

Active Local Position No. 2 Biographies

ID #21 - Mr. Ben Powell, the incumbent, has been a member of the Retirement Systems of Alabama for 24 years while employed by the city of Hoover. As the city's Director of Purchasing, he is responsible for providing procurement services, support and guidance to the Mayor, City Council, and city departments. Mr. Powell has earned the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designations and is an active member of several professional and benevolent organizations. He was elected to serve a four-year term on the Board of Control for the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama in 2007, and was re-elected in 2011. Mr. Powell was previously employed by SouthTrust Corporation (now Wells Fargo) for 11 years following his graduation from the University of Montevallo in 1979 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He and his wife, Debby, currently reside in Trussville.

ID #22 - Mr. David J. Harer, of Huntsville, is married and recently became a proud father. He has been a Firefighter for the city of Huntsville for 12 years. For the last three years, he has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Huntsville Firefighters Association and recently obtained the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Professional Firefighters of Alabama. Mr. Harer oversees and reviews the investment strategies for the accounts for the Professional Firefighters of this great state and represented them proudly at the National Conference of Public Pensions this past fall.
