

# SRSRA NEWSLETTER

For SRS Retiree Association Members

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## 2007 SRSRA Annual Meeting OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!!! (with 340 retirees—the largest group ever—in attendance!)

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### MINUTES OF SRSRA ANNUAL MEETING

The SRSRA 2007 Annual Meeting was held at the St. Angela Hall in Aiken, SC, on April 10, 2007. Charlie Miller, the Secretary of the SRSRA Board of Directors, welcomed retirees and guests and then introduced other members of the Board: Chairman, Nick Kuehn; First Vice Chairman, Mike French; Second Vice Chairman, Carl Hirst; Third Vice Chairman in Charge of Communications, Bob Stokes; and Treasurer, Stan Smith.

### SRSRA ISSUES IN SUMMARY

SRSRA Chairman Nick Kuehn then gave a brief overview of his planned remarks in the Chairman's Report so that those invited guests (members of Site Management and the representatives of various elected officials) who might need to leave before the latter half of the meeting could hear what the Association's concerns are:

"The M&O Request for Proposal is now out—this contract will affect our pension and benefits. We've been working for several years to get wording into the RFP and resulting contract to protect our pension and benefits.

Now that it's out, we're pleased that the M&O says that we'll be going with the site contractor and that, initially, the contractor will become the sponsor of our pension and benefit plans, which should be very similar to what we have right now. That's the good news! What we were disappointed about was that the RFP does not mention much about the retirees. We were hoping that would be a separate section. The other point we were hoping for was that words would be in the RFP to the effect of 'grandfathering' our benefits. We were told in a presentation last December by DOE that 'grandfathering' is something they consider an essential part of the overall operation within DOE. So, when the draft RFP came out, we put in some comments and questions indicating we would like to see that in there.

"When the answers to our questions came back, DOE's answer was 'no' so we are disappointed. The reason we are disappointed is what DOE is proposing down the line—not immediately when the contract comes into place but at sometime later—that benefits will be determined by looking at comparison companies to see how our benefits compare to those. As you are probably aware, in the outside world benefits for retirees are going in a downward direction. We are going to be compared to those; and if our benefits are more generous or better by a certain amount, that will trigger action on the part of the contractor—as directed by DOE—to bring our benefits in line. We don't know what will happen with that, but we certainly are concerned with what will go on 'down the line'.

"We are going to be working with the Congressional Delegation, and we're very pleased that we have representatives here today from the offices of Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Jim DeMint, Senator Saxby Chambliss, Senator Johnny Isakson, Congressman Gresham Barrett, and Congressman Joe Wilson. These are people who have supported us in the past, and we look forward to their support in the future."

## **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING**

Mike French then took the microphone to introduce the representatives from the Congressional offices. Mike noted that, although no one from the Congressional Delegation was able to be with us at the meeting, we had received letters of support from 6 members of the delegation as well as from Gov. Sanford of South Carolina. With the exception of Senator Graham's letter, which was read by Charlie Miller, these letters were read by staff members of the Senators, the Congressmen, and the Governor.

In his letter, Senator Graham, noted that "for over 50 years the Savannah River Site has played an important role in insuring the national security of the United States. Never hesitating to perform for their nation, Savannah River Site employees have selflessly taken on and excelled at whatever mission was handed to them. The Site retirees are the living embodiment of this tradition. I have been working to be sure the SRS is given serious consideration for future missions such as the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership and the Consolidated Plutonium Center. I remain fully committed to ensuring that the ongoing missions at the Site are fully funded and are brought in line with the original schedules."

Ian Headley of Senator Jim DeMint's staff read the senator's letter, which noted retirees' commitments that kept America strong, maintained America's technological edge during the cold war, and fulfilled the responsibility of America to the communities surrounding the Site. **He said that if "we want to attract and keep quality employees at the Site, they need to know that the promises we make today will be fulfilled tomorrow. I will continue to work with the other members of the South Carolina and Georgia delegations to assure**

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**that the retirees' interests are protected. And, as a new member of the Senate Energy Committee, I will work with the Department of Energy to insure that your concerns are addressed and heard."**

In Senator Isakson's letter Nancy Bobbitt of his staff read of his gratitude to retirees who often risked their health by handling some of the world's deadliest materials in an effort to protect the nation. He asked that the retirees feel free to contact him or his staff if there is ever anything they can do to help us.

