

## Passing the Gavel: Induction of New Board Members

Thomas Moore of Demopolis presided over his final board meeting as State President in June. President Moore thanked the board and members for entrusting him to lead our organization and thanked the staff, expressing his appreciation for Liane Kelly's leadership through the years.

Moore, who retired from the Alabama Department of Revenue as an income tax examiner in 2006 with 25 years of service, officially ended his term as ARSEA/APEAL's state president on June 30, 2024.

A past chairman of the Demopolis City School Board, Moore served 21 years as a councilman for the City of Demopolis and was president of the Alabama League of Municipalities in 2011. He represented District 9 on the ARSEA/APEAL Board of Directors for two terms and served as vice president of the South-Central Region. Moore continues his service on the ARSEA/APEAL Board as secretary-treasurer.

Norris Green was sworn-in for his term as president that began on July 1, 2024. He retired as the Director of the Legislative Fiscal Office in 2015 after nearly 40 years of service. During his career, Green handled legislation related to the Retirement Systems of

Alabama, and his experience in dealing with the Alabama Legislature and budgets serves him well as the elected state retiree representative on the Employees' Retirement System Board.



Green created the fiscally responsible plan to allow the resumption of cost-of-living adjustments for state and local government retirees which we will re-introduce next year.

The newly elected and re-elected board members who began their terms on July 1st include: President Norris Green, President-Elect Thera Herring, Vice-President North Peggy Harris, Vice-President South Central Carolyn Middleton, Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Moore, District 5 Ralph Hellmich, District 7 Crys Fuller, District 9 LeTonya Williams, District 11 Joe Lowvorn, District 17 Proncey Robertson, and District 18 Mark Clouser.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual FOREPAC Fundraiser: Win \$1000 in CASH PRIZES!

**Order now! Tickets are limited.** The Friends of Retirees and Employees Political Action Committee (FOREPAC) will hold its 13th annual fundraiser during the ARSEA/APEAL Convention at the FOREPAC Dinner event on September 24th (see inside).

Proceeds will go toward electing public officials who support our issues and respect and understand the importance of our retirement benefits.

\$1,000 in cash prizes will be available for those who participate in the FOREPAC Drawdown Raffle. This reverse raffle in which drawn tickets are eliminated will have five \$100 prizes randomly awarded and one \$500 grand prize awarded to the final ticket holder.

1. Tickets are \$5 each, or you may purchase a ticket package.
2. You must submit your order before September 9th at 5:00 p.m. to pre-order tickets. Your lucky ticket numbers will be sent to you prior to the drawing.
3. **Winners do not have to be present**, so if you do not attend, you may still participate and claim a prize. Winners not in attendance will be contacted by phone or email after the event.

### To purchase tickets:

- Complete and mail the registration form indicating the number of tickets you would like (opposite side) with your payment to FOREPAC, 450 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.
- Call our office at 334-834-9116 and complete a transaction over the phone, or email [retire@arsea.org](mailto:retire@arsea.org) and request online ordering options.

1	ticket for \$5
5	tickets for \$20
10	tickets for \$35
20	tickets for \$60
36	tickets for \$99

### Sign Up for the ARSEA/APEAL Membership Drive to Win Cash Prizes and Help Pass Cost-of-Living Adjustments

By taking part in our new member recruitment campaign, you can help us increase our strength in the Legislature while, at the same time, becoming eligible for valuable cash prizes. Current members can recruit and win:

- Recruit one new member and receive an ARSEA/APEAL insulated tumbler
- Recruit a second new member to be entered in our monthly drawing for \$50; and
- Recruit a third new member to be entered in a \$350 cash drawing that will be held in December.

**Call our office at (334)834-9116 or e-mail [retire@arsea.org](mailto:retire@arsea.org) to register and request a packet!**

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Birmingham

ARSEA/APEAL's Annual Convention

September 24th and 25th

Join us on September 24th and 25th at ARSEA/APEAL's Annual Convention, which will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, 8 Perimeter Park, Birmingham.**

"The convention is always an exciting event allowing our members from across the state to assemble to coordinate efforts to improve our hard-earned retirement benefits," ARSEA/APEAL President Norris Green said.

