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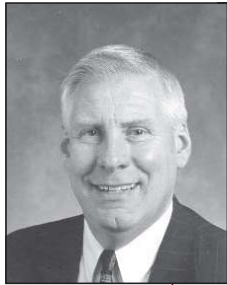
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December 31, 2005

Members of the Board of Trustees
Teachers Retirement Association
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Dear Trustee:

We are pleased to present this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, our 74th year of service. This report includes the following five sections:

- Introduction describes our organizational structure and nature of operations,
- Financial contains the basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements, actuarial disclosures and the opinion of our independent auditor,
- Investments highlights our asset management and investment performance,
- Actuarial contains the certification and results of the actuarial valuation performed by The Segal Group as of July 1, 2005, and
- Statistical summarizes TRA plan benefits and illustrates both current and historical data of interest.

A system of internal controls is in place to help monitor and safeguard assets, ensure transactions are carried out in accordance with Minnesota statutes, and promote efficient operations. The Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor annually conducts a financial and legal compliance audit of the Association. Management believes that the accompanying statements, schedules, and tables are fairly presented. We are solely responsible for the content of this report, including its financial statements, which should be helpful in understanding information about TRA and comparing our operating results with those of other teacher retirement systems.

Readers are encouraged to refer to the Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 14-17 for an overview of additions to and deductions from the TRA Fund and additional financial reporting detail for the fiscal year.

TRA Profile

Although the TRA Board of Trustees have a broad scope of authority in the operations and management of TRA, the pension fund is also governed by federal laws and state statutes. For financial reporting purposes, TRA is considered a pension trust fund of the State of Minnesota, and TRA financial results are incorporated into the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Minnesota.

As of June 30, 2005, TRA had 565 reporting employer units, 74,552 active members and a total of 38,957 retirees, survivors, beneficiaries and disabilitants who were receiving monthly benefits. TRA follows the provisions of statements promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) including GASB Statement No. 25, Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans. TRA's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report also complies with Minnesota Statutes, Section 356.20. Transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from employers and members are recognized as revenue when earned. Expenses are recorded when corresponding liabilities are incurred, regardless of when payment is made.

We purchase actuarial services from the firm Buck Consultants of San Francisco, California. However, the annual actuarial valuation of the pension fund is prepared by The Segal Company, the actuary jointly retained by the seven largest Minnesota public pension plans to prepare actuarial reports for all the statewide retirement plans for legislative review. The Office of the Attorney General provides legal counsel to our Board of Trustees. All financial transactions, including the disbursements from the pension fund, are processed through the centralized controls of the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System, under the supervision of the state departments of Finance and Administration.

TRA's Economic Condition

All TRA assets are invested under the authority and direction of the State Board of Investment (SBI). TRA invested assets have two main components: the Active Fund (assets of TRA active and inactive members) and the assets for TRA retirees and benefits recipients invested into the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment

Fund (MPRIF). The MPRIF (Post Fund) consists of the assets of not only TRA benefit recipients, but also the benefit recipients of the other two major statewide public pension associations: the Minnesota State Retirement System and the Public Employees Retirement Association. The SBI has developed strategic asset allocation and other investment policies to represent the long-term funding needs of our members and benefit recipients. The SBI, along with its Investment Advisory Council (IAC), continually reviews its policies to ensure sufficient assets are available to finance promised benefits. The executive directors of the three statewide retirement systems are members of the IAC and represent their members in its role to advise the SBI on investment-related matters.

Investment Results

Capital markets were robust during fiscal year 2005. The U.S. stock market increased 8.1 percent, as measured by the Russell 3000 index. Despite uncertainty over the presidential election and rising oil prices, the U.S. economy was buoyed by strong Gross Domestic Product, productivity growth, and healthy corporate balance sheets.

International stock markets displayed continued strength for the second year in a row. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All Country World Index excluding the United States (ACWI Ex U.S.), which represents the developed and emerging international markets outside the U.S., returned 16.5 percent for the fiscal year.

The U.S. bond market, as measured by the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index, returned 6.8 percent during the fiscal year. Concerns about inflation and the pace of the economic recovery spurred the Federal Reserve to increase short term interest rates nine times during the year. Corporate bonds outpaced U.S. Treasury and mortgage securities for the twelve month period.

Within this investment environment, the retirement assets under the SBI's control produced the following results:

- The Basic Retirement Funds (including the TRA Active Fund) for active members increased 11.0 percent during fiscal year 2005. Over the latest ten year period, the fund has experienced an annualized return of 9.3 percent.

- The Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (Post Fund) for retired members increased 10.5 percent for fiscal year 2005. Overall the Post Fund provided a ten year annualized return of 8.8 percent.
- The lifetime post-retirement benefit increase will be 2.50 percent for eligible retirees on January 1, 2006. The increase represents the maximum inflation component payable in the Post Fund's annual adjustment formula. The federal Consumer Price Index for inflation (CPI-W) for fiscal year 2004 was 2.59 percent. For the fourth straight year, no investment-based component will be paid. As of June 30, 2005, the liabilities of the Post Fund exceed its assets, leaving a deficit of an estimated \$4.3 billion. The deficit of the Post Fund must be fully recovered before any future investment-based adjustment is given. Benefit recipients should expect inflation-only annual benefit adjustments, capped at 2.5 percent, until the deficit is recovered.

Economic Conditions and Outlook

Minnesota's economy grew during the 2005 fiscal year, but by most measures it did not perform as well as the U.S. averages. The state's unemployment rate was the bright spot, falling from 4.6 percent to 3.7 percent between June 2004 and June 2005. The U.S. average also fell over that same 12-month span, but only by 0.6 percentage points. Minnesota's unemployment rate is now 1.3 percentage points below the U.S. average rate of 5.0 percent. Historically, Minnesota's unemployment rate has been between 1.0 and 1.5 percentage points less than the U.S. average. Payroll employment grew by 33,800 jobs between June 2004 and June 2005, the largest fiscal year increase since the 2000 fiscal year. In June 2005, total payroll employment in Minnesota exceeded its pre-recession highs. The national economy exceeded its pre-recession employment high in January 2005. Payroll employment in Minnesota increased by 1.3 percent in the twelve months between June 2004 and June 2005, while nationally payroll employment increased by 1.6 percent.

Personal income growth in Minnesota also lagged the U.S. averages. Personal income grew 6 percent between the second quarter of 2004 and the second quarter of 2005. The U.S. average growth rate was 6.4 percent. In

calendar 2004, per capita personal income in Minnesota was \$36,173, which was 9.5 percent above the U.S. average. Minnesota ranked ninth among all states in personal income per capita.

In fiscal 2006, the economy is expected to slow nationally and in Minnesota. Employment and income are expected to continue to grow, but the rate of growth is projected to be slightly slower than that observed in fiscal year 2005, and well below the growth rates of the late 1990s.

In Minnesota, personal income is expected to increase by 4.2 percent, 1.8 percent less than in fiscal year 2005. Higher interest rates, continued high energy prices, and lost production due to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma will slow U.S. economic growth through at least early 2006. Payroll employment in Minnesota is projected to grow at a 1 percent annual rate during fiscal year 2006. U.S. payroll employment is projected to grow at a 1.6 percent annual rate. Private construction spending in storm damaged areas along the Gulf Coast, federal disaster assistance for rebuilding and restoring damaged infrastructure, and a return to normal production levels by energy producers along the Gulf Coast will provide a boost to the national economy, but have relatively little impact in Minnesota.

Major Initiatives

The number of new retirements has remained fairly steady over the past couple of years due to a slowly recovering economy and uncertainties about post-retiree health care. However, we believe the effect is temporary and expect the number of new retirees to increase dramatically over the next decade. During fiscal year 2005, TRA substantially completed work on the business reengineering project called FROST (Functional Redesign of Strategic Technologies). The project's main goal is to meet the customer service needs of the "baby boom" generation rapidly approaching retirement. Together with our consulting partner, BearingPoint, we designed and developed an integrated package of computer applications to improve the processing and servicing of member pension benefits. The first two phases of FROST were a redesign of employer reporting of member data and a concerted effort to audit and purify our existing member data. In November 2004, TRA implemented

Phase 3 of the FROST Project, which concentrated on core administrative processes such as retirement estimates, benefit applications, and all aspects of the benefit payments process. The final phase of the project was completed during late 2005 and included the implementation of new systems to enhance the various customer service improvements such as member annual statements and the newly redesigned TRA interactive web site.

Legislation

The 2005 Minnesota Legislature passed an Omnibus Pension Bill during the final days of the special session in July 2005. Most of the items in the bill affecting TRA members were of a “housekeeping” administrative nature and did not materially affect plan provisions for TRA members.

The 2005 Legislature continued to evaluate the ongoing funding concerns of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Teacher Retirement Fund Associations and possible consolidation of these plans with TRA. We expect to continue our participation with the 2006 Legislature in efforts to improve the funding status of these local teacher pension plans.

Awards and Recognition

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Teachers Retirement Association for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. This was the seventh consecutive year that the Association has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of only one year. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report is possible only through the combined efforts of our employees, employer units, and professional consultants. It is intended to provide a complete and reliable portrayal of the financial status of the pension fund. A copy is mailed to each public school administrator in the state and posted on the TRA web site.

We would like to thank you, our Board of Trustees, who act as advisors. In addition, we would like to thank our employees, consultants and the many people who diligently work to ensure the successful operation and financial soundness of our pension fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Austin
Executive Director



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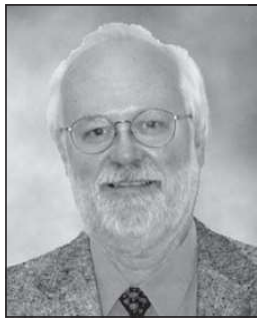
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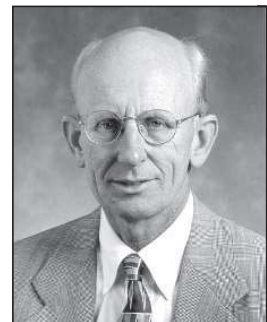
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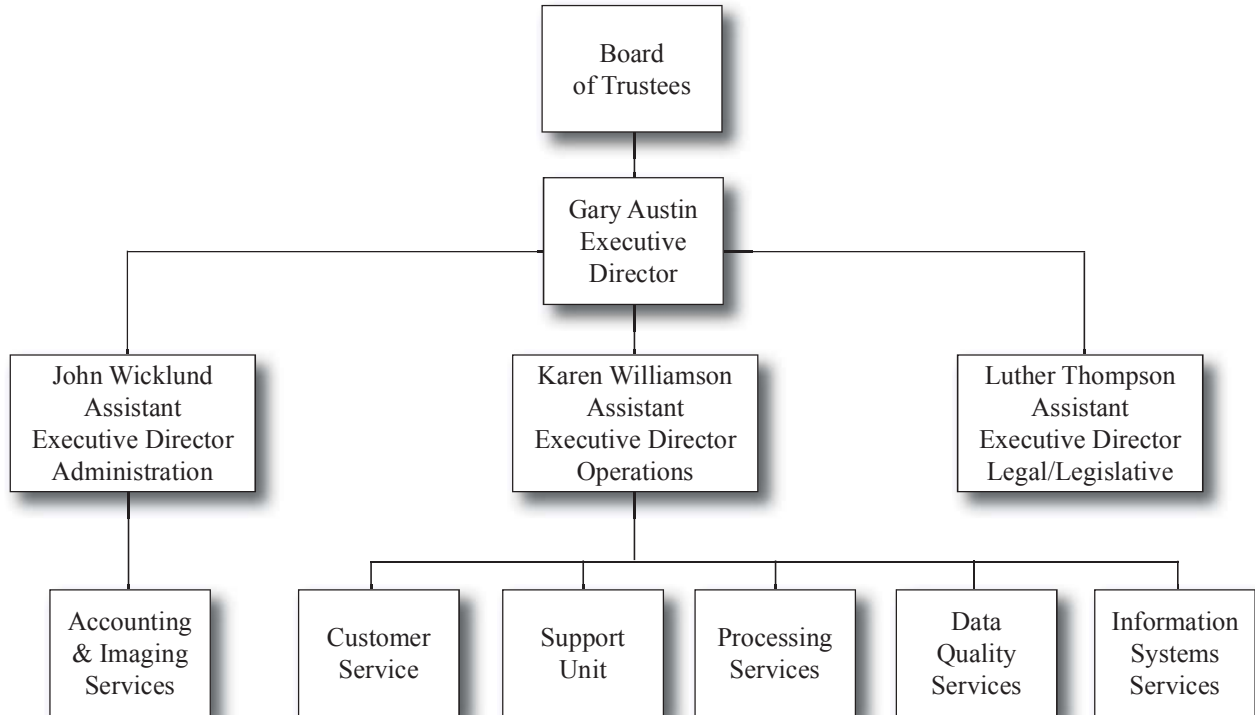
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Mission Statement

TRA provides retirement, disability and death benefits to Minnesota college faculty, administrators, public school teachers, retirees, their families and beneficiaries.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for Minnesota teachers and their beneficiaries and to assist them in planning for an independent and financially secure retirement.