Jim Hussey represented **Senator Chambliss who noted that the retirees had contributed to the success of the Site for many decades and that it was now "our responsibility to continue to support and care for you in your retirement. I will continue looking after your interests in Congress so that your benefits are not threatened or reduced and that you receive fair and equitable treatment as retirees. It was a commitment that we made to all of you when you were employed at SRS, and that is a commitment that should be kept and honored by your employer and the Department of Energy."**

Congressman Gresham Barrett's message was read by Katherine Wade of his staff. The letter said that the Congressman was aware of our concerns regarding the treatment of retiree pension plans under the new M&O RFP for the Site. **He said he shares the Association's belief that the new contract should protect retirees' benefits in a manner that respects their contributions to the nation. "I strongly believe that the benefits delivered to all employees under the new contract should properly balance commitments made. I am hopeful that the final M&O Contract will insure benefits are delivered to past, present, and future employees in a fair and equitable manner."**

Congressman Joe Wilson had Bill Walker of his staff read his letter. He noted that the Association's dedication was not only to retirees, but to the mission of the Savannah River Site as it plays a critical role in the local economy. He extended his best wishes for the Association's continued success and asked that we contact him if he can ever be of assistance to us.

The final letter read was from Governor Sanford. Tom Davis, his Chief of Staff, read the letter which thanked the Association for its efforts on behalf of all SRS employees and retirees and wished the Association all the best as it continues in its efforts to insure the commitments that were made to retirees.

At this point, Fred Cavanaugh was called to the podium to introduce 3 guest speakers. From the Site were Jeff Allison, the Manager of DOE SROO, and Leo Sain, the President of WSRC. And, from the Washington Group was Pres Rahe, the President the Washington Group International's Energy & Environment Business Unit.

Mr. Allison began his comments by noting the really great crowd in attendance. He complimented the SRSRA Board on being a dynamic group that asks a lot of really tough questions. Although he could not go into a great deal of detail about the Department's policy on pension and post-retirement benefits, he noted "that (policy) has been issued as a Federal Register Notice and I know that your Board is very well aware of that. The Department is looking for comments on that by May 11. I would encourage you to review the information, get with your Board members—they certainly are very knowledgeable on this—and please, by May 11 submit comments. I think that's the best way to get your opinions heard and to have an impact on whatever policy the Department comes up with."

Then, Mr. Allison talked a bit about the Site's accomplishments in 2006:

1. Completed closure of the T Area (also known as TNX)
2. Make much progress in the D&D area –“ we D&D’d a total of over 40 facilities last year—a total of 238 since we executed the contract modification. That has changed the landscape for facilities that we didn’t need anymore.”
3. Completed deactivation of the F-Area Complex.

This year’s budget for the Site is a little over 2-billion dollars for the clean-up operations, for the defense program operations, and some of the plutonium disposition operations. The President’s request for 2008 will take that up to about 2.1 billion dollars. “Even in times when we’re doing a lot of D&D, we are not preparing to close the Site down. We are preparing the Site for the future; preparing it for new missions....” Mr. Allison believes with a 2-billion dollar commitment for this year and a 2.1 billion dollar commitment for next year the Site has a bright future, and he is looking forward to that.

Mr. Allison commented that the Final RFP is on the street for the Site M&O Contract, and final proposals are due by May 23. The Liquid Waste Contract Draft RFP is out on the street. The comment period on this will close on April 30.

**Mr. Allison said the success of the Site depends to a great extent on the basis of the support of citizens and retirees like the SRSRA. He does not take our support for granted and thanked the Association for inviting him.** He promised to be with us again at next year’s meeting if we invite him.

