

**TO: INTERESTED CALPERS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS**

**SUBJECT: 2009 Member-At-Large Election for CalPERS Board of Administration**

During 2009, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will be conducting an election for the two Member-at-Large representatives on the CalPERS Board of Administration (Board). The term of office for the current representatives, Charles Valdes and Kurato Shimado, will expire January 15, 2010. The new term of office will begin January 16, 2010, and end January 15, 2014. Eligible *active and retired members* of CalPERS, excluding survivors and beneficiaries, will have an opportunity to vote for two representatives to the Board.

**The Notice of Election (Notice) is being distributed via campus mail boxes** to Deans, Department Chairs, and Administrators. The Notice provides the election schedule of dates and activities and the procedures for becoming a candidate. Note: Individuals who wish to submit a Nomination Petition must file no later than 5:00 p.m. May 14, 2009.

**Election ballots will be mailed directly to the home addresses** of eligible active and retired members on September 4, 2009. Voted ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS by October 2, 2009, otherwise the ballot will not be counted. CalPERS members who have recently moved should update their address information by completing and mailing the CalPERS Change-of-Address card, available in the Office of Human Resources – Benefits Office, before May, 2009 to ensure receipt of a ballot at your home by September 2009.

Board elections provide an opportunity for CalPERS members to choose the person you believe will best represent your interests. See the CalPERS website at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov), click on "**CalPERS News - Upcoming Board Election**" for specific details including a public service announcement regarding the election.

If you have questions regarding the election, please contact the Office of Human Resources Benefits Office at extension 86213, or the Board Election Office at 916-795-3952.

Managers and supervisors are asked to please distribute this information to employees in their departments who do not have access to email. Please post in a conspicuous location and provide copies in your employees' mailboxes. For questions or comments, contact the Benefits Office in Sacramento Hall, Room 162, or call 916-278-6213.