



Retired Public Employees Council of Washington
Chapter 46 Meeting Notice
RPEC website: www.rpecwa.org

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 16, 2012**

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: North Bellevue Community Center (Room B) - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue

LOCATION: The Center is on 148th Avenue NE, just north of NE 40th Street.

DIRECTIONS IF YOU TAKE HIGHWAY 520: From State Route 520, take the NE 40th Street exit. At the end of the off-ramp, head west on NE 40th Street. Turn right onto 148th Ave NE and get into the left turn lane. Turn left into the Center's entrance.

Note: This meeting will be our last meeting until our chapter picnic in August

AGENDA:

1) Planning for the September 12, 2012 RPEC State Convention

Want to attend? We will be choosing delegates.

2) Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments to forward to the Convention

We will consider any proposed resolutions and amendments to the RPEC constitution. If approved at our chapter meeting, we will forward them to the convention for final consideration.

3) Nomination and Election of Chapter Officers and Executive Board Members

We will accept additional nominations for new chapter officers and executive board members. We will elect officers and executive board members for the next one-year term. Are you interested?

*****For Your Information*****

The Annual RPEC Convention will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

► The convention begins at 9:00 a.m. and delegates can arrive Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. This is a one-day convention. It is an excellent opportunity to see our organization conduct business and to meet retirees from around the state. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please call Brian Lindgren at 253-205-6075.

► It's also time to think about what issues we want RPEC to address with next year's Legislature! Our May meeting will be our last opportunity to propose constitutional amendments and to make resolutions for submittal to our statewide convention. Resolutions form the basis for the legislative agenda pursued by RPEC. What issues do you want RPEC to pursue in the next Legislative session?

What is RPEC? Why pay dues?

► The Retired Public Employees Council of Washington (RPEC) was formed in 1971 by retirees as an organization to promote the interests of retired state, county, city and local government employees. We are retirees, their spouses, and survivors receiving benefits. Our mission is to unite retired public employees for their mutual benefit and welfare. We do this by promoting legislation to protect and improve financial and medical benefits, providing information to and otherwise supporting members, and working closely with other organizations. ***The Retired Public Employees Council of Washington is the only organization dedicated solely to the issues directly affecting PERS retirees.***

Current retirees are protected from the impact of Senate Bill 6378 (opposed by RPEC).

► RPEC vocally opposed this bill and its worst features were changed or removed. As originally proposed, it would have let agencies skip their payment next year into the PERS 1 pension fund, thereby undermining the fund that pays pensions. RPEC vigorously opposed this bill. Through our hard work and the work of others, that part of the bill was removed from the version that passed.

Senate Bill 5966 (requested by RPEC) has been signed into law by the Governor!

► This bill was requested by RPEC and signed into law by Governor Gregoire on March 29th! It establishes the office of the Health Care Authority Ombudsman. This position will assist retirees with problems they are having with PEBB medical insurance.

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