To this end we are committed to offering quality customer services by providing retirement counseling, maintaining member data, administering funds, communicating accurate information and delivering benefits.

Our Values

Accuracy	Ensure that all information received, maintained and provided is clear and accurate.
Quality	Make high-quality services accessible to our customers.
Timeliness	Provide timely receipt and dissemination of information.
Efficiency	Make efficient use of technological and human resources in a team environment
Employee Excellence	Provide ongoing employee development that encourages cooperation and mutual respect, focuses on common goals and recognizes superior performance.

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Auditor's Report



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Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board of Trustees
Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota

Mr. Gary Austin, Executive Director
Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota (TRA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of TRA's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of TRA as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note I. H. to the basic financial statements, TRA adopted GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures* for the year ended June 30, 2005. This standard establishes and modifies disclosure requirements for deposit and investment risks, including credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

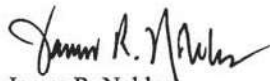
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 9, 2005, on our consideration of TRA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance.

Members of the Board of Trustees
Mr. Gary Austin, Executive Director
Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota
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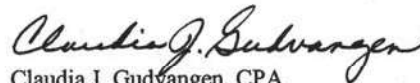
That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the other required supplementary information, as listed in the Table of Contents, are not a required part of TRA's basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise TRA's basic financial statements. The Supporting Schedules in the Financial Section and the Introduction, Investments, Actuarial, and Statistical Sections, listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Supporting Schedules in the Financial Section have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Introduction, Investments, Actuarial, and Statistical Sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.



James R. Nobles
Legislative Auditor



Claudia J. Gudvangen, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

December 9, 2005

Management Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2005

This discussion and analysis of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) of Minnesota provides an overview of TRA financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. We encourage you to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the transmittal letter beginning on page 3 and the additional information presented in the financial statements and required supplementary information.

Financial Highlights

- TRA assets are accounted for with two legally separate retirement funds. The TRA Active Fund consists of moneys held in trust for TRA active, inactive and members in deferral status. Retirees of TRA participate in the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (MPRIF) administered by the Minnesota State Board of Investment (SBI). The net assets of the TRA Active Fund at June 30, 2005, were about \$ 7.3 billion. TRA's assets in MPRIF were \$ 8.6 billion, for a combined total net assets of approximately \$15.9 billion.
- The Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits increased in value by about \$832 million (5.5 percent) during fiscal year 2005 for a total of about \$15.9 billion. The Association generated revenues of about \$1.90 billion during the fiscal year. Plan benefits and other expenses totaled about \$1.07 billion during the fiscal year.
- Investment returns for the TRA Active Fund and the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund for the 2005 fiscal year were 11.0 percent and 10.5 percent, respectively, generating net investment income of about \$1.58 billion.
- Contributions paid by members and employers during fiscal year 2005 totaled about \$318 million.
- Pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries increased about \$40 million from the previous year bringing total benefits paid to \$1.05 billion for fiscal year 2005.
- Refunds of member contributions plus interest during fiscal year 2005 were \$6.7 million, a 2.9 percent decrease from the fiscal year 2004 total of \$6.9 million.
- Administrative expenses of the fund during fiscal year 2005 were \$10.9 million, a 10.7 percent decrease from the fiscal year 2004 total of \$12.2 million.

Actuarial Highlights

The Association's funding objective is to meet long-term benefit obligations through the accumulation of contributions and investment income. This funding is structured so that the burden of paying retirement costs is shared equitably by present and future generations of members and taxpayers. As of June 30, 2005, the accrued liability funding ratio for TRA was 98.51 percent, a decrease from the comparable funding ratio of 100.01 percent as of June 30, 2004. The funded ratio decrease for fiscal year 2005 is primarily due to recognition of investment losses deferred from the 2001-2003 period in the five year smoothing of investment returns.

TRA was fully funded from an actuarial standpoint for an eight year period ending June 30, 2004; however with the June 30, 2005 actuarial valuation, the plan has an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$268 million. The unfunded liability, by state law, must be extinguished by June 30, 2020. Key actuarial funding ratios can be seen on page 30.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the financial report of TRA. The financial report consists of:

- the basic financial statements, comprised of the Statement of Plan Net Assets and the Statement of changes in Plan Net Assets;
- the notes to the basic financial statements; and
- required and other supplementary information.

The Statement of Plan Net Assets (page 18) presents information on the assets and liabilities of TRA, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. The net assets of the Association reflect the resources available to pay benefits to members when due. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets measure whether the Association's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets (page 19) presents information detailing the changes in net assets that occurred during the current fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported on an accrual basis. This means that the revenue or expense is recognized as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of when the actual cash is received

or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods. For example, contributions due from a school district, even though not yet paid by fiscal year end, will be reflected as revenue. Earned benefits or refund accruals will be reflected as an expense, even though they may not have been paid to the member until after fiscal year end.

The notes to the financial statements (pages 20-29) provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

The report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The Schedule of Funding Progress (page 30) includes historical trend information about the TRA plan from a long-term, ongoing perspective and the progress made in accumulating assets to pay benefits when due. The Schedule of Employer Contributions (page 30) presents historical trend information about the annual required contributions of employers and the actual contributions made by employers. Notes to the Required Supplemental Schedules may be found on page 31.

Other supporting schedules are also presented. The Schedule of Changes in Plan Net Assets, separated by reserve accounts, is presented on pages 32-33. The Schedule of TRA Administrative Expenses (page 34) presents the overall cost of administering the Association. The Schedule of Professional Consultant Expenses (page 35) further details this category of administrative expense. The Schedule of Investment Management Expenses (page 35) provides summary information of professional investment money management expenses, includes TRA's share of the investment management fees of the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (MPRIF). These expenses are shown as a reduction of investment income on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets.

Financial Analysis of the TRA Fund

Plan Assets

Total plan assets of the TRA Fund as of June 30, 2005, were \$17.9 billion and were mostly comprised of cash, investments and contributions due from employers. Total plan assets increased over \$1 billion (6.5 percent) from the June 30, 2004, total of \$16.8 billion. The primary reasons for the increase were strong investment performance during fiscal year 2005 and a higher value of assets through the securities lending program administered by the State Board of Investment.

Plan Liabilities

Total liabilities as of June 30, 2005, were \$1.95 billion, an increase of 13.4 percent from the June 30, 2004, liability amount of \$1.72 billion. The primary reason for the increase was a substantially higher value of liabilities within the securities lending program. In both years, the liability amounts were mostly comprised of obligations under security lending arrangements and long-term bonds payable for the building co-owned by the Association.

Net Assets

Association assets exceeded liabilities on June 30, 2005, by \$15.9 billion. The amount is higher than the June 30, 2004, amount of \$15.1 billion, primarily due to solid investment performance during fiscal year 2005. As a mature public pension plan, TRA relies heavily on investment earnings to help pay benefits and expenses since annual employee and employer contributions are currently less than one-third of the amount needed to fund current cash outflows. As result of its annual expenses, the TRA Fund requires strong investment performance each year to maintain an equilibrium or experience an increase in its level of net assets.

Revenues: Additions to Plan Net Assets

Total additions to the TRA Fund during fiscal year 2005 were \$1.9 billion, a 24 percent decrease from the \$2.5 billion in fiscal year 2004. Most of the decrease was due to weaker, but still solid investment returns during fiscal year 2005, as compared to fiscal year 2004.

Total retirement contributions for fiscal year 2005 increased about \$8.5 million from the previous fiscal year for a combined fiscal year 2005 total of about \$318.7 million. Retirement contributions are calculated at 5 percent employee and 5 percent employer for

Plan Net Assets

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

	2005	2004	Change
Cash and Investments	\$ 17,790,761	\$ 16,800,405	\$ 990,356
Receivables	73,783	6,738	67,045
Other	<u>11,619</u>	<u>11,974</u>	<u>(355)</u>
Total Assets	17,876,163	16,819,117	1,057,046
Total Liabilities	<u>1,947,559</u>	<u>1,723,313</u>	<u>224,246</u>
Plan Net Assets	<u>\$ 15,928,604</u>	<u>\$ 15,095,804</u>	<u>\$ 832,800</u>

Changes in Plan Net Assets

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

	2005	2004	Change
Additions			
Member Contributions	\$ 160,982	\$ 159,140	\$ 1,842
Employer Contributions	157,693	151,029	6,664
Net Investment Gain	1,575,519	2,204,787	(629,268)
Other	<u>6,296</u>	<u>7,266</u>	<u>(970)</u>
Total Additions	\$ 1,900,490	\$ 2,522,222	\$ (621,732)
Deductions			
Monthly Benefits	\$ 1,048,441	\$ 1,008,411	\$ 40,030
Refunds of Contributions	6,744	6,862	(118)
Administrative Expenses	10,883	12,179	(1,296)
Other	<u>1,622</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>1,049</u>
Total Deductions	\$ 1,067,690	\$ 1,028,025	\$ 39,665
Change in Plan Net Assets	<u>\$ 832,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,494,197</u>	<u>\$ (661,397)</u>

Coordinated members. Members may also pay contributions to reinstate previously withdrawn service credit. During and prior to fiscal year 2004, members were eligible to purchase various types of elective service credit; however, legislative authority for this service purchase provision expired before fiscal year 2005 began.

A positive net investment return of \$1.58 billion was achieved for fiscal year 2005. This amount decreased from fiscal year 2004 when a net investment gain of \$2.20 billion occurred. Investment returns for the TRA Active Fund and the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund were 11.0 percent and 10.5 percent, respectively, for fiscal year 2005. During fiscal year 2004, the comparable investment returns were 16.6 percent (Active Fund) and 16.3 percent (Post Fund).

Expenses - Deductions From Plan Net Assets

The primary expenses of TRA include the payment of pension benefits to members and beneficiaries, refunds of contributions to former members, and the cost of administering the system. Retirement benefit expenses constitute over 98 percent of expenses and increased by about \$40 million due to new retirements and a cost-of-living adjustment of 2.50 percent on January 1, 2005, for most TRA benefit recipients. Refunds of \$6.7 million decreased slightly by about \$0.2 million during fiscal year 2005 from the fiscal year 2004 total of \$6.9 million. Administrative expenses declined 10.7 percent during the fiscal year - from \$12.2 million in fiscal year 2004 to about \$10.9 million for fiscal year 2005. Overall, fund expenses rose nearly \$40 million during fiscal year 2005 and will now exceed \$1 billion annually for the foreseeable future.

