



## Three SDRS Board Positions Up for Election

State employees will choose their representative to the SDRS Board of Trustees in this year's election. The representatives for Board of Regents employees (Louise Loban) and school boards (Kathy Greeneway) are unopposed and will serve a four-year term.

Each group within SDRS elects its own representative; therefore, only state employees will receive ballots this year. Elections for representatives to the SDRS board are held each spring. The representatives' terms begin July 1, are four years in length, and expire on a staggered schedule.

## Ballots Must Reach SDRS by May 25, 2016

Postcard ballots will be used in the 2016 SDRS Board of Trustees' election. Only state employees will receive ballots in this year's election, as the representatives for Board of Regents employees and school boards are running unopposed.

As a precaution against counterfeiting attempts, the SDRS logos on the ballots have been spot varnished during the printing process, making it impossible to duplicate on a copying machine. To be valid, your ballot must reach the SDRS administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2016, and must not be defaced in any way.

This special election issue of *Outlook* is intended to provide members with basic information on the candidates seeking election to the board of trustees. All biographical information is printed as submitted by the candidates.

Additional questions on qualifications or philosophy should be directed to the candidates.

### This Year's Election

2016

- Board of Regents Employees
- State Employees
- School Boards

### Upcoming Elections

2017

- County Employees
- Elected Municipal Officials
- Retirees
- State Employees
- Teachers

2018

- Classified Employees
- Public Safety Employees
- Teachers

## State Employees



**Rachel  
Hearn**

Rachel Hearn, a CPA, serves as the Audit Director for the South Dakota Department of Revenue. She uses her understanding of accounting, auditing, and tax law to move the Department forward, and continues to develop her own skills while investing in the growth of the division staff. In her time at the Department, she has benefited from the values and policies of the State, and discovered that public service is her true calling. Rachel grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, earning her B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting with a minor in communications from Aquinas College. Prior to working for Revenue she worked as a Certified Public Accountant in the private sector.

Rachel is active in the Pierre community, donating her understanding of taxes, accounting, fundraising, and business as President of Pierre Players Community Theater.

With her work experience and devotion to community, Rachel would bring positive energy and initiative to the SDRS. Throughout her career she has demonstrated leadership capabilities through successful implementation of new procedures and software and identifying changes needed to increase efficiency. Rachel has seen the importance of the *save early, save often* philosophy first hand, and knows the value of a defined benefit pension.

"I would like to ensure the SDRS will be as strong for state employees in the future as it is today."



**Eric  
Stroeder**  
Incumbent

Eric is the DOT Engineering Supervisor in Mobridge and has worked for the SDDOT since 1991. He obtained a B.A. from Bethel University, a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and is a Registered Professional Engineer. He is currently the President of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) and Vice President of the Mobridge-Pollock School Board. This past summer Eric served on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on education and the previous summer on the Governor's Capital Outlay workgroup. Eric served three terms on the executive board of the South Dakota State Employees Organization (SDSEO) and two terms on the Governor's Personnel Management Advisory Board (PMAB). He has served on the National Committee of the National Conference on Public Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and has completed numerous hours of pension trustee continuing education.

In the past 12 years while Eric has served on the SDRS Board, the System has been at or near the top of all public pension funds in the nation. During his tenure, he has contributed to solve problems and help guide SDRS keeping it in the top echelon of pension funds. He would continue to push SDRS in its leadership role. He says it is privilege to be part of a great organization like SDRS and hopes he has your trust to continue.

## Board of Regents Employees: No Ballot Issued



**Louise  
Loban**  
Incumbent

My name is Louise Loban. I am a native of White River and my husband Don and I live in Volga.

My service on the Board began in 1990 as the Classified Employee Representative which included three (3) terms as Vice Chair. Since June 2012, I have been honored to serve as the Board of Regents Faculty or Administrative Employee Representative.

I have been employed at South Dakota State University for 32 years. My work with SDRS began in 1987 as an SDRS Authorized Agent for South Dakota State University. In June 2010, I became the Assistant Director of Human Resources at SDSU where I continue to work with employees regarding their retirement questions, planning, and application.

I bring both real world experience from working with members as well as historical knowledge of the system to the Board. I have enjoyed my time on the SDRS Board of Trustees and believe I have represented the needs of all members well. I feel I have more to offer and would appreciate your support in my bid to continue as the Board of Regents Faculty or Administrative Employee Representative.

Thank you. Louise

## School Boards: No Ballot Issued



**Kathy  
Greeneway**

Kathy Greeneway, Vice President of First Dakota Brokerage Services, Inc., is a Certified Financial Planner with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. at First Dakota National Bank in Yankton. She has over 25 years of banking and securities experience. Her current FINRA licenses are General Securities Representative, General Security Sales Supervisor, and SD Investment Advisor Representative. She has completed her Series 6, 7, 9, 10, 63, 65 and is also SD and NE insurance licensed.

Kathy knows the importance of being involved in community activities. She is starting her third term on the Yankton School Board, of which two years were held as Board President. She was elected from the SD Southeast Region to serve as a Board Member for the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. Other boards served include Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, Ability Building Services, Inc., Avera Sacred Heart Finance Committee, Mead Building Fund Raising Committee, Interchange, Inc., several school, church, soccer, and general community groups.

In her free time, Kathy enjoys spending time with her family on their houseboat on Lewis & Clark Lake, playing golf, traveling and volleyball. She and her husband, Dave, have two children attending college, Katelyn (21) and Evan (19).