Pres Rahe was next on the agenda. In his remarks he stated that 2006 was an excellent year for the site. It’s current cost structure makes it attractive for future missions such as the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership and the Next Generation Nuclear Plant.

Pres said there are currently 23 new nuclear plants planned for the United States, and most of those plants are planned for the Southeast. No state in the Southeast has more qualified nuclear personnel than South Carolina. The state currently has 7 operating nuclear plants. **South Carolina is known for its friendly nuclear climate, and much of that reputation is due to voices like those of the Savannah River Site Retiree Association.**

Although Mr. Rahe shares the retirees’ anxiety at this time of transition for the Site, he is very optimistic about its future.

Leo Sain, the new President of WSRC, was next at the microphone. In his remarks Leo noted that the SRSRA is very important to the people who remain at the Site. He feels the best thing we can do for them is to help them stay focused. Although this is a time of anxiety and transition, the Site is an enduring Site, and it will be there in the future.

Mr. Sain noted that all nuclear activities are now located in the center of the Site—6 to 7 miles from the boundary. Costs are down; and because of cleanup, jobs have been saved. **Leo referred to the SRSRA as ambassadors to the community, and promised to be a supporter of our organization.**

## **WHAT WE ARE SAYING**

After a brief ten-minute break, the meeting resumed with the presentation of Nick Kuehn’s State of the

Association presentation. Nick stated that the first objective of the Association is to meet its members' needs. He promised to detail what the Board has done in the past year for the retirees, and then said he will focus on benefits and the RFP.

Nick wanted to emphasize that SRSRA is the members' association, and the Board of Directors is working for the members. Specifically, the 3 main purposes for the Association's existence are to:

1. Represent the interests of its members
2. Provide a means to identify and communicate with SRS retirees, and
3. Support, promote, and assist in the growth and development of the Savannah River Site.

To meet the Association's objective of representing the interests of its members, the Board monitored and commented on the Request for Proposals for the SRS Contract. Specifically, the Board:

1. Met with Jeff Allison, the DOE Site Manager, to let him know what we wanted
2. Attended a pre-M&O RFP Draft meeting (3 members sat through a day presentations)
3. Didn't like the Draft RFP, and sent a letter to the Chair of the Source Evaluation Board
4. Submitted questions on the DRAFT RFP
5. Worked for more explicit inclusion of retiree benefits in the RFP

**Nick said, unfortunately, there is nothing in the RFP saying benefits will be maintained.** Administration of our benefits and pensions will be with the new contractor. Initially, there will be no change to our benefits and pensions; but in the future, we will be compared to other companies. If we look too good, some of our benefits may be dropped. So, in order to protect said benefits and pensions, the Board has:

1. Solicited support from the local Congressional delegation and State government
2. Met with Congressmen Barrett and Wilson and with a member of Senator Graham's staff
3. Provided our comments on the M&O RFP to the Congressional Delegation
4. Discussed our concerns with Governor Sanford when he was in Aiken last fall campaigning

As an aside, Nick noted that, in case anyone is wondering if these efforts with our local Congressional delegates are making an impression and whether these folks, in fact, know who we are: he told the meeting about a luncheon at which Senator Graham was the featured speaker last summer. The luncheon was here in Aiken, and your Board bought a table at the event. Although the room was literally filled with tables and guests, when Senator Graham arrived and was on his way to the podium, ours was the only table at which he stopped and greeted everyone. He was certainly aware of the presence of the Savannah River Site Retiree Association in that room full of dignitaries, and he cared enough about those present to personally greet them! There is no substitute for having people know who you are.

**As far as the current status of the Request for Proposals, DOE rejected many of our recommendations for the M&O RFP. Retirees and incumbent employees are grouped together. Although no changes are currently indicated for our benefits, comparisons in the future with other companies could impact our benefits.**

The Draft Liquid Waste RFP is now out for comments. Your SRSRA will submit questions and comments.

Some of the same ones we submitted on the M&O RFP will be submitted on the Liquid Waste RFP.