Summary

Due to the long-term nature of defined benefit plans, one must review the financial performance of TRA over a period of years and not an isolated point in time. Although the TRA Fund met and exceeded its 8.5 percent earnings assumption for the past two years, the accrued liability funding ratio slipped to 98.51 percent as of June 30, 2005. The main reason for the decline is from the calculation of the actuarial value of assets, smoothed over a five-year period. Substantial investment losses from fiscal years 2001-2003 were part of the five-year smoothing calculation for the June 30, 2005 actuarial value of assets. With the investment losses from those years now recognized, the investment gains from the past two years should begin to improve the TRA funding picture, prospectively. The Board of Trustees will strive to achieve a fully funded financial position of the Association through the State Board of Investment's prudent investment program and long-term strategic planning for Association operations.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide the Board of Trustees, members and other users of the financial report with a general overview of the Association's finances and to demonstrate its accountability with the money it holds in trust. If you have any questions about this report or require additional financial information, please contact the Teachers Retirement Association, 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103.

Teachers Retirement Fund

Statement of Plan Net Assets

As of June 30, 2005

Assets

Cash and short-term investments	
Cash	\$ 1,190,226
Building Account Cash	15,604
Short-term investments	90,800,447
Total Cash and Short-term Investments	\$ 92,006,277
Receivables	
Employer Contributions	\$ 10,397,148
Due from the Post Fund	63,154,812
Investment Income	228,612
Bond Interest	2,665
Total Receivables	\$ 73,783,237
Investments (at fair value)	
Equity in the Post Fund	\$ 8,560,642,762
Fixed Income Pool	1,703,690,442
Alternative Investments Pool	728,444,294
Indexed Equity Pool	1,190,443,117
Domestic Equity Pool	2,501,385,335
Global Equity Pool	1,084,832,814
Total Investments	\$ 15,769,438,764
Securities Lending Collateral	\$ 1,929,314,788
Building	
Land	\$ 171,166
Building and Equipment	11,820,115
Reserve for Building Depreciation	(1,180,805)
Deferred Bond Charge	145,856
Reserve for Deferred Bond Charge Amortization	(20,118)
Total Building	\$ 10,936,214
Fixed Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 683,419
Total Assets	\$ 17,876,162,699

Liabilities

Current	
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,189,051
Accrued Compensated Absences	676,073
Accrued Expenses - Building	986
Bonds Payable	210,000
Bonds Interest Payable	52,237
Securities Lending Collateral	1,929,314,788
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,935,443,135
Long Term	
Short-Term Retainage Payable	1,465,697
Bonds Payable	10,650,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,947,558,832
Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits	\$ 15,928,603,867

(A Schedule of Funding Progress for the plan is presented on page 30.)
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Teachers Retirement Fund

Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Additions

Contributions

Employee.....	\$	160,982,004
Employer.....		157,693,090
Earnings Limitation Savings Account (ELSA).....		2,985,078
Total Contributions	\$	<u>321,660,172</u>

Investment Income

Net Appreciation in Fair Value		
Investment Pools		146,033,745
MPRIF Participation.....		(2,755,546)
Interest		90,316,828
Dividends.....		447,447,973
Net Gain on Sales of Pools.....		71,146,048
MN Post-Retirement Fund: Distributed Income		840,153,252
Less Investment Expenses.....		<u>(22,236,135)</u>
Net Investment Income	\$	<u>1,570,106,165</u>

From Securities Lending Activities

Securities Lending Income.....	\$	45,128,620
Securities Lending Expenses:		
Borrower Rebates		(38,109,050)
Management Fees.....		<u>(1,606,194)</u>
Total Securities Lending Expenses.....		<u>(39,715,244)</u>
Net Income from Securities Lending		<u>5,413,376</u>
Total Net Investment Income	\$	<u>1,575,519,541</u>
Other Income.....	\$	<u>3,310,681</u>
Total Additions (subtractions)	\$	<u>1,900,490,394</u>

Deductions

Retirement Benefits Paid.....	\$	1,045,455,447
Earnings Limitation Savings Account (ELSA).....		2,985,078
Refunds of Contributions to Members.....		6,744,116
Administrative Expenses.....		10,883,151
Interest Paid to the Post Fund.....		<u>1,622,386</u>
Total Deductions	\$	<u>1,067,690,178</u>

Net Increase (decrease)

	\$	832,800,216
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Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits

Beginning of Year	\$	15,095,803,651
End of Year	\$	<u>15,928,603,867</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Organization

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multi-employer, cost-sharing retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (coordinated with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. Assets of the fund may be used to pay benefits to both Basic and Coordinated members without legal restriction.

B. Participating Members and Employers

Teachers employed in Minnesota’s public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain educational institutions maintained by the state (except those teachers employed by the cities of Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Paul, and by the University of Minnesota system) are required to be TRA members.

State university, community college, and technical college teachers first employed by the Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) may elect TRA coverage within 90 days of first employment. Alternatively, these teachers may elect coverage through the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCR) administered by MnSCU. A teacher employed by MnSCU and electing coverage by DCR is not a member of TRA except for purposes of Social Security coverage.

A schedule of employer units and membership is presented in *Figure 1*.

C. Benefit Provisions

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon the death of eligible members. All benefits vest after three years of eligible service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member’s highest average salary

for any consecutive 60 months of allowable service, age and years of formula service credit at termination of service. TRA members belong to either the Basic or Coordinated Plan. Coordinated members are covered by Social Security while Basic members are not. All new TRA members must participate in the Coordinated Plan. TRA currently has two active members who participate as Basic members.

Two methods, or tiers, are used to compute benefits for Coordinated and Basic members who were first hired prior to July 1, 1989. Under Tier I, the annuity accrual rate for Basic members is 2.2 percent of average salary for each of the first 10 years of service and 2.7 percent for each remaining year. For a Coordinated member, the annuity accrual rate is 1.2 percent of average

Figure 1

Employer Units	
June 30, 2005	
Independent school districts	345
Joint powers units	38
Colleges and universities	39
State agencies	6
Charter schools	136
Professional organizations	<u>1</u>
Total Employer Units	<u><u>565</u></u>
Membership	
June 30, 2005	
Retirees, disabilitants and beneficiaries receiving benefits	38,957
Terminated employees with deferred vested benefits	<u>9,880</u>
Total	<u><u>48,837</u></u>
Current employees	
Vested	57,941
Non-vested	<u>16,611</u>
Total	<u><u>74,552</u></u>

salary for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent for each remaining year. Under Tier II, the annuity accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent of average salary for each year of service. Coordinated members first hired after June 30, 1989, are only eligible for Tier II benefits.

A full annuity is available when age plus years of service equals at least 90 for members whose annuity is calculated under Tier I. For members first hired after June 30, 1989, full retirement annuity benefits are available upon reaching their normal Social Security retirement age, not to exceed 66 years of age. A reduced retirement annuity is also available to eligible members seeking retirement early.

The benefit provisions stated in the preceding paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated members who are entitled to benefits but are not yet receiving them are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service. Pension benefits are funded from member and employer contributions and income from investment of fund assets.

D. Reporting Entity

TRA functions as a statutory entity created by the Laws of 1931, Chapter 406. The Association maintains rights to sue or be sued in its own name and to hold property in its own name. For financial reporting purposes, TRA is considered a pension trust fund of the state of Minnesota and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with its fiduciary funds.

The State of Minnesota acts as a fiduciary and trustee of TRA's funds. The Board of Trustees has significant independence in the operations and management of the Association, though the State Legislature actually determines the contribution rates for members and employers. The Board of Trustees is responsible for TRA's administration, but the State Board of Investment (SBI) is responsible for investing plan assets.

E. Basis of Accounting

TRA financial statements for its defined benefit fund are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employee and employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which they are due pursuant to Minnesota Statute. Expenses including benefit payments and refunds are recorded when the liability is due and payable according to Minnesota Statute.

TRA and the State of Minnesota implemented the following new accounting standard issues by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005:

Statement No. 40: *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*. Statement No. 40 amends Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*. Statement No. 40 revises the existing requirements regarding disclosure of custodial credit risk, as required by Statement No. 3 and establishes new requirements for disclosures regarding credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

F. Investment Policies and Valuation Methodology

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 11A, the state's retirement fund assets are commingled in various pooled investment accounts, administered by the State Board of Investment (SBI). As of June 30, 2005, the TRA Fund's share of the Active Member Funds administered by SBI at fair value was approximately 35.8 percent (\$7.3 billion - TRA and \$20.4 billion - total). The TRA share of the net assets of the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (Post Fund) at fair values totaled 44.3 percent (\$8.6 billion - TRA and \$19.4 billion - total). *Figure 2* provides specific totals of TRA investments by category.

Figure 2

TRA Investment Portfolio		
June 30, 2005		
Basic (Active) Fund	Cost	Fair
Pooled Accounts		
Fixed Income	\$ 1,746,295,125	\$1,703,690,442
Domestic Equity	2,602,460,138	2,501,385,335
Indexed Equity	1,078,061,956	1,190,443,117
Global Equity	1,041,034,574	1,084,832,814
Alternative Investments	685,742,558	728,444,294
Total	<u>\$ 7,153,594,351</u>	<u>\$7,208,796,002</u>
Short-Term Pooled Cash	90,800,447	90,800,447
Post Fund Account	10,438,051,358	8,560,642,762
Total Invested	<u>\$17,682,446,156</u>	<u>\$15,860,239,211</u>

2. Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.24, broadly restricts retirement fund investments to obligations and stocks of United States and Canadian governments, their agencies and their registered corporations; short-term obligations of specified high quality; restricted participation as a limited partner in venture capital, real estate or resource equity investments; restricted participation in registered mutual funds; and some qualified foreign instruments.
3. Information about the primary government's (State of Minnesota) investments, including credit risk classification, can be obtained from the Department of Finance, 400 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155. Information on investment activity, investment management fees and a listing of specific investments owned by the pooled asset accounts can be obtained from SBI, Suite 355, 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103.
4. Investments in the pooled accounts are reported at fair value. *Figure 2* provides a summary of the cost and fair values of the investments as of June 30, 2005, as reported on the Statement of Plan Net Assets. Short-term investments are reported at cost which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued using the last reported trade price. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent yearly appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

Investment income is recognized as earned. Accrued investment income of the pooled investment accounts is included in participation in the accounts. Gains or losses on sales or exchanges are recognized on the transaction date.

Net Investment Income is summarized on the Statement of Changes in Net Plan Assets. The summarized amounts show a net investment gain of \$1,570,106,165 for fiscal year 2005. On page 23, *Figure 3* shows the various components of these composite amounts, including TRA's share of the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund.

The cost of security transactions is included in the transaction price. Administrative expenses of SBI and investment management fees of the external money managers and the state's master custodian for pension fund assets are allocated to the funds participating in the pooled investment accounts (see page 35). TRA's share of these expenses totaled are:

TRA Active Fund	\$ 9,892,718
MN Post Retirement Fund	<u>12,343,417</u>
Total	<u>\$ 22,236,135</u>

Figure 3

Net Investment Income	
Investment Income	Fiscal Year 2005
Net Appreciation in Fair Value: Investment Pools (Active Fund).....	\$ 146,033,745
Net Depreciation in Fair Value: Post Fund Participation	(2,755,546)
Net Gain on Sales of Investment Pools	71,146,048
Interest	90,316,828
Dividends.....	447,447,973
MN Post-Retirement Fund: Distributed Income	840,153,252
Less Investment Expenses.....	(22,236,135)
Net Investment Income	\$ 1,570,106,165

A detailed schedule of fees and commissions by brokerage firm, along with the number of shares traded, total commissions, and commissions per share may be obtained by writing:

Minnesota State Board of Investment
60 Empire Drive, Suite 355
St. Paul, MN 55103-3555

G. Securities Lending

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 28 Disclosures

TRA does not own specific securities, but instead owns shares in pooled funds invested by SBI that is authorized to use securities lending transactions in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 356A.06, subdivision 7, and has, pursuant to a Custodial Trust Agreement, authorized State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, to act as agent in lending securities to broker-dealers and banks.

