

Important Telephone Numbers

- Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield
RIPEA Group Health Plan** 1-866-649-2041
- AMBA
Dental/Vision/Long Term Care/Cancer/Whole Life/
Medical Air Service Association** 1-800-258-7041
- Genworth
Long Term Care** 1-765-827-6607
- AmpliFon
Hearing Plan** 1-888-432-7464
- MetLife
Auto/Home** 1-800-438-6388
- P.E.R.F.
Retirement Checks & Benefits** 1-888-286-3544
- MASA
Emergency Medical Transportation Services** 1-800-258-7041

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**Working for Your
Retirement Today**

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A Message from the Executive Director

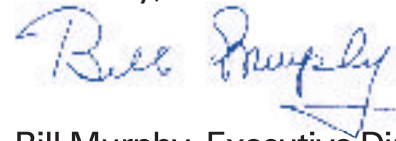
Welcome to the May issue of the *Communicator*.

RIPEA is always here to help members who may be facing challenges in their life. I am pleased to announce on behalf of the RIPEA Foundation Board that the grant application process for members is now open. Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded grants to members who have encountered financial hardships. The grants, awarded in amounts up to \$1,000, are designated based on the information offered on the application.

If you have encountered a financial hardship and wish to apply for a grant, please complete the enclosed application and return to the RIPEA office by July 2, 2018. All applicants will be notified via mail on or before July 31, 2018.

With summer quickly approaching, we know a lot of our members will be looking for things to do. Starting now, RIPEA has a new member benefit, myAMBAdiscounts.com. Here you can find discounts from thousands of merchants, as well as travel, wellness, event tickets, shopping and dining. Save some money this summer while also having some fun! More information provided on the next page.

Sincerely,



Bill Murphy, Executive Director

Notice

In their December 2017 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to require spouses of RIPEA members who participate in a sponsored insurance plan to join RIPEA as an "Associate Member". Dues will be \$10 per year. This policy became effective January 1, 2018 and affects all enrollments moving forward. All spouses who enrolled in a RIPEA sponsored insurance plan prior to January 1, 2018 are grandfathered in and are not affected by this change.

INDIANA

Indiana Trivia and Facts

- The first professional baseball game was played in Fort Wayne on May 4, 1871.
- The largest high school gymnasium in the world is in New Castle, Indiana.
- New York's Empire State Building, the Rockefeller Center and 14 state capitol buildings are built from Indiana limestone.
- The largest student union building in the world is the Indiana University's Indiana Memorial Union with over 475,000 square feet.

— The Hoosier State —

New Benefit for RIPEA Members

RIPEA is pleased to announce our new member benefit, myAMBAdiscounts.com. This member-only web portal is now available for you to sign up and start saving.

MyAMBAdiscounts.com is a FREE web portal that provides access to discounts from thousands of merchants. Members can save on travel, wellness, event tickets, shopping, and dining. To activate your new myAMBA discounts membership, follow these steps:

1. Visit myAMBAdiscounts.com and click "Register Here"
2. Enter your email address, then on the next page enter the activation code 'ambasavers'
3. Register your basic information and sign up for email alerts. Here, you may opt-out of the dining upgrade if you do not wish to join that program. It is not necessary to add your credit card information to take advantage of Passport's discounts
4. Download the mobile app to get discounts on the go

Questions? Please feel free to contact myambabenefits@amba.info.

Your Guide to Contacting the Indiana Public Retirement System

When you need to contact the Indiana Public Retirement Systems (INPRS), it's easy to get to a helpful and knowledgeable representative. But before you make the call, please be prepared to enter your Social Security number. This helps verify your identity to keep your account secure.

Depending on the purpose of your call, your PIN might be required in order to make certain changes to your account such as your address and direct deposit information. When you call, you'll have the opportunity to respond to the 'interactive voice response' system. This means that when you say, "I need to log in to my account" the system routes you to the representative best suited to help you. Once your call is answered by a representative, be prepared to confirm your date of birth and address. This additional step helps verify your account. If you have to spend some time on hold, please be patient!

You can reach INPRS at (844) GO-INPRS or (844) 464-6777, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET. If you need to call us after hours, you can email questions@inprs.in.gov. Additionally, answers to many common questions can be found on our website – www.inprs.in.gov.

Your Legislative Corner

The only bill that passed the 2018 Legislature which could affect retired members of RIPEA is SB 373. You may recall SB 373 established supplemental allowance reserve accounts for various state-supported public funds including PERF. The legislature will still have to pass a bill approving the increase (recent years that has been in the form of a 13th check). No other bill affecting RIPEA and its membership became law in 2018.

PERF retirees with an effective retirement date of December 1, 2017 or prior will receive a "13th check" with their September 15, 2018 PERF check or deposit. The additional amount will be, with years of service:

Years of Service	Amount
5—10 (disabled only)	\$150
10—20	\$275
20—30	\$375
30+	\$450

This payment is a result of legislation that RIPEA was instrumental in getting passed during the 2017 Legislature.

We Have Moved

The building in which we have been since 1999 was sold, and as of May 1, we are in our new location. If you have mailed a letter or form to our former address recently we will receive it at the new location. Our new address:

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2018 Individual Grant Application

Application must be received in our office by July 2, 2018

Member's Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. (_____) _____

Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Completing This Application Other Than Applicant:

TOTAL GROSS MONTHLY INCOME:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Total</u>
Social Security	_____	_____	_____
PERF	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Employment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Amount of Grant Requested: \$ _____

NOTE: If all lines are not completed and necessary supporting documents are not submitted the application will not be considered. All information on this application is confidential and will not be shared with any person(s) not affiliated with the RIPEA Foundation.

Purpose for which Grant will be used: (If additional space is needed for a complete explanation, please attach a separate sheet): _____

If Grant is to assist with payment of an existing financial obligation, please include a copy of the bill or a list of expenses if submitting a credit card bill.

Will any part of this obligation be paid by insurance: _____ If yes, how much? _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

For Office Use Only Verification of Membership by: _____ Amount Recommended: _____
Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

***PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR GRANT ELGIBILIGTY REQUIREMENTS.**

RIPEA FOUNDATION

GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST:

- Have a signature
- Include documentation as proof of financial need
- Provide accurate monthly income totals
- Request an amount no greater than \$1000 (max)

ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR REQUEST:

- Medical Bills
- Prescriptions
- Hearing Aids
- Eyeglasses
- Dental
- Utilities
- Handicap Ramps or Equipment (estimate or bill must be included)
- Medical Insurance Premiums
- Credit card bills, when used to pay for acceptable expenses (itemized billing statement must be included as proof)

UNACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR REQUEST:

- Amounts Over \$1000
- Property Taxes
- Funeral Expenses
- New Roof, New Furnace, Septic Tank Installment, Etc.
- Car Payments, Repairs, or Purchase of a New Car
- Vacations
- College Loans or Tuition
- Mortgage or Home Equity Loans
- Cell Phone Bills
- Cable Bills
- Veterinary Bills
- Legal Fees