

Dear Friends,

June 4, 2025

## *Our NEXT KCPR ZOOM meeting will be July 9th at 9:00 AM. This is the normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month date.* **June 4, 2025**

The tardiness of this Update rests squarely on the editor's shoulders! I apologize! The Steering Committee had an agreement. We would cancel the June meeting as we often do unless we had business that needed to be acted upon. We did indeed meet.

The reason for the meeting was to vote on a proposal regarding a rework of our website (ksretirees.org) and email communication system. We voted to have the system reworked NLT than October 1, 2025. [The present website is still functioning, but it was determined that a 'face lift' was needed.] A contributing factor was the proposed 'KRISP' bill [AKA SB282] that will likely be discussed at the 'off session' Joint Committee on Pensions, Benefits and Investments. This interim committee will meet at some point this fall. It will be important that we be able to communicate information relating to this concern promptly.

A communications committee of members of the Steering Committee will be appointed and trained to keep the information on ksretirees.org as up to date as possible.

KCPR and KARSP member Chris Huntsman won the KPERS Board election. We have a shared concern regarding the low voter turnout. We believe that this concern relates to the lower-than-desired turnout at Lobby Day! Much more on this concern will be made available.

The Steering Committee shares the opinion that if we are to be successful in defeating the negative KPERS bill and achieving the improvements we have been working on we MUST find a way to have a more obvious presence in the Capitol, ESPECIALLY when our concern issues are discussed.

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