**RESERVATIONS** - Our negotiated room rate at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Birmingham will be \$159 per night +tax. To make your reservations, call 205-967-2700 or 888-446-6677 and ask to book a reservation using the code **ARS**. Use the QR code below to make your reservations online for the night of September 24th before the cut-off date of September 9th.

Please note that the phone number published in the last issue of the magazine is incorrect. You will not receive our room rate if you make a reservation with that number. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

The convention, which promises to be informative, entertaining, and provide opportunities to connect with other retirees and friends, will review the successes and challenges of the past year while also laying plans to improve retirement benefits over the course of the next year.

**FOREPAC DINNER** – The convention will begin with our Friends of Retirees and Employees Political Action Committee (FOREPAC) Dinner and the popular \$1,000 Drawdown Raffle Fundraiser. Legislators, statewide constitutional officers, and local officials are always in attendance, giving you the opportunity to interact with those whose decisions directly affect you and your retirement security.

**RECEPTION** – We will gather to celebrate Liane Kelly and her extensive career with ARSEA/APEAL at our evening reception. Join us as we congratulate her on her successes and wish her well in her future endeavors.

**ARSEA FOUNDATION BENEFITS FAIR BREAKFAST** – Our breakfast event will include exhibits from organizations offering services and benefits to current and future retirees. Many will have door prizes, giveaways, and important information to share as attendees stroll through the exhibit area and enjoy delicious breakfast items at various food stations along the way.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** – Governor Kay Ivey will be our guest speaker at the Business Meeting. Her recognition of our members' dedicated service is an anticipated part of our convention. We will review the successes of the past and look ahead to the future. Our annual awards presentation recognizes members who have gone the extra mile in improving the lives and benefits of our members. A grand prize cash drawing will take place just before attendees depart to travel home.

**QUESTIONS** – If you have any questions regarding reservations or registration, please call us at 800-844-7734 or 334-834-9116, and we will gladly assist you.



**Reserve your room today!**

## 2023-2024 Member of the Year Nominations Due

ARSEA/APEAL is currently seeking nominations for our annual "Member of the Year" honor, which recognizes members who go over and above in serving our association and their fellow retirees. Our "Member of the Year" will be announced during the 44th Annual ARSEA/APEAL Convention in Birmingham.

If you know a member who deserves consideration, please submit your name, your contact information, and the name of your nominee along with a brief statement regarding his or her activities before August 30, 2024, to Sara Phillips by email at [sphillips@arsea.org](mailto:sphillips@arsea.org) or by mail to: **ARSEA Member of the Year, 450 S Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.**

## Tentative Schedule

*Schedule subject to change*

### Tuesday, Sept. 24

Registration

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FOREPAC Dinner

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Reception Honoring Liane Kelly

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, Sept. 25

ARSEA Foundation  
Benefits Fair & Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Annual Members Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Registration

Return completed form and payment  
by September 9<sup>th</sup> to:

ARSEA

450 S. Union St.

Montgomery, AL 36104

or call 334-834-9116.

*Don't forget to make your reservations to  
stay on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the*

*DoubleTree by Hilton*

*8 Perimeter Park South, Birmingham*

*See article for more information.*

# 44th Annual Convention

September 24-25, 2024

DoubleTree By Hilton Birmingham

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday Activities

# of people \_\_\_\_\_

\*\$40 cost per person

\_\_\_\_\_ FOREPAC Dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ Reception Honoring Liane Kelly

### Wednesday Activities

# of people \_\_\_\_\_

\*\$30 cost per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Benefits Fair/Breakfast

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Members Meeting

**Registration Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### Add or purchase FOREPAC Tickets

- 1 ticket for \$5
- 5 tickets for \$20
- 10 tickets for \$35
- 20 tickets for \$60
- 36 tickets for \$99

**Grand Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I have special dietary and/or disability needs. Please contact me regarding special arrangements.

\*cost includes meals, breaks and registration