During the fiscal year, State Street lent, at the direction of the SBI, certain securities held by State Street as custodian and received cash (United States and foreign currency), securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government, sovereign debt of foreign countries, and irrevocable bank letters of credit

as collateral. State Street did not have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities delivered therefore absent a borrower default. Borrowers were required to deliver collateral for each loan in amounts equal to not less than one hundred two percent (102 percent) of the market value of the loaned securities.

SBI did not impose any restrictions during the fiscal year on the amount of the loans that State Street made on its behalf. There were no failures by any borrowers to return loaned securities or pay distributions thereon during the fiscal year. Moreover, there were no losses during the fiscal year resulting from a default of the borrowers or State Street.

During fiscal year 2005, SBI and the borrowers maintained the right to terminate all securities lending transactions on demand. The cash collateral received on each loan was invested in a separate investment pool. As of June 30, 2005, such investment pool had an average duration of 37 days and an average weighted maturity of 403 days. Because the loans were terminable at will, their duration did not generally match the duration of the investments made with cash collateral. On June 30, 2005, SBI had no credit risk exposure to borrowers. TRA's portion of the cash collateral held and the fair value of securities on loan from SBI as of June 30, 2005, were \$1,929,314,788 and

\$1,880,534,993 respectively. Cash collateral is reported on the Statement of Plan Net Assets as an asset. Liabilities resulting from these securities lending transactions are also reported on the Statement of Plan Net Assets.

H. Investment Risk

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 40 Disclosures

The Minnesota State Board of Investment (SBI) is responsible for the investing of TRA assets. The following disclosures apply to TRA investments. Cash deposit disclosures are included in Note I, M.

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty to an investment will be unable to fulfill its obligations. The State Board of Investment (SBI) has policies designed to minimize credit risk. They may invest funds in governmental obligations provided the issue is backed by the full faith and credit of the issuer or the issue is rated among the top four quality rating categories by a nationally recognized rating agency. They may invest funds in corporate obligations provided the issue is rated among the top four quality categories by a nationally recognized rating agency. They may also invest in unrated corporate obligations or in corporate obligations that are not rated among the top four quality categories provided that:

- The aggregate value of these obligations may not exceed 5 percent of the fund for which the state board is investing;
- Participation is limited to 50 percent of a single offering; and
- Participation is limited to 25 percent of an issuer's obligations.

SBI may also invest in bankers acceptances, deposit notes of U.S. banks, certificates of deposit, mortgage securities, and asset backed securities rated in the top four quality categories by a nationally recognized rating agency. Commercial paper must be rated in the top two categories.

TRA's share of the SBI's exposure to credit risk, based on S & P Quality Ratings, is as follows:

Quality Rating	Fair Value (in thousands)
BBB or Better	\$5,851,851
BB or Lower	178,744
Not Rated	537,865

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt instruments could adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The State Board of Investment does not have a policy on interest rate risk. TRA's share of the debt securities are held in external investment pools and have the following weighted average maturities:

Security	Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)
Cash Equivalents	0.29
U.S. Agencies	3.67
Corporate Debt	6.89
U.S. Treasuries	7.59
Municipal Bonds	7.67
Asset-Backed Securities	15.54
Mortgage-Backed Securities	24.11

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies could adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Government obligations, including guaranteed or insured issues of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the African Development Bank, must pay interest and principal in U.S. dollars. The principal and interest of obligations of corporations, including those corporations incorporated or organized under the laws of the Dominion of Canada or any province thereof, must also be paid in U.S. dollars. TRA's share of investments as of June 30, 2005, were distributed among the following currencies as shown in *Figure 4*.

Figure 4

Assessment of Currency Risk International Investment Securities at Fair Value			
Currency	Cash	Debt	Equity
Australian Dollar			\$ 40,922,278
Canadian Dollar			50,558,429
Euro		\$ 14,188,173	290,578,592
Hong Kong Dollar			30,437,032
Indian Rupee			9,054,835
Japanese Yen			185,213,002
New Taiwan Dollar			17,076,278
Norwegian Krone			9,015,750
Pound Sterling			216,942,363
South African Rand			12,051,675
South Korean Won			18,345,198
Swedish Krona			18,431,500
Swiss Franc			67,010,347
Other	\$ 12,049,803	\$ 2,771,560	\$ 41,870,646
Total	\$ 12,049,803	\$ 16,959,733	\$ 1,007,507,925

I. Accrued Compensated Absences

Employees of TRA accrue vacation leave, sick leave, and compensatory leave at various rates within limits specified in collective bargaining agreements. Accumulated amounts for compensated absences are accrued when incurred. Such leave is liquidated in cash primarily at the time of termination of employment. We estimate that \$305,413 is considered a short-term liability. The total, \$676,073 is shown as a liability on the Statement of Plan Net Assets. The total increased \$142,541 during fiscal year 2005.

J. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at the time of acquisition at cost. Assets with a cost in excess of \$2,000 are capitalized. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line method over the useful life of the related assets. The estimated useful lives by major category are: computer equipment (3 years), general office equipment (5 years) and modular office furniture (10 years).

Capital assets are presented on the June 30, 2005, Statement of Plan Net Assets. The year-end balance plus changes during the year are:

	June 30 2005	June 30 2004	Change
Cost Value	\$ 3,400,912	\$ 3,437,720	\$ (36,808)
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,717,493</u>	<u>2,704,733</u>	<u>12,760</u>
Net Fixed Asset Value	<u>\$ 683,419</u>	<u>\$ 732,987</u>	<u>\$ (49,568)</u>

K. Administrative Expenses and Budget

The annual budget of TRA operations is developed by TRA management and approved by the Board of Trustees. The budget is also sent to the Minnesota Department of Finance for policy analysis and is included in the Governor's Biennial Budget presentation to the legislature. The legislature adopts appropriation and expenditure limitations resulting in an approved budget for the Association.

TRA administrative costs are not financed through any specific type of contribution or other income of the Fund. Administrative costs are budgeted in the annual determination of the necessary rate for total employee and employer contributions (page 66, line B3).

L. Retainage

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, TRA retains 10 percent of professional/technical billings from vendors until successful completion of the contractual obligations. As of June 30, 2005, TRA has a long-term liability of \$1,465,697 established to represent contractual payments reasonably expected to be paid upon successful completion of the contract. The schedule on page 36 details the retainage held.

On June 30, 2004, the long-term liability of retainage was \$1,505,491. The fiscal year 2005 decrease was \$39,794. The majority of retainage under these contracts is expected to be paid during fiscal year 2006.

M. Cash

Cash on deposit consists of year-end receipts not processed as of the investment cutoff on June 30. TRA cash funds are held in the state treasury where they are commingled with other state funds. Minnesota Statutes, section 9.031, requires that deposits be secured by depository insurance and collateral shall be in amounts sufficient to ensure that deposits do not exceed 90 percent of the sum of the insured amount and the market value of the collateral. Throughout fiscal year 2005, the combined depository insurance and collateral was sufficient to meet legal requirements and secure all TRA deposits.

N. Accounts Receivable

Amounts classified as accounts receivable consist primarily of member and employer contributions received after the fiscal year end on salaries earned prior to June 30, 2005. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 354.52, subdivision 4, TRA employers must remit contributions within 14 days after the member is paid.

If contributions are not remitted in a timely manner, interest at a rate of 8.5 percent, compounded annually, is assessed. If contributions are not received within 60 days of notification by TRA, the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to deduct the balance due TRA from state aids or appropriations due to that employer unit.

O. Improved Money Purchase (IMP)

Some TRA members first hired prior to July 1, 1969, are eligible for the Improved Money Purchase (IMP) savings clause of Minnesota Statutes, section 354.55, subdivision 17. Eligibility is limited to those teachers who did not formally elect a specific retirement provision by June 30, 1972. Under the savings clause, eligible members obtain the higher of two benefit provisions: 1) The Defined Benefit Provisions described in Note I, C, or 2) an IMP annuity based on their accumulated employee contributions plus compounded interest and an employer match of 120 percent.

Beginning with fiscal year 1999, significant numbers of retiring members discovered that their IMP benefit was higher than the High-Five Average Formula benefit. This phenomenon occurred as strong annual investment returns during the 1990s generated high interest rates compounding on large employee contribution balances accumulated after long teaching careers. The effect will become less pronounced in periods of low or negative investment performance.

TRA has identified those members who are eligible for the IMP provision. For these members, the actuarial valuation presented estimates retirement benefit amounts under both the IMP provision and the High-Five average salary formula. The liability presented for that member is the higher of the two methods.

As of June 30, 2005, approximately 650 active members are eligible for the IMP provision. Assuming IMP eligibility remains limited to the existing, closed group of members, TRA management believes the actuarial impact of the remaining IMP-eligible members will not adversely harm the overall financial integrity of the fund.

P. Earnings Limitation Savings Account (ELSA)

Teachers under age 65 who resume teaching service for a TRA-covered employer after retirement are subject to an annual earnings limitation based on the cost-of-living index used by Social Security. If a member earns more than the limitation, which changes each January 1, the annuity payable during the following calendar year will be offset one dollar for each two dollars earned in excess of the limitation. The calendar year 2004 limit was \$11,640 and the calendar year 2005 limit was \$12,000.

The 2000 Legislature modified the way in which the earning limits are handled. Previously, any pension benefits withheld due to excess earnings reverted back to the TRA Fund. Under the new law, the pension offset amounts are redirected to a separate savings account, called the Earnings Limitation Savings Account (ELSA), and later distributed to the retiree. At age 65 or one year after termination of teaching, whichever is later, the retiree receives a lump-sum payment of the total offset amount in their ELSA account. Six percent interest compounded annually accrues on ELSA accounts.

As of June 30, 2005, TRA had 1,092 retirees who had exceeded the earnings limitation since the program's inception and had an ELSA account established. The total dollar value of ELSA accounts totaled \$9.49 million. The total dollar amount of pension benefits withheld due to excess earnings during fiscal year 2005 was \$2.99 million. ELSA assets are invested in the TRA Active Fund until distribution. Distributions of ELSA accounts for 23 retirees occurred during fiscal year 2005 and totaled \$98,554 and are included as a deduction in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets as a component of Refund of Contributions to Members.

Q. Participating Pension Plan

All 85 employees of the Teachers Retirement Association are covered by the defined benefit plan administered by TRA. All TRA

employees participate in the Coordinated Plan. TRA employees are eligible for the plan provisions described in Note I, C.

Minnesota Statutes Section 354.42 sets the rates for the employee and employer contributions. These statutes are established and amended by the state legislature. As of June 30, 2005, Coordinated members are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their annual covered salary. Employer contribution rates matched the rates paid by the member of 5.0 percent for Coordinated members. Total covered payroll salaries for all TRA employees during fiscal year 2005 was approximately \$4.6 million. Total covered payroll salaries for the entire membership of TRA for fiscal year 2005 was approximately \$3.12 billion.

