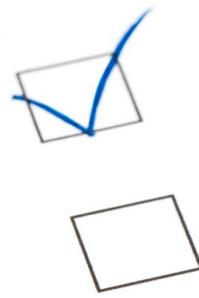


# SDRS Outlook



Election Newsletter • 2019

## Three SDRS Board Positions Up for Election

Municipal employees will choose their representative to the SDRS Board of Trustees in this year's election. The candidates for justices, judges, and law-trained magistrates (Mark Salter) and county commissioners (Myron Johnson) are unopposed.

Each group within SDRS elects its own representative; therefore, only municipal 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.

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.

## Votes Must Be Received by May 28, 2019

The 2019 SDRS Board of Trustees' election and balloting processes are being managed through a third-party election services provider, Election-America, Inc. Only municipal employees will receive ballots in this year's election as the candidates for justices, judges, and law-trained magistrates and county commissioners are running unopposed.

**Municipal employees:** You may cast your vote for your representative by mail or online. Each ballot contains a unique code which allows a member to vote only once. If you are voting by mail, do not vote online as the first vote received is the vote that is counted.

### Voting by Mail

Included with this newsletter is a paper ballot. To vote by mail, mark your selection for ONE candidate, detach the ballot portion, and

place it in the enclosed return envelope. Do not put any other materials in the envelope. To be counted, envelopes must be received no later than 5:00 PM CT on May 28, 2019.

### Voting Online

If you prefer to vote electronically, you may access the secure SDRS election login page at: <https://vote.election-america.com/sdrs/>

To login and vote online, you must enter your Election Code and Voting PIN, as marked on the enclosure. Votes can be cast online beginning April 30, 2019, at 9:00 AM CT and may be cast through 5:00 PM CT on May 28, 2019.

If you need voter assistance or a replacement ballot, please contact Election-America by emailing [Help+SDRS@election-america.com](mailto:Help+SDRS@election-america.com) or calling toll-free 1-866-384-9978.

## Justices, Judges, and Law-Trained Magistrates: No Ballot Issued



**Mark Salter**  
Incumbent

Justice Salter joined the Supreme Court on July 9, 2018, following his appointment by Governor Dugaard. Justice Salter received a Bachelor of Science degree from SDSU in 1990 and his Juris Doctor degree from the USD School of Law in 1993. After clerking for a Minnesota state district court, he served on active duty in the US Navy until 1997 and later served in the US Naval Reserve. Justice Salter practiced law with the Sioux Falls firm of Cutler & Donahoe, where he became a partner before leaving in 2004 to return to public service with the US Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota. As an Assistant US Attorney, Justice Salter focused on appellate practice and became the chief of the office's Appellate Division in 2009. He was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge by Governor Dugaard and served in the Second Judicial Circuit from 2013 until his appointment to the Supreme Court. Justice Salter served as the presiding judge of the Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court from 2016 until 2018. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the USD School of Law where he has taught Advanced Criminal Procedure and continues to teach Advanced Appellate Advocacy. Justice Salter represents the Second Supreme Court District which includes Minnehaha County. He and his wife, Sue, have four children.

## Municipal Employees



**Karl Alberts**  
Incumbent

Karl M. Alberts has been the Finance Officer for the City of Aberdeen, SD since 1997. Prior to this position, Karl worked as an auditor with the South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit, reviewing the State's Medicaid program, internal service funds and various departments. Karl is a graduate of Northern State University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Accounting). He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Karl is past president of the South Dakota Governmental Finance Officer Association and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and is active on several state and community boards, including Chair of the SDML Workers Compensation Board, SDML Board Trustee, Chair of the SDML Audit Committee, and member of the SDML General Government policy committee. Karl and his wife, Donna, have two daughters in Aberdeen.

As an SDRS Board member since 2011 and with his experience as a Finance Officer and auditor, Karl feels he would have a continued positive influence on the SDRS Board. The SDRS staff and Board of Trustees has taken numerous steps to make the system sustainable for many years to come and a valuable asset to governmental employers, employees and the South Dakota taxpayers. "I would like to continue to take an active role in assuring the SDRS will be a strong system long into the future for municipal employees."



**Michael Harmon**

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my statement of candidacy to serve as your representative on the SDRS Board of Trustees.

I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor's degree in Economics with an emphasis in business analysis. I moved to South Dakota and served in State government for several years before making a transition to the local level.

While serving in various levels of government, I earned a Master's degree from the University of South Dakota in Public Administration with an emphasis in local government administration. I have been fortunate to gain valuable professional experiences which helped me earn the privilege of serving the City of Spearfish as the City Administrator.

As a vested member of SDRS, I am passionate about maintaining a sustainable and fiscally-responsible public retirement system—one that serves as a benchmark for all others. I am uniquely positioned to help ensure SDRS remains able to withstand economic impacts of the market as well as changes to South Dakota's workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, I would be honored to serve as your representative.

## County Commissioners: No Ballot Issued



**Myron Johnson**  
Incumbent

I was appointed in April 2017 to fulfill the term of Mr. Elmer Brinkman. I would like to continue to serve in this trustee position representing County Commissioners.

After high school, I served four years in the US Navy. I returned to SD and completed my post-secondary education at Lake Area Technical Institute and SDSU. I accepted a teaching position at LATI in 1973 in the Agriculture Division. I retired from LATI in 2008 as a teacher/administrator after 35 years of service.

I have served on many local, regional, and state boards. I was reelected and began my third four-year term as Codington County Commissioner in January.

My wife Sue and I have two adult married children and five grandchildren. Sue and I are both retired educators and are now enjoying the benefits of SDRS. After many years of contributing to the retirement plan, it is great to realize the benefits of SDRS.

One thing I would like to accomplish in the next four-year term is to promote and encourage more counties to support county employees' participation in the supplemental retirement program.

## Upcoming SDRS Board of Trustee Elections

### 2020

- Board of Regent Employees
  - State Employees
  - School Boards

### 2021

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

### 2022

- Classified Employees
- Public Safety Employees
  - Teachers