



SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR *my*PERSI WEB PORTAL

Earlier this year, we learned that some of our members' confidential information had been exposed in cyber attacks on entities other than PERSI in recent months. To prevent identity thieves from accessing PERSI member records, we temporarily suspended new registrations in the *my*PERSI member web portal while we developed a personal identification number (PIN) program, which has now been implemented. The *my*PERSI web portal is again open to new registrants.

Before using *my*PERSI for the first time, members must register using a personal identification number (PIN) that is assigned by PERSI and mailed to the address on file. If you are a member and not yet registered, you must request your PIN before registering for *my*PERSI. Request your PIN by clicking on the *my*PERSI link in the upper right area of the PERSI home page.



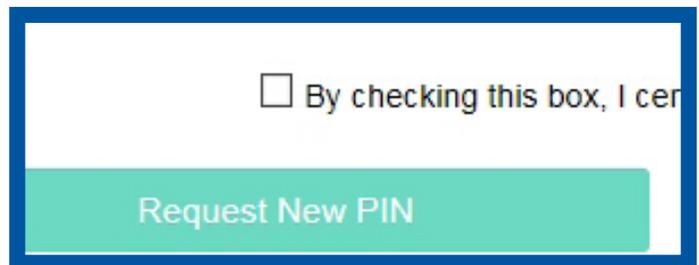
When the *my*PERSI registration page appears, click on "Register" at the bottom of the form.



When the *my*PERSI registration page appears, look for the "Request New PIN" button and click it.



When the next page appears, answer the questions, check the box, and click the button that says, "Request New PIN".



A letter with the new PIN will be generated and mailed to you. Once you receive the PIN in the mail, you can go back to *my*PERSI and set up your login name and password, which you will use to login thereafter. Keep your PIN in a safe place, though, because it will be needed to verify your identity when making changes to your address or other information.

Members who were already registered in *my*PERSI prior to implementation of the PIN program can continue to access their accounts without a PIN.

Members with questions, or those wanting assistance can always call the PERSI Answer Center at :

1-800-451-8228 or (208) 334-3365 in the Boise area.

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Insights

PERSI MOURNS THE PASSING OF BELOVED FORMER TRUSTEE, MARILYN SHULER

During its February meeting, the PERSI Retirement Board recognized the February 2, 2017 passing of a long-time PERSI Trustee, Marilyn Shuler. Chairman of the Board, Jody Olson opened the meeting with the following remarks:

"Fellow PERSI Members,

For ten years (1988-1998) Marilyn Shuler served as a valued trustee of PERSI. During those years, she was the conscience of the Board. She is best known for her tireless advocacy of those in our society who are denied equal rights. She fought religious persecution of, initially, Mormons, Jews and Catholics; lately, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others. She would not tolerate discrimination against the disabled, people of color, women, or anyone who wished to live free.

Marilyn Shuler was an extraordinary PERSI trustee. Wickedly smart, she educated herself on investments of size and complexity. In between fulfilling the demanding role of founding Director of the State Human Rights Commission, battling tremendous physical challenges and participating in a myriad of volunteer activities; I don't recall her missing a single PERSI Board meeting.

Marilyn's famous motto was "Cash is Trash". She understood that funding retirement benefits for every member requires adequate returns, and we must be heavily invested in equities. The Board and staff were constantly reviewing existing and potential money managers to be sure we were fully and appropriately invested. Pity the fund manager who suggested investing in a company whose product was made using third-world slave labor, or had a Board which did not follow good corporate governance.

Marilyn passed during a brief hospital stay surrounded by her loving sons, their families, and many friends. Vickie (my wife) and I were given thirty-plus close years with Marilyn. To say we are sad and grieving is an understatement.

Every one of our 140,000 participants drawing a PERSI retirement check, or planning on doing so in the future, owes some of what they receive to this incredible lady."

Trustee Shuler made remarkable contributions not only to PERSI, but to our communities, our state, and beyond. She was 77.

Additional links:

["Marilyn Shuler, Idaho human rights leader, dies at 77..." \(Idaho Statesman\)](#)

["Marilyn Shuler - The Color of Conscience - A Special Production..." \(IPTV\)](#)

["Marilyn Shuler..." \(BSU Public Radio\)](#)



Former PERSI Trustee,
Marilyn Shuler

IDAHO CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE

The Idaho Cybersecurity Task Force was established by Governor Otter to address mounting threats to, and vulnerabilities of, the State's technology systems. The primary purpose of the Task Force is to identify and detect threats and vulnerabilities, recommend best security practices, educate the public and public sector about cybersecurity, implement best practices and policies, and promote and facilitate education and awareness of threats and defense strategies. The Task Force will compile annual reports with findings and recommendations for addressing threats and vulnerabilities.

The governor appointed Task Force representatives from state agencies that have prominent roles in protecting state assets and sensitive information. PERSI's Director Don Drum was one of those appointed to the Task Force. In the first year of operation, the Task Force met with national experts, business and industry experts and counterparts in other states to understand best practices in cybersecurity. The Task Force presented a list of initial recommendations to

Governor Otter and, in response, the Governor issued Executive Order 2017-02 to transform the recommendations into policy.

Executive Order 2017-02 created a Director of Information Security position reporting directly to the Governor to oversee implementation of statewide cybersecurity policies. It also directed all agencies to adopt the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework as standard policy and implement the first five Critical Security Controls specified by the Center for Internet Security (CIS). Agencies must include schedules and progress reports for implementing the CIS controls and NIST framework in their strategic plans to the Division of Financial Management. Finally the order requires mandatory cybersecurity education and training of all state employees.

The work of Director Drum and the task force makes protection of citizen's confidential information a top priority for all state agencies.

Article by PERSI I.T. Manager, Larry Sweat

HELP UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE

Whether you are already retired or still working but nearing age 65, you may find yourself confused about how Medicare works and the many options you have for health coverage. Idaho's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program can help. SHIBA is a part of the Idaho Department of Insurance and has three main objectives:

- Helping people understand Medicare - how it works, the advantages and disadvantages of each option, and how to avoid costly mistakes like coverage gaps, penalties, and enrollment errors.
- Assisting Idahoans in finding plans that will work best given each person's health, prescription medications, and personal preferences.
- Providing assistance with complaints, appeals, and grievances in the event of claim denials, billing disputes, or other problems that sometimes arise.

SHIBA counselors can also help clients apply for assistance to pay for prescription drug costs or Medicare Part B premiums.

SHIBA has more than 50 counseling sites throughout Idaho, and approximately 150 Certified Medicare Counselors are available to assist beneficiaries or their caregivers. Services are free and unbiased.

To learn more about SHIBA, to register for a SHIBA Medicare 101 class, or to schedule an appointment with a counselor, call 1-800-247-4422. For more information about SHIBA, visit the website at <http://www.doi.idaho.gov/shiba/>.



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Value of the Fund:

\$ 15,940,064,192

Fiscal Year Change in Market Value:

\$ 1,093,210,470

Fiscal Year-to-Date Returns:

8.8%

Month-to-Date Returns:

0.7%

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