



ACE Newsletter

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ACE Recommends Individuals to Represent State Employees and the Public on the Wisconsin Retirement System Board

Last year, the Association of Career Employees (ACE) learned, that there were two long-term vacancies on the Wisconsin Retirement System Board, one to represent state employees and the other a public member who is not a participant or beneficiary of the WRS. After filling these vacant positions, the Wisconsin Retirement Board would be able to appoint either the public employee or the public member to fill a vacancy on the

Employee Trust Fund Board.

ACE believes it is important to have both beneficiaries and the public represented on these important boards. ACE Board members volunteered to find candidates willing to serve on the Wisconsin Retirement System Board to fill the two vacant positions. We are pleased to report that we have been successful in our efforts. We recruited two highly qualified individuals who submitted applications to the Governor's office and were swiftly appointed to 5-year terms.

The new WRS Board members and their brief bios from their applications are as follows:

Angela Miller, filling the position of participating state employee

I am enthusiastic about this opportunity to connect my passion for service with my experience in finance to strengthen Wisconsin's public employee retirement system. I earned a Master of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, worked as a nonpartisan fiscal analyst at the Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB), and currently serve as a policy analyst at the Department of Health Services. My experience at LFB will make me an asset to the Board, as I coordinated the state budget process and developed statutory changes that included administration of the worker's compensation program. Given my age (my estimated retirement date is 2055), I hope to help the Board prioritize sustainable policies to recruit, retain, and support other young public servants.

Christie Lynn Schwann, filling the position of public member

I developed my employee benefits expertise over 25 years, building a successful and highly respected insurance brokerage firm. Since retirement, I have used my energy and passion as the President of the League of Women Voters Ozaukee County to help the organization grow stronger and faster. I am also an author whose work has been honored and published in various state and national publications. I am confident that I have the background, talent, interest, leadership, and collaborative skills to be an asset on the Wisconsin Retirement Board. Thank you for considering my application.

These appointments were made according to § 15.16(1) (b)3, § 15.165 (3)(b)7, and § 15.165 (3)(b)8 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

ACE Salutes State Employees on the 117th Anniversary of Wisconsin's Civil Service

In honor of the 117th Anniversary of Civil Service, ACE again took part in a ceremony on the Capitol grounds planned by members of the Coalition to Save Civil Service. Matt Rothschild, Democracy Campaign, addressed the group.

ACE submitted the following letter to the editor of the Wisconsin State Journal:

On this 117th anniversary of Wisconsin's civil service, the Association of Career Employees salutes all State employees, with special recognition for those who staff our prisons and juvenile facilities, veterans' homes, and institutions caring for people with disabilities and mental illness. These dedicated employees care for our most vulnerable citizens and some of the most violent.

These jobs can be difficult, even dangerous, and must be performed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Yet wages were stagnant for years. By 2020, vacancy rates at the agencies operating these facilities had soared to 12.7% at the Department of Corrections, 12.8% at Health Services, and 31.2% at Veterans Affairs. This means that staff are often required to work overtime shifts, whether they want to or not.

Restrictions on union activity passed under former Governor Scott Walker prohibit state employee unions from bargaining to improve working conditions, benefits, and the kind of pay increases needed to catch up from the years of wage stagnation.

We can and must do better.

The Wisconsin Coalition to Save Civil Service will celebrate this anniversary on June 16 at

5:00PM by gathering on the Wisconsin Capitol State Street steps and welcomes anyone to join us.

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