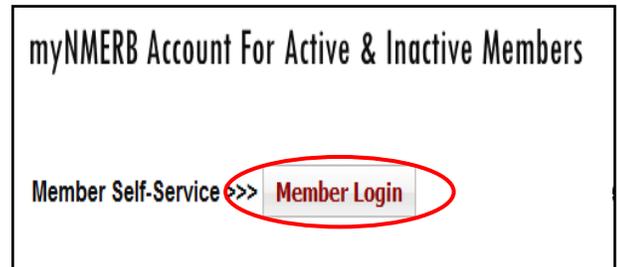
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## New Web Member Self-Service

In August, ERB updated its system used to process retirements. With this conversion came a new web self-service system for active and inactive ERB members. Active and inactive members are members who have retirement contributions on account with ERB but are not yet retired.

Starting September 15, all active and inactive members are able to create a brand new member self-service account. If you previously had a member self-service account, your existing log in information is no longer valid. To register your new member self-service account, visit [www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org), click on *MyNMERB*



After you click *Register*, you'll enter your social security number, last name and birth date. If the information you enter matches the information ERB has in your records, then you'll be able to create your new username, password, security question and email address. If you get any kind of an error message, please contact ERB by email at [ERB-memberhelp@state.nm.us](mailto:ERB-memberhelp@state.nm.us).

The new member self-service site has a larger display screen that allows you to navigate through your account more efficiently. A new feature, *Work History*, allows you to view your work history with all ERB covered entities. You can also print an unofficial Contribution History Report that details your ERB history by quarter. This report is helpful when using the *Benefit Estimator*. Another new feature, *News and Events*, is there for ERB to use to communicate pertinent information to you. The other features, such as Statement of Account, the Benefit Estimator and the Service Credit Purchase Estimator are still available.

There is a new user tutorial as well as a troubleshooting guide to assist you with the new site.

## GASB Public Pension Accounting & Financial Reporting Standards

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The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has new accounting rules for state and local governments. Among other requirements, net pension liabilities will now be reported on the balance sheet, providing citizens and other users of the financial reports with a clearer picture of the size and nature of the financial obligations to current and former employees for past services rendered. The new rules are effective now, but will not be required for your employers until next year.



NMERB has already adopted GASB 68 standards for fiscal year 2015 so New Mexico's employers can also adopt them early or use the information for planning ahead to 2015. NMERB will publish new accounting information on our website in the Required Supplementary Information section of our financials.

It's important to note that the new GASB rules apply only to accounting and financial reporting. They do not apply to funding, and will not be used to determine contribution requirements. The goal is to create greater transparency, consistency, and comparability of pension information across governments.

The GASB is the independent organization that establishes and improves accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments in the United States. For more information, visit [www.GASB.org](http://www.GASB.org).

## Retiring at the end of this school year?

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If you are planning to retire at the end of the current school year, you are encouraged to start preparing now. To prepare, you may want to attend an ERB retirement seminar. The retirement seminar covers the details of your ERB plan and instructions on the retirement process. If you miss a seminar, you can find the same information in the ERB Member Handbook, found by going to [www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org), then *ERB Publications*. You may also contact ERB to request for one to be mailed to you.

To learn about your projected monthly retirement benefit amount, log into your ERB account and use the Benefit Estimator to calculate an unofficial retirement benefit estimate. If you want an official estimate, please contact ERB to request an audited retirement estimate. The turnaround time for retirement estimates is 4-6 weeks. It will be mailed to you.

If you are ready to retire, you need to submit your retirement application 60-90 days prior to your retirement date. You'll get the retirement application from your employer's Human Resources/Benefits office. Retirement applications are also on the ERB website, [www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org), under *Download Forms*. However, you are encouraged to start this process with your employer's HR/Benefits office.

To request an ERB Member Handbook, an official retirement estimate, or if you have questions about your ERB retirement, please contact ERB by email at [ERB-memberhelp@state.nm.us](mailto:ERB-memberhelp@state.nm.us) or by phone at 1-866-691-2345.

## Feature Story: ERB Board Members



Beulah Woodfin

Beulah M. Woodfin represents the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) on the Educational Retirement Board. She retired from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the University of New Mexico School of Medicine after 34 years of service. At UNM, she was active in faculty governance and served as director of the BA/BS program in Biochemistry. In addition, she held local, state and national positions in AAUP.

Raised in Tennessee, she earned a BA in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University, and an MS and PhD from the University of Illinois (Urbana). Before coming to New Mexico, she was a Research Associate at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). This is her second term on the Educational Retirement Board. For information on ERB Board Meetings, visit [www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org); click on *Board and Management*.

## NMERB Helping Schools with Monthly Reporting Challenges

Preparing, tracking and reporting payroll and retirement contribution data each month can be challenging because there are so many moving parts. Employers have new people each year, forms to sign and file, updated tools, and often even new rules to follow. We all need to work together to keep the reporting system running smoothly.

ERB has found a new way to help! We have added a new staff position that will work directly with New Mexico's 231 employers to ensure the reporting and tracking processes are consistent and working well. Mary Jane Hogin comes to ERB with 10 years of financial and budgeting experience in federal, state, and local governments. Her quick and sincere customer service centered approach is sure to guide her in working with all of New Mexico's schools. As a former educator she has a special affinity for the dynamics of New Mexico public education.

Ms. Hogin will begin contacting schools to schedule visits next month. The key to maintaining an accurate statewide pension system for current and future retirees is NMERB, employers, and members working together today.

## Retiree IRS Form 1099 Mailing

In preparation for the annual IRS Form 1099 mailing, ERB asks that all retirees make certain that your address is current in your ERB records. If you didn't receive a Retiree Annual Statement in August, then it is likely that ERB has an outdated address for you.

If you need to update your mailing address, please send ERB a Change of Address form, which can be printed from ERB's website, [www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org), under the *Download Forms* link. You may also write us a note that includes your name, your new address, your birth date, your signature and the date. You may fax the note to (505) 827-1855 or mail it to PO Box 26129, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

Remembering to notify ERB of your address changes will help us communicate pertinent information about your retirement benefits on a timely basis. If you have questions, please call 1-866-691-2345 or email [ERB-memberhelp@state.nm.us](mailto:ERB-memberhelp@state.nm.us).

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**Change of Address Form**

Please send this completed form to any of the ERB offices or fax numbers above. If you are retired, ERB must receive this completed form by the 15th of the month in order to become effective the same month. Forms received after the 15th of the month will become effective the following month.

Please check one:

Active employee  Retired Member  
 Inactive employee  Beneficiary

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the NMERB to change my address as indicated above.  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NMERB Use Only:**  
Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Entered By: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Retired Educators! The American Cancer Society needs YOU!

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and all around New Mexico. You can make a difference to those fighting cancer who need you:

- ◇ Drive patients to life-saving treatment through **Road to Recovery**.
- ◇ Provide emotional support, peer support, empowerment, help patients feel better and link them to resources they need at your local **Cancer Resource Center**.
- ◇ Breast cancer survivors: Provide peer support that only you can provide to a woman facing breast cancer through **Reach to Recovery**.
- ◇ Licensed cosmetologists: Help women boost morale and improve self-image while in treatment by providing makeup courses and free makeup through **Look Good...Feel Better**.
- ◇ Join local **Relay For Life, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** and **Coaches vs Cancer** event committees.

For more information or to get involved, contact Brian Anderson at (505) 262-6029  
or [brian.anderson@cancer.org](mailto:brian.anderson@cancer.org).

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