

## Legislative Report January 2018

Several members attended the Legislative workshop in Annapolis on November 14, 2017.

Speakers included State Retirement Agency of Maryland's Executive Director, Dean Kenderdine. Mr. Kenderdine said that "The pension system is doing well and getting better all the time." The goal of 80% funded by 2025 is well on its way at 71%. The agency is improving their computer system to better serve members and fully protect our information. The agency has hired three new staffers and has added several additional funds to their portfolio. This will allow them to maximize benefits.

Prince George's Delegate Alonzo Washington spoke about moving legislation toward free tuition for Community College, paid sick leave, and more attention to the Arts in schools.

MRSPA Executive Director Wanda Twigg guided us through the MRSPA web site and encourages everyone to make a habit of checking the site every two weeks during the Legislative session and become an active participant.

A great way for you as a PGPSRA member to show your interest is to attend our Legislative Trip to Annapolis on Thursday March 8, 2018. We leave PGCEA in the morning arriving by bus to Annapolis to view an introductory film, sit in on The House and Senate, Tour Historic Rooms and The Governor's Mansion. We join together for luncheon and visits from our Legislators. We return to PGCEA by 2:30. The cost of transportation, luncheon and room fee is provided for by our budget. So, you have already paid for this great day. Sign up is available at our meetings or you may send an email to Sue Finan at [sfinan77@gmail.com](mailto:sfinan77@gmail.com)

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