



# PensioNews

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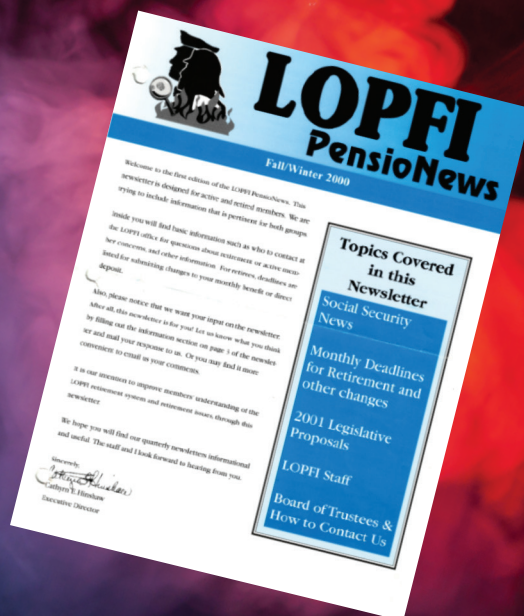
## FALL 2025

### Celebrating 25 Years of LOPFI PensioNews!

Twenty-five years ago, in the Fall/Winter of 2000, the first edition of LOPFI PensioNews was published. The purpose of the newsletter was, and still is today, to provide important information regarding the retirement system to all LOPFI-covered Members and employers.

PensioNews has transformed a lot over the years and will continue to evolve for the years to come. If there is information you would like to see in a future edition, or if there are changes that you feel would be valuable, please let us know.

*This newsletter is for you!*



### Public Employee Financial Protection Plan

**Open Enrollment begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Guaranteed coverage from a source you can trust! As a LOPFI member, you can apply for Group Decreasing Term Life Insurance. How does the plan work?

- The benefit starts out higher when your family's needs are greater
- The benefit decreases with age as your pension benefit continues to grow
- The premium never increases, regardless of age—flat rate of \$17/month
- The benefit is paid to your beneficiary if something happens to you
- There is no medical underwriting—coverage is guaranteed
- Accidental, spouse and child death benefits are automatically included
- Coverage can continue into retirement



Please note that LOPFI does not administer this program, so any questions regarding enrollment and/or benefits will need to be directed to the Plan's administrator at 800.525.8056.

Visit [www.ncpersfamilyprotection.com](http://www.ncpersfamilyprotection.com) to complete the application and beneficiary designation.

## Financial Update

One of the top priorities at LOPFI is ensuring Members' benefits are secure. While market fluctuations can be concerning, we want to assure you that LOPFI continues to provide stable and secure retirement benefits. Because LOPFI is a defined benefit plan, once you are a vested Member, you have the security of a guaranteed, lifetime monthly benefit.

At the end of the second quarter of 2025, LOPFI's investments produced a 6.64% net return compared to the portfolio index of 7.12%. Assets grew to \$3.756 billion, which is an increase from the beginning of 2025 when LOPFI's market value was \$3.605 billion. LOPFI's investment professionals remain dedicated, working diligently to achieve the highest net returns associated with their particular asset class, while avoiding unwarranted risk.

To learn more about LOPFI's investments, Members are welcome to attend investment committee meetings and/or board meetings.

## Attention Employers

*Have you seen the new features in the Employer Reporting Portal (ERP)?*

### Membership Application

### ► Wage Reporting

### e-Payment

### Submit Documents

### Manage Contacts and Users

### Valuation/GASB Files

### Change Profile

### Securely Submit Documents

All ERP users can securely submit documents to LOPFI staff from within the ERP with just a few clicks of your mouse! Once you have uploaded your document(s) and clicked the **red Submit Documents** button, staff will have immediate access to retrieve the items.

When submitting multiple documents, be sure not to duplicate the title. Otherwise, the files will not properly submit to staff.

### Annual Actuarial Valuations

Beginning June 2025, all employer Annual Actuarial Valuations were sent electronically through the ERP. The 2024 valuations, which provide the 2026 employer contribution rates, were uploaded in mid-June and are visible to all ERP users. Housing the valuations in the ERP will give users immediate access to this important information!



## LOPFI Member Seminar

Join us in Conway for the next  
Member Seminar.

**When:** October 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am

**Where:** Conway Expo Center  
2505 E Oak Street  
Conway, AR 72032

Registration is available in the Upcoming Events  
listing on the Home page of the LOPFI website at  
[www.lopfi-prb.com](http://www.lopfi-prb.com)

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Employers, do you have questions regarding  
completing reporting tasks in the Employer  
Reporting Portal?

An Employer Seminar will be held upon  
conclusion of the Member Seminar, so feel free to  
register!

## Membership Snapshot as of September 2025

### Data for LOPFI

- + 558 Reporting Locations
- + 777 Departments
- + 13,859 Active and DROP Members
- + 3,922 Paid Police Officers
- + 2,737 Paid Firefighters
- + 6,455 Volunteer Members
- + 737 Paid & Volunteer Members  
(simultaneous service credit)
- + 6,712 Benefit Recipients

### Data for Local Plans Administered by LOPFI

- + 255 Local Plans
- + 8 Active and DROP Members
- + 2,758 Benefit Recipients

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**John Neal**  
*Chairman / Retired Fire Trustee*

**J. Scott Baxter**  
*Vice-Chairman / Police Employee Trustee*

**Tim Hill**  
*Retired Police Trustee*

**Mayor Gary Baxter**  
*Employer Trustee*

**Jared Zeiser**  
*Public Trustee*

**Brad Moore**  
*Fire Employee Trustee*

**Vacant**  
*Employer Trustee*

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## Board Meeting Dates:

November 6, 2025 - ASC Meeting 9:30 am  
December 4, 2025 - LOPFI Meeting 9:30 am

*All meetings are open to the public.*

Members are encouraged to attend meetings.  
All meeting information is provided on the  
system's website. For anyone unable to attend  
meetings, the website also provides approved  
minutes from previous meetings, which can  
help keep you current on activities of the  
retirement system.



# LOPFI

## LOCAL POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

620 W. 3RD STREET, SUITE 200  
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201-2223

### Direct Deposit Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Deposit Date</u>
October 2025	October 1, 2025
November 2025	October 31, 2025
December 2025	December 1, 2025
January 2026	December 31, 2025
February 2026	January 30, 2026
March 2026	February 27, 2026

### Closed for the Holidays:

October 13, 2025	Columbus Day
November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
November 27 & 28, 2025	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24 & 25, 2025	Christmas Holiday
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day
January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 16, 2026	Presidents Day

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