Employer pension contributions for TRA employees for the years ending June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$233,924, \$225,214 and \$224,845, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

R. Ownership of Office Building

The 1999 Legislature enacted authorization permitting TRA, the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), and the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) to purchase land and construct a 130,000 square foot office building to house the administrative offices of these three state entities. Ownership of the facility is prorated based on the amount of square footage each retirement system will occupy in the building. TRA's ownership share is 40 percent. The building is located on 4.3 acres of land at 60 Empire Drive in Saint Paul. The land was purchased in 1999 for \$428,988, of which TRA's share is \$171,166. TRA has occupied the 4th Floor of the building since September 2001.

In June 2000, the State of Minnesota, under the authority of the Commissioner of Finance, issued 30-year revenue bonds totaling \$29 million to pay for the construction of the facility. Each owner (retirement system) is responsible for principal and interest payments based on its ownership percentage. These bonds are backed by the assets of the three retirement systems, excluding equity interest

in the Minnesota Post-Retirement Investment Fund (MPRIF). At fiscal year end, TRA's share of the bonds payable is \$10,860,000. The bond payable decreased by \$200,000 during the year. Interest expected to be paid over the remaining term of the bonds is \$10,117,778. In *Figure 5*, TRA's share of the long-term bond repayment schedule including interest is summarized.

TRA's share of bond issuance costs are shown on the Statement of Plan Net Assets as Deferred Bond Charges and will be amortized over the 30-year life of the bonds.

TRA is depreciating its share of the facility over 40 years. The following depreciation schedule (*Figure 6*) summarizes the asset valuation of the office building.

Figure 5

Schedule of Building Debt Service Payments			
June 30, 2005			
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total Principal and Interest
2006	\$ 210,000	\$ 626,848	\$ 836,848
2007	\$ 220,000	\$ 615,560	\$ 835,560
2008	\$ 230,000	\$ 603,735	\$ 833,735
2009	\$ 240,000	\$ 591,373	\$ 831,373
2010	\$ 250,000	\$ 578,473	\$ 828,473
2011	\$ 270,000	\$ 565,035	\$ 835,035
2012	\$ 280,000	\$ 550,455	\$ 830,455
2013	\$ 300,000	\$ 535,195	\$ 835,195
2014	\$ 310,000	\$ 518,695	\$ 828,695
2015	\$ 330,000	\$ 501,490	\$ 831,490
2016	\$ 350,000	\$ 483,010	\$ 833,010
2017	\$ 370,000	\$ 463,235	\$ 833,235
2018	\$ 390,000	\$ 442,145	\$ 832,145
2019	\$ 420,000	\$ 419,720	\$ 839,720
2020	\$ 440,000	\$ 395,570	\$ 835,570
2021	\$ 470,000	\$ 370,050	\$ 840,050
2022	\$ 500,000	\$ 342,438	\$ 842,438
2023	\$ 530,000	\$ 313,063	\$ 843,063
2024	\$ 560,000	\$ 281,925	\$ 841,925
2025	\$ 600,000	\$ 249,025	\$ 849,025
2026	\$ 630,000	\$ 213,775	\$ 843,775
2027	\$ 670,000	\$ 176,763	\$ 846,763
2028	\$ 720,000	\$ 137,400	\$ 857,400
2029	\$ 760,000	\$ 94,200	\$ 854,200
2030	\$ 810,000	\$ 48,600	\$ 858,600
	<u>\$ 10,860,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,117,778</u>	<u>\$ 20,977,778</u>

Figure 6

Office Building Depreciation Schedule	
June 30, 2005	
Historical Cost	\$ 11,820,115
FY 2005 Depreciation Amount	(295,028)
(Depreciation amount is net of \$705 for disposal of building equipment)	
Prior Year Accumulated Depreciation	(885,777)
Net Asset Value of Building	<u>\$ 10,639,310</u>

II. Contributions Required and Made

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the rates (page 64) for employee and employer contributions. These rates, expressed as level percentages of annual covered payroll, are determined to accumulate sufficient assets for paying benefits. Level percentage of payroll contribution rates are calculated using the entry age normal actuarial funding method. TRA also uses the level percentage of payroll method to amortize the fund's unfunded liability over a closed period ending June 30, 2020.

Contributions totaling \$318,675,094 (\$160,982,004 employee and \$157,693,090 employer) were made in accordance with the actuarially determined contribution requirements. On page 66, contributions are projected as sufficient to meet the required normal costs.

The sufficiency as a percent of covered payroll is 0.95 percent. This translates into a contribution sufficiency of about \$32.2 million projected for fiscal year 2006. The Minnesota Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement annually reviews the adequacy of TRA's statutory contributions.

III. Reserve Accounts

A. Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (Post Fund)

For all retiring members, the reserves required to pay the cost of retirement benefits are transferred from the TRA Fund to the Post Fund which is managed by SBI. Participation in the Post Fund is shown at the actuarially determined required reserves level (cost basis) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.18, subdivision 7. The cost basis represents the estimated present value of future benefit payments promised to all current TRA benefit recipients.

The cost basis also includes a 6 percent assumed income distribution and any mortality gains or losses as determined by an independent actuary hired by the state legislature. As of June 30, 2005, TRA's share of the net assets of the Post Fund is \$10.44 billion at cost and \$8.56 billion at fair value.

The Post Fund income available for distribution is determined using a post-retirement benefit increase formula based on total investment return rather than realized earnings.

This formula contains both an inflation adjustment and an investment component (pages 44-45). Annuitants and other individuals receiving benefits as of July 1, 2004, are eligible to receive the full January 1, 2006, benefit increase shown in *Figure 7*.

Figure 7

January 1, 2006 Benefit Increase	
Inflation-Based Benefit Increase	2.500%
Investment-Based Benefit Increase	0.000%
Total Benefit Increase	<u>2.500%</u>

Benefit recipients whose effective date of retirement is after July 1, 2004, but before June 2, 2005, receive a prorated amount of the January 1, 2006 benefit increase.

B. Member Reserves

Accumulated member contributions, without interest, less the amounts refunded are recorded in the member reserve. Accumulated member contributions for current retirees are transferred to the Post Fund upon retirement. Employees who terminate their employment prior to retirement may elect to receive a refund of their contributions plus interest or wait for a deferred benefit.

Amounts from ELSA Accounts (Note I, P) are considered as a member reserve since these funds are reserved to specific retirees participating in ELSA.

C. Benefit Reserves

Employer contributions and investment income are recorded in the Benefit Reserve Designation. Administrative expenses, survivor and disability benefits, investment management fees, and interest paid to the Post Fund for late reserve transfers are paid from the benefit reserve.

Required Supplemental Schedules

Schedule of Employer Contributions (Unaudited)

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Year Ended June 30	Actuarially Required Contrib. Rate (A)	Actual Covered Payroll (B)	Actual Employee Contributions (C)	Annual Required Contribution [(A) x (B)] - (C)	Actual Employer Contribution ⁽¹⁾	Percentage Contributed
1996	14.30%	2,268,390	148,051	176,329	184,495	104.63%
1997	12.78%	2,359,011	154,161	147,321	191,670	130.10%
1998	9.55% ⁽²⁾	2,422,957	124,096	107,296	151,323	141.03%
1999	8.39% ⁽²⁾	2,625,254	132,040	88,219	130,526	147.96%
2000	8.36% ⁽²⁾	2,704,575	138,696	87,406	134,419	153.79%
2001	7.92% ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	2,812,000	145,075	77,635	139,799	180.07%
2002	7.85% ⁽²⁾	2,873,771	152,331	73,260	142,222	194.13%
2003	7.57% ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	2,952,887	155,577	67,957	149,481	219.96%
2004	8.37%	3,032,483	159,140	94,679	151,029	159.52%
2005	8.46%	3,121,557	160,982	103,103	157,693	152.95%
2006	9.05%					

⁽¹⁾Includes contributions from other sources (if applicable).

⁽²⁾ Actuarially Received Contribution Rate calculated according to the parameters of GASB 25 using a 30-year amortization of the negative unfunded accrued liability.

⁽³⁾ Actuarially Required Contribution Rate prior to change in Actuarial Assumptions and Asset Valuation Method is 7.31%.

⁽⁴⁾ Actuarially Required Contribution Rate prior to change in Actuarial Assumptions is 8.11%

Schedule of Funding Progress (Unaudited)

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (A)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (B)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (B - A)	Funded Ratio (A / B)	Actual Covered Payroll (Previous FY) (C)	UAAL as Percentage of Covered Payroll (B - A) / (C)
07/01/96	9,541,221	10,366,168	824,947	92.04%	2,268,390	36.37%
07/01/97	11,103,759	10,963,637	(140,122)	101.28%	2,359,011	-5.94%
07/01/98	12,727,546	12,046,312	(681,234)	105.66%	2,422,957	-28.12%
07/01/99	14,011,247	13,259,569	(751,678)	105.67%	2,625,254	-28.63%
07/01/00	15,573,151	14,802,441	(770,710)	105.21%	2,704,575	-28.50%
07/01/01	16,834,024	15,903,984	(930,040)	105.85%	2,812,000	-33.07%
07/01/02	17,378,994	16,503,099	(875,895)	105.31%	2,873,771	-30.48%
07/01/03	17,384,179	16,856,379	(527,800)	103.13%	2,952,887	-17.87%
07/01/04	17,519,909	17,518,784	(1,125)	100.01%	3,032,483	-0.04%
07/01/05	17,752,917	18,021,410	268,493	98.51%	3,121,571	8.60%

Teachers Retirement Association

Notes to the Required Supplemental Schedules (Unaudited)

June 30, 2005

Valuation date	July 1, 2005
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll assuming payroll increases of 5.00 percent per annum
Remaining amortization period	15 years remaining as of July 1, 2005 (changed from prior valuation)
Asset valuation method	Market Value, adjusted for amortization obligations receivable at the end of each fiscal year, less a percentage of the Unrecognized Asset Return determined at the close of each of the four preceding fiscal years. Unrecognized Asset Return is the difference between actual net return on Market Value of Assets and the asset return expected during that fiscal year (based on the assumed interest rate employed in the July 1 Actuarial Valuation of the fiscal year).

Actuarial assumptions

Investment rate of return:

Pre-retirement	8.50 percent per annum
Post-retirement	6.00 percent per annum
Projected salary increases	Select and ultimate rates by age, with ultimate rates of 5.00 percent - 6.00 percent
Inflation rate	5.00 percent per annum

Plan membership

Pensioners and beneficiaries receiving benefits	38,957
Terminated vested members entitled to, but not yet receiving benefits	9,880
Other terminated non-vested members	19,151
Active members	74,552
Total	<u>142,540</u>

Teachers Retirement Fund

Schedule of Changes in Plan Net Assets

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Additions	Member
Contributions:	
Member Contributions	\$ 160,154,431
Employer Contributions	0
Earnings Limitation Savings Account (ELSA)	2,985,078
Total Contributions	<u>163,139,509</u>
Investment Income:	
Net Appreciation in FMV	0
Interest	0
Dividends	0
Net Gain on Sales of Pools	0
Distributed Income from Post Fund	0
Investment Management Fees	0
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>0</u>
From Securities Lending Activities:	
Securities Lending Income	0
Securities Lending Borrower Rebates	0
Securities Lending Management Fees	0
Net Income from Securities Lending	<u>0</u>
Other Income	0
Total Additions (Subtractions)	<u>\$ 163,139,509</u>
Deductions	
Benefits Paid	\$ 0
Earnings Limitation Savings Account (ELSA)	0
Refunds of Member Contributions	6,567,786
Administrative Expenses	0
Interest Paid Post Fund	0
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,567,786</u>
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$ 156,571,723
Other Changes in Reserves	
Annuities Awarded	\$ (85,464,496)
Other Transfers	810,813
Change in Assumptions	0
Mortality Loss (Gain)	0
Total Other Changes	<u>\$ (84,653,683)</u>
Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits	
Beginning of Year	1,632,995,023
End of Year	<u>\$ 1,704,913,063</u>

Note: Reserve amounts rounded to nearest dollar.