Nick then discussed **N351.1, Contractor Employee Pension and Medical Benefits policy**. This is basically a plan for DOE to save money. The key reason for this plan is to help DOE not spend so much money on pensions and long-term commitments. **In an effort to understand exactly how this plan could affect us, your Board did the following:**

1. **Met with Ingrid Kolb, the DOE Director of Office Management. (Ms Kolb is a direct report to the Secretary of Energy, and she made a special trip to Aiken to meet with your Board)**
2. **We were really pleased with that meeting because the first slide Ms. Kolb put up talked about “grandfathering”. We said “hey, this is wonderful.”**
3. **The SRSRA documented this meeting and used some of the direct quotes we heard at that meeting. However, the net result was that the RFP would not use the word “grandfathering”**

Our feeling is that there is a “disconnect” within DOE, or DOE is afraid to put down in writing in an official document what they’re willing to talk about in meetings. There really isn’t much wording about retirees, or even incumbent employees, in N351.1. So, it is difficult for us to comment on it.

**We would like to see retirees mentioned more explicitly, and we would like to have something in writing—whether it’s actually in N351.1 or in a letter of intent that would accompany it—talking about this concept of “grandfathering”.** Personally, Nick feels that is one of the most important things for us to be concerned about right now.

## **OTHER MEDICAL ISSUES**

Up to this point, Nick had been talking about “BIG” concerns. **The SRSRA also has a Medical Interface Committee to identify generic/smaller concerns with our present health benefits.** (If there are a number of people who have the same problem, we try to discover the underlying causes of the problem and what we can do to help.)

This Committee has been active for several years and has been very successful in developing an interface between the Site, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Medicare. Right now, **the Number One Concern is that retirees who live outside of the South Carolina and Georgia area not getting compensation that recognizes where they physically live.** We continue to work on that, and the fact we’ve had Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Medicare representatives at our Annual Meetings falls into the work scope of this Committee.

**Although this Committee is not a “help desk”, they are willing to try to help individual members who are having difficulty solving a medical insurance problem on their own.**

## **SRSRA IS YOUR VOICE**

**SRSRA wants to be the voice for retirees. We need to speak in a unified voice.** The Association attempts to keep members up to date on what the Association is doing; what our current concerns are; and how we are attempting to solve our common problems. We keep in contact with you via our Quarterly Newsletter.

In addition, much valuable information is available on our website. For anyone who isn't aware of it, the address is <http://srsretirees.org>. And finally, we hold our Annual Meeting.

The SRSRA feels that our well-being is tied to the Site's success. Therefore, we have:

1. Supported the Consolidated Plutonium Center
2. Supported the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, and
3. Supported the Site's United Way Organization

## **GENERAL OUTLOOK ON PENSIONS and MEDICAL BENEFITS**

Nick then attempted to explain how our Pension and Benefits plan works. **“DOE is the only government organization who has long-term obligations to contractor employees; i.e., our pensions and benefits.** The other government organizations for the most part hire a contractor, say we'll give you so much money per year to put into your pension benefit plans, but when the contract's over—we walk away. So, this is something that DOE tells us they have real difficulty with in dealing with Congress because Congress is asking ‘why are you doing this?’

**“Well, these are people who don't remember that back in the Cold War** we were asking people to move to strange areas like Aiken, SC, to work with new materials that were very dangerous. So, **DOE in order to attract good people back then and to reward them for the work they were doing and the risks they were taking offered benefits and said those benefits will continue not only while you're working, but when you retire.** So, this is a little different animal and something DOE has to be aware of when they're dealing with us.”

He then noted that in the current world we live in, many people and retirees face reductions in benefits. These reductions have not happened at WSRC, but events are occurring now that could force us to be compared to other companies.

