

Legislative Goals 2017-2018

By Bill Hamond, State Legislative Chair

This year the Legislative Committee proposes a change in direction for our Legislative goals. It does not appear there will be funds for increases during the coming year, so we propose to protect PEIA coverage and to promote legislation which would establish a continuing funding source for State retirees benefits. This would permit state retirees to receive additional pensions and benefits without affecting state income. You will note that we have proposed only two goals. This should make our task much easier when explaining our objectives to legislators.

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GOALS

That WVARSE will promote legislation to continue and maintain the quality of PEIA coverage, without increases in copays or reduction in benefits.

That WVARSE will promote legislation to establish 1/2 of 1 percent tax on Marcellus, Utica and other lower sand gases together with 1/2 of 1 percent severance tax on any future cracker plants as a funding source for state public employees retiree benefits

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

That WVARSE

Sponsor a statewide DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE.

Sponsor wearing RED to identify retired school personnel during visits to the Capital.

Support working with AARP and CORPE.

Support increased opportunities for media coverage.