Reserves for 2005

Post Fund	Benefit	Total June 30, 2005
\$ 0	\$ 827,573	\$ 160,982,004
0	157,693,090	157,693,090
0	0	2,985,078
<u>0</u>	<u>158,520,663</u>	<u>321,660,172</u>
(2,755,546)	146,033,745	143,278,199
0	90,316,828	90,316,828
0	447,447,973	447,447,973
0	71,146,048	71,146,048
840,153,252	0	840,153,252
(12,343,416)	(9,892,719)	(22,236,135)
<u>825,054,290</u>	<u>745,051,875</u>	<u>1,570,106,165</u>
24,933,181	20,195,439	45,128,620
(21,083,369)	(17,025,681)	(38,109,050)
(879,180)	(727,014)	(1,606,194)
<u>2,970,632</u>	<u>2,442,744</u>	<u>5,413,376</u>
0	3,310,681	3,310,681
<u>\$ 828,024,922</u>	<u>\$ 909,325,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,490,394</u>
\$ 1,032,459,190	\$ 12,996,257	\$ 1,045,455,447
2,985,078	0	2,985,078
0	176,330	6,744,116
0	10,883,151	10,883,151
0	1,622,386	1,622,386
<u>\$ 1,035,444,268</u>	<u>\$ 25,678,124</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,690,178</u>
\$ (207,419,346)	\$ 883,647,839	\$ 832,800,216
\$ 609,541,622	\$ (524,077,126)	\$ 0
0	(810,813)	0
0	0	0
(59,781,204)	59,781,204	0
<u>\$ 549,760,418</u>	<u>\$ (465,106,735)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
8,218,301,689	5,244,506,939	15,095,803,651
<u>\$ 8,560,642,761</u>	<u>\$ 5,663,048,043</u>	<u>\$ 15,928,603,867</u>

Administrative Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Personal Services

Salaries.....	\$ 4,615,438
Employer Contributions to Teachers Retirement Association	233,924
Employer Contributions to Social Security	329,392
Insurance Contributions.....	847,716
Employee Training.....	11,471
Workers' Compensation.....	4,451
Subtotal	\$ 6,042,392

Communication

Duplicating and Printing Expense	\$ 145,455
Postage	441,863
Telephone.....	63,539
Subtotal	\$ 650,857

Office Building Maintenance

Lease of Office and Storage Space	\$ 1,346
Building and Operating Expenses.....	483,787
Rental of Office Machines/Furnishings	50,959
Repairs and Maintenance.....	173,731
Building Depreciation.....	295,733
Deferred Bond Charge Amortization	5,030
Bond Interest Expense	636,702
Subtotal	\$ 1,647,288

Professional Services

Actuarial Services.....	\$ 153,186
Audit Fees	55,872
Computer Support Services	767,264
Legal Fees.....	18,300
Management Consultant Services.....	183,398
Medical Services.....	43,363
Systems Development (FROST)	825,100
Subtotal	\$ 2,046,483

Other Operating Expenses

Department Head Expenses.....	\$ 1,487
Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment	194,963
Dues and Subscriptions.....	9,610
Insurance Expense	3,081
Miscellaneous Administrative Expenses	26,037
Office Relocation.....	11,750
State Indirect Costs.....	44,746
Stationery and Office Supplies	143,604
Travel - Director and Staff.....	35,576
Travel - Trustees.....	23,667
Board Substitute Teachers.....	1,442
Loss of Disposal of Equipment.....	168
Subtotal	\$ 496,131

Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 10,883,151
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Schedule of Investment Management Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Investment Pool Managers	
Minnesota State Board of Investment	\$ 324,673
Financial Control Systems.....	51,139
Pension Consulting.....	7,411
Richards & Tierney	54,657
Equity Pool Managers	8,003,487
Bond Pool Managers	1,451,351
MPRIF Managers (Post Fund)	12,343,417
Total Investment Expenses	<u>\$ 22,236,135</u>

Schedule of Professional Consultant Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

MIS Programmers/Analysts	
BearingPoint	\$ 825,100
Computer Horizons	374,325
Keystone.....	336,861
Syscom	17,850
InterTech.....	38,228
Total MIS Programmers/Analysts Expenses	\$ 1,592,364
Management	
Maximus.....	\$ 181,853
MN Department of Administration	1,545
Total Management Expenses	\$ 183,398
Actuarial	
Buck/Mellon Consultants	\$ 89,600
Segal Company (LCPR).....	62,592
Milliman USA (LCPR).....	994
Total Actuarial Expenses	\$ 153,186
Legal	
Attorney General	\$ 17,834
Benchmark Reporting Agency	466
Total Legal Expenses.....	\$ 18,300
Audit	
Berwyn Group.....	\$ 11,251
Legislative Auditor	44,621
Total Audit Expenses	\$ 55,872
Medical	
Medical Evaluations.....	\$ 5,113
MN Department of Health.....	38,250
Total Medical Expenses.....	\$ 43,363
Total Consultant Expenses	<u>\$ 2,046,483</u>

Schedule of Retainage Payable

As of June 30, 2005

Vendor	Buck* Consultants	BearingPoint	Maximus	Total
Balance as of 07/01/04	\$16,406	\$ 1,358,905	\$ 130,179	\$ 1,505,491
Retained 07/01/04-06/30/05	6,562	82,510	19,852	108,925
Paid 07/01/04-06/30/05	—	—	(150,032)	(150,032)
Accrued 06/30/05	<u>1,312</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,312</u>
Balance as of 06/30/05	<u>\$24,281</u>	<u>\$ 1,441,415</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,465,696</u>

*Formerly Mellon Consulting

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State Board of Investment Letter

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INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

The assets of the Teacher Retirement Association are invested along with the assets of the Public Employees Retirement Association and the Minnesota State Retirement System under the direction and authority of the State Board of Investment in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 11A and 356A. The SBI includes Minnesota's governor, auditor, secretary of state and attorney general. The Legislature has established a 17-member Investment Advisory Council to advise the SBI and its staff on investment-related matters. TRA's executive director is a member of the Council.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Investment policy stipulates that the SBI will operate within standard investment practices of the prudent person. The SBI will exercise the judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs. This work is not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital, as well as the probable income to be derived from this activity (Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.09). The SBI is authorized to own government obligations, corporate obligations, various short-term obligations, corporate stocks, venture capital interests, mutual funds, resource investments and real estate interests subject to specific boundaries (Minnesota Statutes, Section 11A.24). Particularly, pension fund assets are to be invested for the exclusive benefit of the fund members (Minnesota Statutes, Section 356.001, subd. 1).

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

Pension fund assets are managed and accounted for separately in the SBI's Basic Funds and the Post Retirement Investment Fund. The SBI reviews the performance of all the assets in each fund and as two funds combined.

TRA's pension contributions from employees and employers are invested in the SBI's Basic Funds. TRA does not own any underlying assets, but instead owns a share of the asset class pools of the Basic Funds. Since these assets normally accumulate in the Basic Funds for thirty or more years, SBI's objective is to take advantage of the long investment time horizon offered by public and private investments in order to meet its actuarial return target of 8.5 percent annually and ensure that sufficient funds are available to finance promised benefits at the time of retirement.

When a member retires, TRA transfers assets on behalf of the member to the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (MPRIF). The assets of the MPRIF, which include the eight plans that participate in the Basic Fund and the Legislative and Survivors' Retirement Fund, finance monthly annuity payments paid to retirees. Monies in the MPRIF are generally invested somewhat more conservatively, but still heavily in equities, to take advantage of the 15-year to 20-year time horizon associated with the length of time a typical retiree can be expected to draw benefits. The actuarial return target for the MPRIF is 6 percent.

COMBINED FUNDS

The combined funds, while not existing under statute, represent the assets of the active and retired public employees who participate in the defined benefit plans of TRA, PERA, and MSRS. The SBI looks at the combined funds for comparison purposes only, since most public pension plans do not separate the assets of their active employees and retirees. The long-term objectives of the combined funds are to:

- Provide returns that are 3 to 5 percentage points greater than inflation over the latest 20-year period;
- Outperform a composite market index weighted in a manner that reflects the actual asset mix of the combined funds over the latest 10-year period.

As of June 30, 2005, the combined funds returned 7.5 percentage points above the Consumer Price Index over the last 20 years and outperformed the Composite Index by 0.3 percentage points over the past ten years.

INVESTMENT PRESENTATION

Data reported in the investment section of this comprehensive annual financial report is presented in conformance with the presentation standards of the Association for Investment Management and Research. Investment returns were prepared using a time-weighted rate of return methodology in accordance with those standards.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard Bicker
Executive Director

Investment Summary

Prepared by TRA management with data obtained from the State Board of Investment's Fiscal Year 2005 Annual Report

The assets of the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) are invested under the direction and authority of the State Board of Investment (SBI). The investment portfolio for the active members of TRA has a fair value of approximately \$7.3 billion. In addition, TRA's share of the assets of the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (Post Fund), from which retiree benefits are paid, is approximately \$8.6 billion, at fair value.

The four-member SBI Board consists of Governor Tim Pawlenty (Chair), Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer, Attorney General Michael Hatch, and State Auditor, Patricia Anderson. Howard Bicker serves as SBI's Executive Director.

The Legislature has established a 17-member Investment Advisory Council (IAC) to advise the SBI and its staff on investment-related matters.

- SBI appoints ten members experienced in finance and investment. These members traditionally have come from the Minneapolis and Saint Paul corporate investment community.
- The Commissioner of Finance and the executive directors of TRA, the Minnesota State Retirement System and the Public Employees Retirement Association are permanent members of the Council.
- Two active employee representatives and one retiree representative are appointed to the Council by the Governor.

Investment Advisory Council

As of December 2005

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Public Employees Retirement
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(1 Vacant Position)

Richard & Tierney, Inc. of Chicago are general consultants to SBI. Pension Consulting Alliance of Studio City, California, serves as a special project consultant. Investment performance methodology is reported in compliance with the mandatory requirements of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute. All investments made by SBI are governed by the prudent person rule and other standards codified in Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 11A and 356A.

The Council has formed three committees organized around broad investment subjects relevant to SBI's decision-making: Asset Allocation, Stock and Bond Managers and Alternative Investments.

All proposed investment policies are reviewed by the appropriate Committee and the full Council before they are presented to SBI for action.

Basic Retirement Funds

Investment Objectives

The pension contributions of active TRA members are invested through the Basic Retirement Funds (Basic Funds) administered by SBI. SBI has one overriding responsibility with respect to its management of the Basic Funds: to ensure that sufficient funds are available to finance promised benefits at the time of retirement. All assets in the Basic Retirement Funds, including TRA, are managed externally by outside money management firms retained by contract.

The Basic Funds invest the pension contributions of most Minnesota public employees, including TRA members, during their working years. Employee and employer contribution rates are specified in state law as a percentage of an employee's salary. The rates are set so that contributions plus expected investment earnings will cover the projected cost of promised pension benefits. In order to meet these projected pension costs, the Basic Funds must generate investment returns of at least 8.5 percent on an annualized basis over time.

Normally, pension assets will accumulate in the Basic Funds for thirty to forty years during an employee's years of active service. This provides the Basic Funds with a long investment time horizon and permits SBI to take advantage of long run return opportunities offered by common stocks and other equity investments in order to meet its actuarial return target.

