

Protect Ohio Pension, Inc. 132 Dorchester Square S Ste 101 Westerville, Ohio 43081



Is an IRS 501 (C) (4) non-profit-non-partisan pension advocacy association, established in 2016 for the benefit of workers and retirees of Ohio's five public pension systems.

Trustees:



William I. (Bill) Winegarner, Chairman of the Board

25th year advocating for Ohio's Defined-Benefit Pensions: Grandfather and uncle were retirees and mother a member of OPERS. Business-management consultant. Owner W.E. Enterprises. OSU College of Commerce, US Army, Lasalle Extension University (LL.B.), Private Wright State and IBM School of Management training



Candace Shicks, Vice-Chair

Taught English/Language Arts for Westerville City Schools from 1984 to 2015. Ohio University (B.S. Ed.); The Ohio State University (M. Ed.).



Mary Winegarner, Treasurer

Co-owner/ Treasurer of W. E. Enterprises. Graduate of Patricia Stevens School of Design. Pledged the first \$75,000 of startup capital to establish Protect Ohio Pensions, Inc.



Nancy King, Secretary

Unit-Chief Franklin County Public Defender Office. University of Massachusetts (B.A.); Cleveland Marshall College of Law (J.D.) OPERS retiree and a member of and PERI and POP5. Her son and his wife are teachers who contribute to STRS.



Edward (Ed) Ciecka, OPERS Representative

Toledo Regional Transit Authority, administrator for Lucas County Commissioners, city of Rossford, Ohio, and the interim-village administrator Swanton Ohio. Treasurer, Board member and Senior Advisor - Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA) DePaul University (B.S.) University of Toledo (M.P.A.). Member of and PERI and POP5.



Edward (Ed) Wells, STRS Representative

28 years as a member of the teacher's union executive board, and 5 years as an elected vice president of AFT, Local 795. 30 1969-74 Cleveland City Schools and 1974-2000 Cleveland Heights taught elementary and middle school curriculum. 2000-2017 part time teacher at Hathaway Brown. College of Wooster (B.A.) and Cleveland State (M.Ed.)

Staff:





Maryfrances Kamyar, COO/Assistant Director

SERS member. 40 years of people skills and leadership experience. Office manager and in-depth researcher into the activities and motives of those who want to eliminate our defined-benefit pensions. The Way College of Biblical Research (A.B.S.) and Columbus State (A.S.)



Keith Kleiber, Data Manager

Programmed and managed large mainframe systems in the late 1970's, mid-sized business systems in the 1980's, and personal computer networks from the 1990's through the present. Programmed the database management software that we use here at Protect Ohio Pensions.



Steve Buehrer, Legislative Council

Lead partner for public policy at the law firm of Carpenter, Lipps & Leland (LLC). Administrator/CEO of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. 12 years as a State Representative and Senator. Experienced advocate for safe and reliable defined-benefit public pension plans. Bowling Green State University (B.S. Social Studies Education- Summa Cum Laude) and Capital University (J.D.- Cum Laude)