



Louisiana State Employees'  
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LIAISON MEMORANDUM  
NUMBER 17-04

**To:** Agency Liaison Officers

**From:** Cindy Rougeou  
Executive Director

**Re:** New Learning Opportunities for LASERS Members

**Date:** January 26, 2017

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LASERS encourages you to combine forces with us in 2017 to present new educational opportunities to our members. Over the past year, we have collected feedback from agencies and members, and the information gathered has brought about the development and improvement of our retirement resources. We are excited to kick off 2017 with these learning opportunities and hope you will share this information so members will be better prepared for retirement.

**New Website**, same address: [www.lasersonline.org](http://www.lasersonline.org):

- Provides a better user-friendly experience for members and agencies.
- Features modern design, member photos from our recent contest, better organized content, more functionality, and improved search engine.

**Member's Guide to Retirement** (formerly *Membership Handbook*):

- Features a new design and layout.

**LASERS Classes on LEO:**

- *LASERS: Your Retirement System*, a 15-minute course that can benefit employees at all career points; a **great tool for employee orientation**. Found under "Frequently Booked Courses" on the "My Training" tab.
- All of LASERS Education Outreach Series videos are available on LEO.

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**Variety of Educational Sessions & PREP Seminars (offered across the state):**

- **NEW Early-Career** for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011; a shortened workshop designed for newer members.
- **REVAMPED Pre-Retirement Education Presentation (PREP)** geared toward those approaching retirement. Additional presentations on Social Security and Empower Retirement are also given. PREP has been condensed to a half-day.
- **Mini PREP**; the same as a PREP, but without additional presenters.
- **Specialty plan presentations** geared to the various LASERS specialty plans.
- **Tailored Presentations** can also be created specifically for your agency. Email [asklasersagency@lasersonline.org](mailto:asklasersagency@lasersonline.org) to schedule presentations.

**New Purchases of Service Video:**

- In LASERS latest video, members can learn how to purchase service credit and the potential benefits.

**Still to Come Member Self-Service:**

- Will be revamped with easier login access on the home page of the website, and a streamlined design.
- Usernames and passwords will not change.

Educating LASERS members about retirement gives them the knowledge and the resources to find answers about their benefits; encourages pride, ownership, and confidence in their retirement system; and commitment to their employment with the State.

Please join us in communicating these new learning opportunities to members. Thank you.