SBI measures the performance of the Basic Funds relative to a composite of market indices that is weighted in a manner that reflects their long-term asset allocation policy. The Basic Funds are expected to exceed the composite index over a ten-year period. Performance is measured net of all fees and costs to assure that SBI's focus is on its true net return.

Asset Allocation

The allocation of assets among stocks, bonds, and alternative investments can have a dramatic impact on investment results. In fact, asset allocation decisions overwhelm the impact of individual security selection within a total portfolio. Consequently, SBI has focused considerable attention on the selection of an appropriate long-term asset allocation policy for the Basic Funds. It should be noted that the unfunded allocation to alternative investments in the Basic Funds is held in domestic stocks until it is needed for investment. As a result, the actual amount invested in domestic stocks was above its long-term target.

During Fiscal Year 2004, the Board provisionally revised its long term asset allocation targets for the Basic Funds. Upon the Post Retirement Fund achieving its alternative investment target, the Basic Funds' allocation target may increase from 15 percent to 20 percent by decreasing the fixed income target from 24 percent to 19 percent. Additionally, the Basic Funds will invest in yield-oriented investments as part of its allocation to alternative investments.

Basic Funds Asset Mix		
June 30, 2005		
	Actual Mix	Policy Mix
Domestic Stocks	50.7%	45.0%
International Stocks	14.9%	15.0%
Bonds	23.4%	24.0%
Alternative Assets	9.8%	15.0%
Unallocated Cash	1.2%	1.0%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Total Return Vehicles

SBI invests the majority of the Basic Funds' assets in *common stocks* (both domestic and international). A large allocation is consistent with the investment time horizon of the Basic Funds and the advantageous long-term risk-return characteristics of common stocks. Including international stocks in the asset mix allows SBI to diversify its holdings across world markets and offers the opportunity to enhance returns and reduce

the risk/volatility of the total portfolio. The rationale underlying the inclusion of *private equity* alternative assets (e.g., venture capital) is similar.

SBI recognizes that this sizable policy allocation to common stock and private equity likely will produce more volatile portfolio returns than a more conservative policy focused on fixed income securities. It is understood that this policy may result in quarters or even years of disappointing results. Nevertheless, the long run return benefits of this policy are expected to compensate for the additional volatility.

Diversification Vehicles

Other asset classes are included in the Basic Funds both to provide some insulation against highly inflationary or deflationary environments and to diversify the portfolio sufficiently to avoid excessive return volatility.

Real estate and resource (oil and gas) investments provide an inflation hedge that other financial assets cannot offer. In periods of rapidly rising prices, these “hard” assets have appreciated in value at a rate at least equal to the inflation rate. Further, even under more normal financial conditions, such as low to moderate inflation, the returns on these assets are not highly correlated with common stocks. As a result, their inclusion in the Basic Funds serves to dampen return volatility.

Yield oriented alternative investments provide the opportunity for higher long term returns than those typically available from bonds yet still generate

sufficient current income. Typically, these investments (e.g., subordinated debt, mezzanine or resource income investments such as producing properties) are structured more like fixed income securities with the opportunity to participate in the appreciation of the underlying assets.

While these investments may have an equity component, they display a return pattern more like a bond. As such, they will help reduce the volatility of the total portfolio, but should also generate higher returns relative to more traditional bond investments.

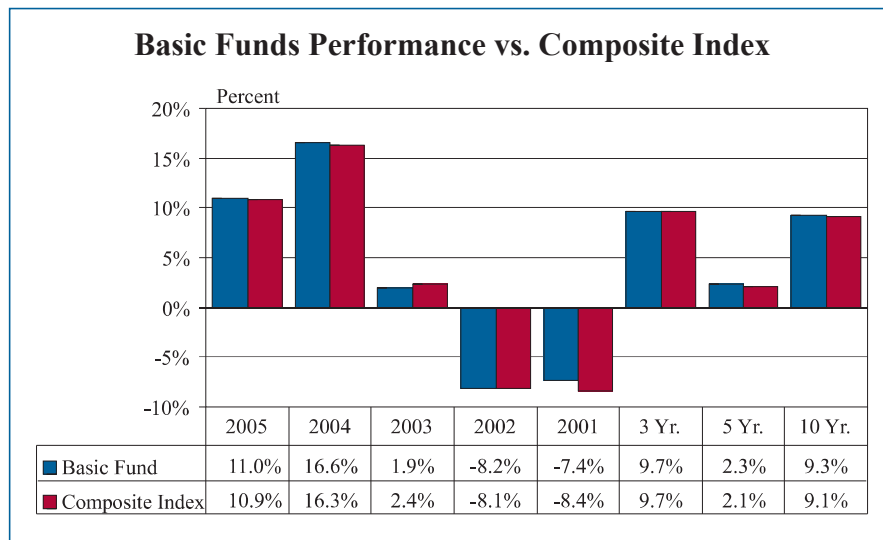
The allocation to *bonds* acts as a hedge against a deflationary economic environment. In the event of a major deflation, high quality fixed income assets, particularly long-term bonds, are expected to protect principal and generate significant capital gains. And, like real estate and resource funds, under normal financial conditions, bonds help to diversify the Basic Funds and thereby control return volatility.

Rate of Return Results

The Basic Funds produced a total rate of return for fiscal year 2005 of 11.0 percent. Over the last five years, the Basic Funds have generated an annualized return of 2.3 percent. The current fair value of the total Basic Funds is about \$20.4 billion. TRA’s share of the fund is approximately 35.8 percent or \$7.3 billion.

As stated earlier, the Basic Funds are expected to exceed the return of a composite of market indices over a ten-year period. Performance relative to this standard will measure two effects:

- The ability of the managers selected by SBI, in aggregate, to add value to the returns available from the broad capital markets.
- The impact of SBI’s rebalancing activity. (SBI rebalances the total fund when market movements take the stock or bond segments above or below their long-term asset allocation targets. The policy imposes a low risk discipline of *buy low-sell high* between asset classes on a total fund basis.)



For the ten-year period ending June 30, 2005, the Basic Funds out-performed the composite index by 0.2 percentage point annualized. The Fund exceeded the composite index by 0.2 percentage point over the last five years, and exceeded the composite index by 0.1 percentage point over the most recent fiscal year. Actual returns relative to the total fund composite index over the last five years are shown in the graph on the previous page.

Post Retirement Fund

When a member retires, TRA transfers assets on behalf of the member to the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (Post Fund). The Post Fund includes the assets of retired public employees covered by nine statewide retirement plans: the eight plans which participate in the Basic Funds as well as the Legislative and Survivors Retirement Fund.

The assets of the Post Fund finance monthly annuity payments paid to retirees. On June 30, 2005, the Post Fund had a market value of about \$19.4 billion. TRA retirees' portion of this value is approximately \$8.6 billion or 44.3 percent. The Post Fund generated an investment return of 10.5 percent for fiscal year 2005.

All assets in the Post Retirement Fund are managed externally by outside money management firms retained by contract.

Investment Objectives

The investment time horizon of the Post Fund is 15-20 years and corresponds to the length of time a typical retiree can be expected to draw benefits. While this is shorter than the time horizon of the Basic Funds, it is still sufficiently long to allow SBI to take advantage of the long-run return opportunities offered by common stock in order to meet its actuarial return target as well as to finance retirement benefit increases.

SBI measures the performance of the Post Fund relative to a composite of market indices that is weighted in a manner that reflects its long-term asset allocation policy. The Post Fund is expected to exceed the composite index over a ten-year period. Performance is measured net of all fees and costs to assure that SBI's focus is on true net return.

Post Fund Asset Mix		
June 30, 2005		
	Actual Mix	Policy Mix
Domestic Stocks	50.4%	45.0%
International Stocks	15.0	15.0
Bonds	24.8	25.0
Alternative Assets	7.6	12.0
Unallocated Cash	2.2	3.0
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Asset Allocation

The current long-term asset allocation policy and actual asset mix of the Post Fund at the end of fiscal year 2005 is presented in the following table. The asset allocation policy is under constant review. During Fiscal Year 2004, the SBI revised its long term asset allocation targets for the Post Fund. The allocation target for alternative investments was increased from 5 percent to 12 percent, while decreasing domestic equity from 50 percent to 45 percent and decreasing fixed income from 27 percent to 25 percent. Additionally, the Post Fund will invest in private equity, real estate, and resource investments as well as yield-oriented investments as part of its allocation to alternative investments.

The majority of the Post Fund's assets are invested in *common stocks* (both domestic and international). A large allocation is consistent with the moderately long time horizon of the Post Fund and the advantageous long-term, risk-return characteristics of common stocks. Including international stocks in the asset mix allows SBI to diversify its holdings across world markets and offers the opportunity to enhance returns and reduce the risk/volatility of the total portfolio.

SBI recognizes that this sizable allocation will be likely to produce more volatile portfolio returns than a more conservative policy focused on fixed income securities. It is understood that this policy may result in quarters or even years of disappointing results. Nevertheless, the long-run return benefits of this policy are expected to compensate for the additional volatility.

The Board includes other asset classes in the Post Fund both to provide some insulation against highly deflationary environments and to diversify the portfolio sufficiently to avoid excessive return volatility. Including private equity in the Post Fund is intended to enhance returns and reduce the risk of the total portfolio.

Real estate and resource (oil and gas) investments provide an inflation hedge that other financial assets cannot offer. In periods of rapidly rising prices, these assets have appreciated in value at a rate at least equal to the inflation rate. Further, even under more normal financial conditions, such as low to moderate inflation, the returns on these assets are not highly correlated with common stocks. As a result, their inclusion in the Post Fund also serves to dampen return volatility.

The bonds in the Post Fund act as a hedge against a deflationary economic environment. In the event of a major deflation, high quality fixed income assets, particularly long term bonds, are expected to protect principal and generate significant gains. And, under normal financial conditions, bonds diversify the Post Fund, thereby controlling return volatility on a year-to-year basis.

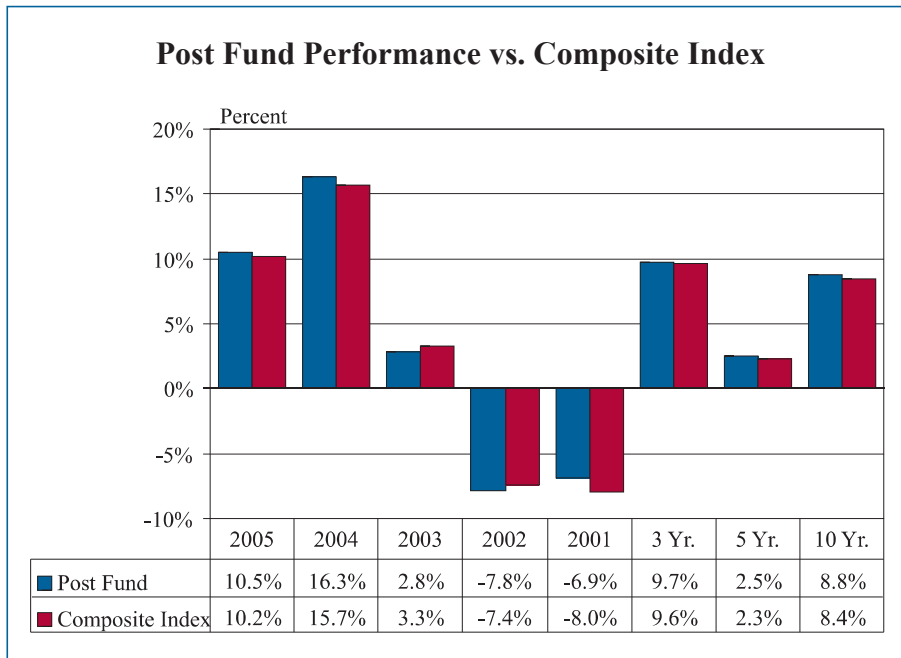
Yield oriented alternative investments provide the opportunity for higher long term returns than those typically available from bonds, yet still generate

sufficient current income to be compatible with the objectives of the Post Fund. Typically, these investments (e.g., subordinated debt, mezzanine or resource income investments such as producing properties) are structured more like fixed income securities with the opportunity to participate in the appreciation of the underlying assets. While these investments may have an equity component, they display a return pattern more like a bond. As such, they will help reduce the volatility of the total portfolio, but should also generate higher returns relative to more traditional bond investments.