**Our pensions and our other benefits (primarily meaning medical benefits) are two different entities. The money for our pensions is in a trust fund. DOE provides the money to the contractor, who sets up that pension trust.** The Government has rules and laws on the level of funding, and most recently a law was passed that is telling people they need to fund a greater percentage of the requirement. Our pension payments are fixed. When you retire, you'll hear “this is how much you are going to get per month for the rest of your life, but we don't have any cost-of-living built in--no inflation adjustment.” There was in 2002 a pension adjustment. We keep pushing for that again, but I don't see anything like that on the horizon now. DOE is being very specific on what the procedure is going to be to get that adjustment. It's not going to be a decision made just at a given site, but DOE-wide. If an adjustment is ever made, the contractor has to initiate it, DOE Headquarters has to approve it, and then they either fund it if the pension fund had excess funds, or they would require new Congressional funding.

Even with excess funds—the Oak Ridge pension fund which has surplus funds got a “no” answer to a recent request for a pension adjustment.

**As for post-retirement benefits—medical, dental, and prescription drugs—there is no trust fund for this.** The cost of these benefits has to be funded in the budget every year. We know that medical costs are rising

faster than inflation, and that is why many corporations are dropping medical benefits. Another point is that our medical benefits are not guaranteed. **At the back of the current Site booklet on medical benefits is the statement: “DOE wants to insure that contractors take appropriate steps to preserve existing rights to modify, change, suspend, or terminate in whole or in part the medical plans they sponsor.”**

So, we can go and point to some money in the Pension Trust Fund, but as far as the medical, dental, and prescription drug benefits, we must rely on Congress to tell DOE to continue these programs, or DOE by their good graces can continue these programs. (We’re asking for that to these programs to remain at a time when DOE is trying to reduce funding.) So, that’s why we are working very hard to try to preserve our pension and benefits.

**If anyone didn’t know it before—after Nick’s presentation—all retirees should readily understand that the Association is a most excellent instrument to help retirees maintain those pensions and benefits which they were promised when they were originally employed at the site.**

## **BYLAWS REVISIONS**

Dale Friar of the Bylaws Committee took the podium next to present two proposed changes to the Association’s Bylaws:

1. The addition of a Third Vice Chairman to the Board of Directors Officers: The Board is making this proposal because the Editor of the Newsletter is highly involved in all aspects of the Retiree Association and the business it conducts. So, we would like to formally recognize his work by making him the Third Vice Chairman
2. In regard to the two-year term served by Board members: In the past, annual meetings have been held in the same month every year. But, this year it’s being held in April instead of March. So, we would like to add the words “or until the date of the second Annual Meeting after their election” to cover the meeting time change. That way, we’ll always be covered by a full complement of Board members.

When called for, there was no discussion on these proposed changes, and they were proposed, seconded and accepted as written.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT (omitted)**

[ed. Treasurer Stan Smith gave the financial report, which covered the period through March 31, 2007. That report has been updated through April 30, 2007, for this Newsletter on page 10. Therefore, the report presented at the meeting has been omitted from these minutes]

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

Jim Morrison handled the presentation of the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. That slate consisted of:

Art Blanchard\*  
Fred Cavanaugh\*  
Ken Cooper\*  
Gerald Croom\*  
Delano Knight\*  
Nick Kuehn\*  
Judy Maddox\*  
Jim Morrison\*

John Nicholls  
Rhonda Priester  
Martin Pechersky  
Charles Riley\*  
Chuck Seitter\*  
Ramakant Vichare  
Quitman White

\*Incumbents running for re-election.

One additional candidate was nominated from the floor: Martin McCrum

Mr. McCrum's name was written in at the bottom of the ballot. At that point, the members completed the ballots and turned them in to the ballot box. [ed. The results of the election are published later in this Newsletter.]

(As Jim Morrison noted, there are two requirements for Board membership: The candidate must agree to have his/her name on the ballot, and he/she must be a 2007 dues-paid member of the Association.)

## **PRIZE DRAWING**

The final item on the day's agenda was the drawing for end-of-meeting prizes. All 2007 dues-paid members who attended the meeting were given tickets to participate in the drawing. Those who were present at the conclusion of the meeting were eligible for the prize drawing.

