



## **New!** Online Recorded Presentation – Managing Your Defined Contribution Account

Visit the Educational Opportunities page of [opers.org](http://opers.org) under the Members menu to view a new online recorded presentation, “Managing Your Defined Contribution Account.”

During the presentation you’ll learn how to choose your investment options, the importance of asset allocation and how to change your asset allocation. You will also discover a simple control to rebalance your investments and learn ways to reduce risk and stay educated about your account. You can even get more information about the Self-Directed Brokerage Account. Check it out today!

## Helping You Plan Ahead

Check out the last page of your most recent quarterly statement to view your estimated monthly retirement benefit projection, should you choose to annuitize all or a portion of your account balance upon retirement.

This projection is meant to help you better plan for your retirement by showing you both your options upon retirement: taking a lump sum refund or annuitizing your account balance. Keep in mind, this projection will appear only once you’ve made contributions for 12 months.



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You can sign up to receive your quarterly statements and account transaction confirmations from OPERS in electronic form instead of by mail.

### Follow these steps to set up electronic delivery:

1. Go to [opers.org](http://opers.org) and log into your OPERS online account
2. Link to your account balance by clicking “View your Member-Directed Plan account”
3. Click “User Preferences” at the top of the screen, then “Mail Preference” on the left side of the screen
4. Under “Preferred E-mail Address,” type in and verify your email address
5. Under “Change Delivery Method,” select “Email Notification.” You can select to either have all statements and correspondence sent via e-delivery or you can select one or the other.
6. Read the Terms & Conditions, click on the “I Agree” box and “Submit” at the bottom of the page

You will see a message indicating that you have successfully changed your mail preferences to electronic delivery. You will also receive a confirmation email at your preferred email address.

When new correspondence or a new quarterly statement becomes available, you will be notified via email. The email will specify whether the new electronic document is an account statement or a confirmation letter.

To view your electronic documents, follow the steps above down to click “My Mailbox” then select either “Correspondence” or “Account Statements” and select the document you wish to view.

Switching to electronic delivery is easy  
and has advantages:



You can cut  
down on clutter  
and paperwork.



It's better  
for the  
environment.



You can create a  
custom account  
statement.

### OPERS News

OPERS News is a quarterly newsletter providing news and information to retired members of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. This publication allows us to communicate vital information concerning retirement benefits to our members.

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## Legislative Update:

### Legislative Changes Expand the OPERS Law Enforcement and Public Safety Division

New classifications have been added to the OPERS Law Enforcement and Public Safety divisions as a result of the passage of Amended Sub. House Bill 520, which was signed into law Jan. 4, 2017. H.B. 520 allows members currently in these new classifications to choose to stay in regular OPERS or elect future contributions to go to the OPERS Law Enforcement and Public Safety division. New hires into these classifications will automatically contribute to the Law Enforcement or Public Safety division depending on the individual's primary duties.

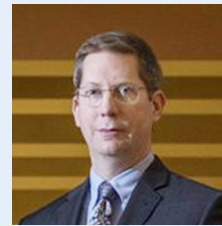
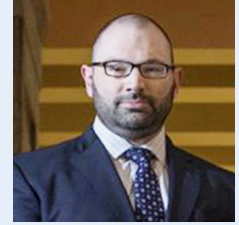
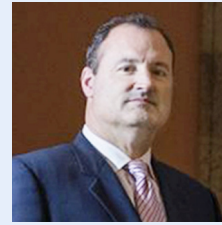
The classifications added in H.B. 520 include OPERS members who have completed peace officer training, are employed full-time and whose duties meet the statutory eligibility criteria for the following positions:

- Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation investigators
- Casino Control Commission gaming agents
- Department of Taxation investigators
- Special police officers for port authorities
- Special police officers for municipal airports

If you meet the eligibility requirements to make an election, you must do so within 90 days of the effective date of H.B. 520; the deadline is July 6, 2017. **This election, once made, will apply only to future service and is irrevocable.**

If you are eligible and choose to contribute to the Law Enforcement or Public Safety division, you will be moved to the Traditional Pension Plan and will no longer contribute to the Member-Directed Plan.

There are a number of circumstances that need to be considered before making an election, and since the election is irrevocable, it is important to schedule a one-on-one counseling session. Log into your online account or call 1-800-222-PERS (7377) to schedule a counseling session, either in person or over the phone before the election window closes.



Gordon Gatien, Anthony Tedesco-Nichols, Chris Collins,  
Matthew Overturf, (not pictured: Debbie McCarthy)

### Get to Know the OPERS Government Relations Team

The OPERS Government Relations team plays an important role in preserving our retirement system by working closely with state and federal lawmakers, educating them and advocating to them for the best interests of the system and its members. Meet the team and learn more about their advocacy efforts by reading Assistant Government Relations Officer Chris Collins' article on the *PERSpective* blog. Continue checking the blog to hear more from Chris and the Government Relations team.



### PERSpective Gets a New Look

Check out the newly redesigned *PERSpective* blog featuring a new layout and guest bloggers! With the new design, we'll continue our advocacy for our members and retirees, as well as provide new features to enhance the experience. Find it at [opers.org](http://opers.org).





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