The following people attended the IPERS Benefits Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Members of the Benefits Advisory Committee – Present
- Len Cockman, Chair
- Brad Hudson, Vice Chair
- Susanna Brown
- Matt Carver
- Matt Cosgrove
- Lowell Dauenhau
- Andrew Hennesy
- Steve Hoffman
- Janet Phipps
- Jon Thomas
- Sandy Tryon
- Mark Tomb

Members of the Benefits Advisory Committee – Absent
- Danny Homan
- Phil Tetzloff

Benefits Advisory Committee Alternates or Representatives
- John Stuelke, Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies Association

IPERS Administration and Staff
- Donna Mueller, Chief Executive Officer
- David Martin, Chief Benefits Officer
- Melinda McElroy, Executive Assistant
- Karl Koch, Chief Investment Officer
- Gregg Schochenmaier, General Counsel
- Judy Akre, Director of Communications
- Darla Iverson, Chief Financial Officer
- Rick Hindman, Chief Information Officer

Public Members
- Brent Banister, Cavanaugh Macdonald
- Jina Bresson, State Treasurer’s Office
- Jennifer Acton, Legislative Services Agency
- Ed Cook, Legislative Services Agency
- Steve Timmins, Dept. of Management
- Brian Guillaume, House Democratic Caucus Staff
- Bob Bird, Senate Republican Caucus Staff
- Brad Baker, Dept. of Natural Resources
- Pat Deluhery
- Gary Thelan
Call to Order
Len Cockman, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Membership Elections
Two voting positions on the BAC were up for election. The statute requires one of these vacancies be held by an employer group representing local school districts and the other vacancy be held by an organization that represents counties. Brad Hudson nominated the Iowa Association of School Boards and the Iowa State Association of Counties. Steve Hoffman seconded the nominations. The nominations were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Election of Officers
Brad Hudson nominated Len Cockman as chair of the Benefits Advisory Committee. Andrew Hennesy seconded the nomination. The nomination carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Janet Phipps nominated Brad Hudson as vice chair of the Benefits Advisory Committee. Matt Carver seconded the nomination. The nomination carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of March 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Lowell Dauenbaugh made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018, BAC meeting. Janet Phipps seconded, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Report on Petitions to Become a BAC Membership Organization – Donna Mueller
IPERS received no petitions from organizations wanting to replace an existing membership organization. The next three-year petition review period will be May 31, 2021.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Study – Brent Banister, Cavanaugh Macdonald
Cavanaugh Macdonald was asked to prepare a cost study in response to Senate File 2073 introduced in the 2018 legislative session. The study provided cost estimates for IPERS’ three membership groups.

November Dividend Adjustment – David Martin
David reported the 2018 November Dividend will receive a 2.60 percent adjustment based on actuarial certification and the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for urban living) for June 30, 2018. Approximately 4,452 recipients will receive a total of $6 million.

Employment Dispute Settlements – Gregg Schochenmaier
Gregg gave an education presentation on employment dispute settlements and the impact these settlements may have on IPERS.
BAC’s FY2019 Budget – Darla Iverson

Darla reviewed with the committee the results of their FY2018 budget and their FY2019 projected budget. Brad Hudson made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Jon Thomas seconded, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities – Donna Mueller

Donna reported the dates for the NCTR Annual Conference and the IFEBP Annual Employees Benefits Conference.

Staff Reports

Benefits Update – David Martin reviewed the Member Demand Measures report for June 2018, and updated the BAC on the status of the Des Moines Public School merger with IPERS.

Investment Update – Karl Koch reported IPERS’ investment return for FY2018 was 7.97 percent, outperforming the policy benchmark and the actuarial assumed investment return. He estimated the current Trust Fund balance to be $32.8 billion.

Communications Update – Judy Akre reported on the Creating a Secure Retirement pilot workshop IPERS, in partnership with the ISU Extension office, is offering to IPERS members.

Appeals Update – Gregg Schochenmaier reviewed the Appeals Status report as of August 2018.

Other Business

None

Public Comments

None

Future Meeting Dates

The next scheduled BAC meeting is Monday, October 22, 2018. With no further business to come before the committee, Brad Hudson made the motion to adjourn. Matt Carver seconded, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.