The following members were the winners of the prizes shown:

\$25.00 gift certificate to Applebee's  
\$25.00 gift certificate to Applebee's  
\$25.00 gift certificate to Atlanta Bread Co.  
\$25.00 gift certificate to Atlanta Bread Co.  
\$50.00 gift certificate to Kroger's Grocery  
\$50.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse  
\$50.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse  
\$50.00 gift certificate to Red Lobster  
\$50.00 gift certificate to Red Lobster  
\$150.00 prepaid VISA Card

Linda Beam  
Edwin Knight  
Dick Barclay  
Eddie Hair  
Sid Curry  
Robert Fallaw  
Bruce Cameron  
Alan McFarland  
Jack Bombard  
Deborah Sandberg-Bowers

**This most successful Annual Meeting was concluded with the awarding of the prizes. The Board appreciates the fine membership turnout for the event.**

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## **RESULTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTION AT THE 2007 SRSRA ANNUAL MEETING**

The proposed slate of candidates put up by the nominating committee was elected. The candidate nominated from the floor at the meeting, Martin McCrum, received the least number of votes and was not elected. Only three ballots were invalidated (due to voting for all 16 candidates, including the candidate nominated from the floor). The vote totals are as follows:

192	Art Blanchard	177	Ramakant Vichare
197	Fred Cavanaugh	193	Ken Cooper
198	Delano Knight	196	Jim Morrison
192	John Nicholls	187	Quitman White
198	Judy Maddox	192	Gerald Croom
189	Martin Pechersky	192	Charles Riley
189	Rhonda Priester	190	Chuck Seitter
197	Nick Kuehn	59	Martin McCrum

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (updated)**

Treasurer Stan Smith has updated the financial report since the Annual Meeting and it is presented below:

<b>Treasurer's Report: 3/31/07 to 4/30/07</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$33,599.00
Income (3/31/06 to 4/30/07)	\$ 1,965.00
Expenses	<u>- 2,391.09</u>
Ending Balance	\$33,172.91

The Treasurer has also summarized the 2007 Annual Meeting costs as follows:

Prizes	\$500.00
Refreshments (Board & attendees)	460.00
Supplies (nametags etc.)	353.42
Printing (Programs, ballots etc.)	<u>200.83</u>
<b>Total Costs of Annual Meeting</b>	<b>\$2,024.25</b>

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Our membership at this point in 2007 is over 873. If your friends have not renewed for 2007, now is the time to remind them to join us! If they were members in 2006, they should have received an email or letter recently with a 2007 membership form attached. If not, hook them up to our website, or have them use the membership form in this Newsletter. Remember---the larger our membership, the louder our voice with the Site Contractor, DOE, and Congress! Join SRSRA NOW! You won't find a better value for your \$15.00 dues!**

## **NEWSLETTER MAILING**

We still experience incorrect e-mail addresses and bounced communications to our membership. A number of e-mails have been returned for incorrect addresses; recipient mailbox over quota; recipient not accepting mail from SRSRA; and several others indicating that our database needs some “tuning up”. If you have an active e-mail address, or have changed your address recently, and are not receiving SRSRA communications by e-mail, please contact [membership@srsretirees.org](mailto:membership@srsretirees.org). During 2006, our e-mail program allowed us to reach 650+ out of 958 members more quickly with news like the concern about lost Medical Enrollment Forms. Other pluses are quicker distribution of the Newsletter and less cost of copying and mailing hard copies. Thanks to all of you who are receiving your Newsletter by e-mail.

## **SRSRA WEB SITE**

**WHEN IN DOUBT, LOOK TO THE SRSRA WEB SITE!!** The SRSRA web site is intended to be a useful source of current information. Let us know if it is -- or is not -- meeting your needs!

We are continuing to revise, restructure, and update the web site. If you have found useful links pertaining to any aspect of our focus on Retiree Benefits that are not already on our web site, please tell us so that we can add them to the site. Just send an email to: [webmaster@srsretirees.org](mailto:webmaster@srsretirees.org).

**An SRSRA Membership Form for 2007 and 2008 is available on the web site.**

## **BOARD MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION**

**The SRSRA Board of Directors is now meeting at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room at Eden Gardens off Silver Bluff Road near Woodside Executive Park.** The upcoming 2007 meetings held at this new location will be on June 5, July 10, and August 7. Association members may attend and participate, but may not vote on Board issues. If you ever plan to attend a meeting, be sure to contact a BOD member to confirm that the meeting date and time has not changed. **BOD meeting dates are also listed on the website.**

## **BC/BS SERVICE CONCERNS**

**Retirees should call the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC 800 number 800-325-6596 first and talk with the customer representative.** If retirees do not receive satisfactory resolution through customer service, then notify Kaye Bozeman (see below) and she will look into the matter personally.

If you have concerns or resolutions of BC/BS service problems to share with SRSRA members, please send a letter outlining your case to both:

**Dale Friar, Medical Benefits Committee  
SRS Retiree Association  
P.O. Box 5686  
Aiken, SC 29804**

**Kaye Bozeman, Major Service Representative  
I-20 at Alpine Road AV-100  
Columbia, SC 29219**

or e-mail your information to: [KAYE.BOZEMAN@bcbsc.com](mailto:KAYE.BOZEMAN@bcbsc.com), or fax: 1-803-264-9353. You can also call toll-free at: 1-800-288-2227 x44452, or as a last resort, call her at 803-264-4452

## **BENEFITS CONTACTS**

People Support Service Center (a one-stop service for most HR and payroll activities and questions).

- ◆ 803-725-7772 (local area SC and GA)
- ◆ 800-368-7333 (long distance)
- ◆ [service-center@srs.gov](mailto:service-center@srs.gov) (e-mail contact for this new service)

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| ◇ <b>Life, Health, Dental</b>   |                | ◇ <b>Westinghouse Corp. SIP</b> 800-581-3366                                     |
| Becky Proveaux  | PS Svc. Ctr. # | <a href="http://westinghouse.csplans.com">http://westinghouse.csplans.com</a>    |
| Rosalee Bennett   | PS Svc. Ctr. # | ◇ <b>Safety Eyeglass Office</b>  |
| Wanda McGee   | 803-725-0531   | Tom Cuny 803-557-4340  |
| Cindy McClintock  | 803-725-7004   | ◇ <b>Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC</b> 800-325-6596                               |
| ◇ <b>Pension</b>  |                | <a href="http://www.southcarolinablues.com">www.southcarolinablues.com</a>       |
| Pat Smith   | 803-725-7722   | Option 1 for Medical   |
| Viola Best  | 803-725-1900   | Option 2 for Dental  |
| ◇ <b>Internal Medicine Partners</b> 706-792-5075                                |                | Option 3 for Pre-Cert/Med Authorization  |
| (Annual Physical Examinations)  |                | ◇ <b>Medicare Helpline</b> 800-633-4227  |
| ◇ <b>WSRC/BSRI Savings Plan</b> 800-360-2747                                    |                | ◇ <b>Medicare Web Site</b>   |
| <a href="http://resources.hewitt.com/wsrc">http://resources.hewitt.com/wsrc</a> |                | <a href="http://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>                           |
| ◇ <b>Westinghouse Corp. Pension</b> 800-581-4222                                |                | ◇ <b>Value Options</b> (mental health & substance abuse assistance) 800-333-6557 |

You may also contact any SRSRA committee by e-mail. Your comment, concern or question can be sent to every member of a particular committee by going to the Committees link on the SRSRA web site (see the address at the top of this page); then go to the description of a particular committee you are interested in and click on the committee e-mail address shown there.

### **Savannah River Site Retiree Association 2007-2008 Membership Application**

**Annual Dues:**

Year 2007

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 for Retiree  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 for Retiree's Spouse (also retired from SRS)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 for Retiree's Surviving Spouse

Year 2008

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 for Retiree's Spouse (also retired from SRS)  
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DATE OF RETIREMENT \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SRS RETIRED OR SURVIVING SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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