Investment Management and Performance

In order to gain greater operating efficiency, the Post Fund shares with the Basic Funds the same domestic stock, bond and international stock managers. The Post Fund is expected to exceed the return of a composite of market indices over a ten-year period. The Post Fund's performance exceeded its composite market index by 0.4 percentage point for the most recent ten year period since July 1, 1995. The fund exceeded the composite index over the last five years by 0.2 percentage point, and exceeded the composite index by 0.3 percentage point for the 2005 fiscal year.

Actual returns relative to the total fund composite index over the last five years are shown in the graph below.



Benefit Increase Formula

The retirement benefit increase formula of the Post Fund is based on a combination of two components:

- **Inflation Component.** Each year, retirees receive an inflation-based adjustment equal to 100 percent of inflation, up to a maximum of 2.5 percent specified in statute. The inflation component is granted regardless of investment performance. The cap is necessary to maintain

the actuarial soundness of the entire plan. It is the difference between the return assumption for the Basic funds (8.5 percent), and the return assumption for the Post Fund (6.0 percent).

- **Investment Component.** Each year, retirees also receive an investment-based adjustment, provided net investment gains are above the amount needed to finance the Post Fund's 6 percent actuarial assumption and the inflation adjustment described previously. Investment gains and losses are spread over five years to smooth out the volatility of returns. In addition, all accumulated investment losses must be recovered before an investment-based adjustment is granted.

The Post Fund will provide a benefit increase of 2.50 percent for fiscal year 2005 payable January 1, 2006. As noted earlier, this increase is comprised of two components:

- **Inflation component** of 2.50 percent. The increase is the maximum allowable under Minnesota statute. The actual Consumer Price Index for wage earners (CPI-W) for the twelve months ending June 30, 2005, was 2.59 percent. (CPI-W is the same inflation index used to calculate increases in Social Security payments.)
- **Investment component** of 0.000 percent. Net investment returns over the five-year period (July 1,

2000 to June 30, 2005) were insufficient to cover the actuarial assumed rate of return and the inflation adjustment.

As described earlier, the Post Retirement Fund is composed of the combined assets and liabilities relating to the benefit recipients of TRA and the other two statewide pension associations, the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) and the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

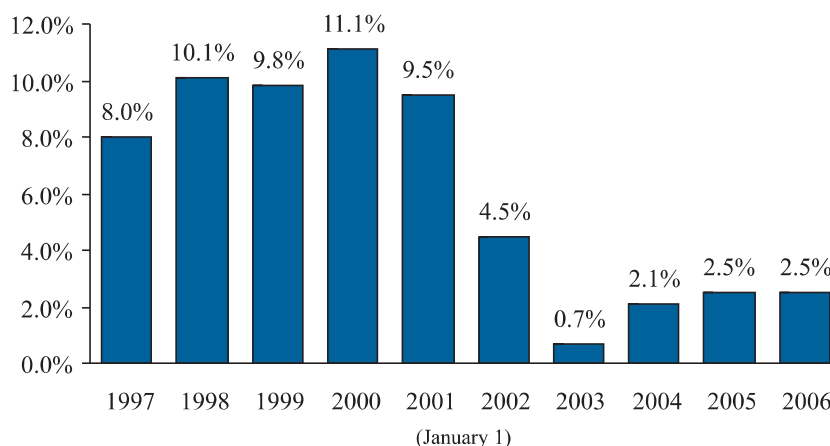
As of June 30, 2005, the Post Retirement Fund had total assets of about \$19.4 billion at fair value. Total liabilities (present value of expected future benefit payments to current benefit recipients) are an estimated \$23.7 billion. The estimated \$4.3 billion deficit must be recovered in full before an investment-based component will be paid. Consequently, until strong positive investment gains occur over an extended period of time to absorb existing losses, a positive investment component should not be expected.

Benefit increases granted for the past ten years are shown in the graph below.

The Basic Funds and the Post Fund share many of the same stock and bond managers. This is accomplished by grouping managers together, by asset class, into several investment pools. The individual funds participate in the investment pools by purchasing units which function much like shares of a mutual fund.

Recent Post Retirement Benefit Increases

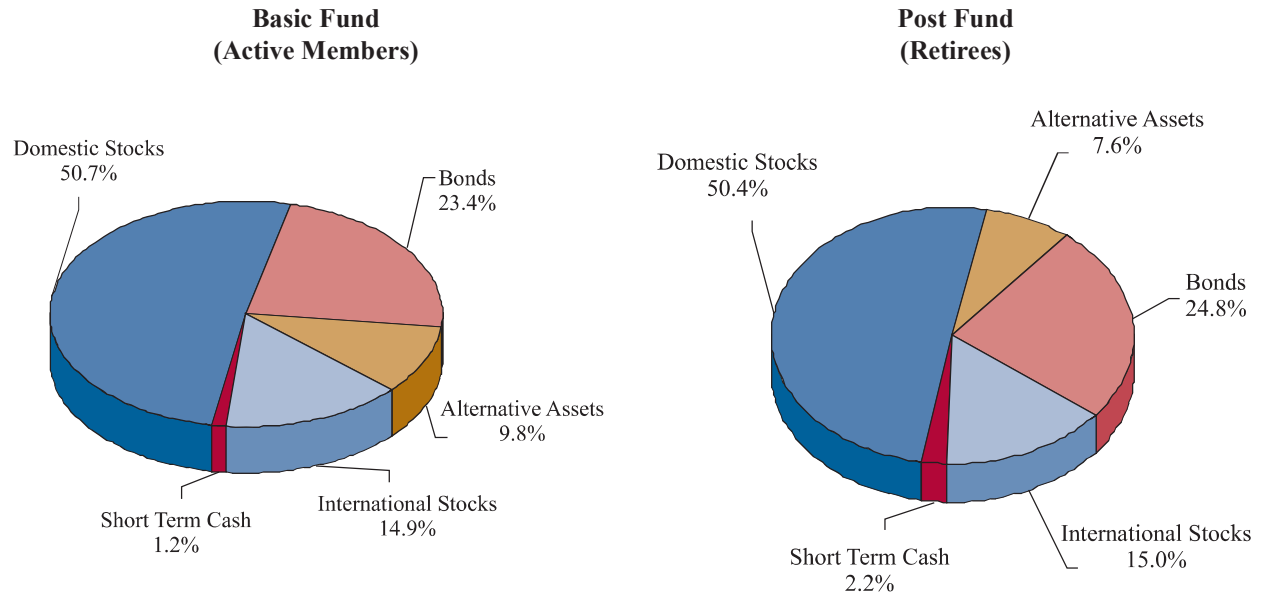
Rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent



This investment management structure allows SBI to gain greater operating efficiency within asset classes and to keep money management costs as low as possible for all participants. Investment management fees are summarized on the schedule on page 35. Further information on investment activity, management fees and commissions paid, and a listing of specific investments owned by the pooled accounts can be obtained from the Minnesota State Board of Investment, Suite 355, 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103.

Teachers Retirement Fund Portfolio Distribution

June 30, 2005



Teachers Retirement Fund Performance of Asset Pools (Net of Fees)

June 30, 2005

	Rates of Return (Annualized)			
	FY 2005	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Domestic Stock Pool	8.6%	9.5%	-1.8%	9.5%
Domestic Equity Asset Class Target*	8.1%	9.5%	-1.8%	9.6%
(*Reflects Wilshire 5000 as reported prior to FY 2000, the Wilshire 5000 Investable from 7/1/1999 thru 9/30/03; and the Russell 3000 since 10/1/2003.)				
Bond Pool	7.1%	6.3%	7.8%	7.2%
Lehman Aggregate	6.8%	5.8%	7.4%	6.8%
International Stock Pool	15.7%	12.4%	0.6%	6.3%
Composite Index	16.5%	13.4%	0.2%	5.2%
Alternative Assets (Real Estate, Private Equity, Resource Pool and Yield Oriented Pool)	27.2%	14.7%	9.3%	15.3%
Inflation (No Established Index for Alternative Assets).....	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%

All investment performance methodology is reported in compliance with the mandatory requirements of the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) Institute.

Teachers Retirement Fund

List of Largest Assets Held

June 30, 2005

Composite Holdings of Top Ten Equities

By Fair Value

Security	\$ Fair Value (Millions)	% of Portfolio
Exxon Mobil Corp.....	\$201.4	1.27%
General Electric Co.....	186.4	1.18%
Citigroup, Inc.....	159.0	1.00%
Microsoft Corp.....	142.3	0.90%
Johnson & Johnson.....	135.1	0.85%
Bank America Corp.....	133.1	0.84%
Intel Corp.....	112.7	0.71%
Pfizer, Inc.....	109.1	0.69%
Wells Fargo, Co.....	84.7	0.53%
Cisco Systems, Inc.....	84.4	0.53%

Composite Holdings of Top Ten Bond Holdings

By Fair Value

Security	Coupon	\$ Fair Value (Millions)	% of Portfolio
FNMA TBA AUG 15.....	5.500%	\$65.6	0.41%
FNMA TBA AUG 30.....	6.000%	53.0	0.33%
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS.....	8.125%	48.1	0.30%
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS.....	4.250%	42.2	0.27%
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS.....	6.000%	42.0	0.26%
FNMA TBA AUG 30.....	6.500%	40.3	0.25%
GNMA 1 TBA JUL 30.....	6.000%	34.6	0.22%
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS.....	3.375%	33.4	0.21%
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS.....	3.125%	32.1	0.20%
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS.....	3.625%	27.6	0.17%

TRA's assets are commingled in various pooled investment accounts administered by the State Board of Investment (SBI). TRA does not own specific values of the underlying assets. The percentages and fair value shown are those attributable to the TRA Fund based on TRA's participation in the SBI's Basic Funds and Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund. Information on investment activity, a listing of specific investments owned by the pooled accounts and a schedule of fees and commissions can be obtained from SBI.

Summary of Investments*

As of June 30, 2005

	Book		Fair	
	Book Value	Total Book Value	Fair Value	Total Fair Value
Fixed Income Investments				
Fixed Income Pool	\$ 1,746,295,125		\$ 1,703,690,442	
Total Fixed Income Investments		\$ 1,746,295,125		\$ 1,703,690,442
Equity Investments				
External Indexed Equity Pool	\$ 1,078,061,956		\$ 1,190,443,117	
Global Equity Pool	1,041,034,574		1,084,832,814	
External Domestic Equity Pool	2,602,460,138		2,501,385,335	
Total Equity Investments		\$ 4,721,556,668		\$ 4,776,661,266
Alternative Investments				
Alternative Investment Pool	\$ 685,742,558		\$ 728,444,294	
Total Alternative Investments		\$ 685,742,558		\$ 728,444,294
Short Term Investment				
Short Term Cash Equivalents	\$ 90,800,447		\$ 90,00,447	
Total Short Term Investment		\$ 90,800,447		\$ 90,800,447
Total Investments		\$ 7,244,394,798		\$ 7,299,596,449

*Regular TRA Fund, does not include investments in the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund.

General Information Regarding Investment of Funds

TRA's investments are made by SBI and external managers as prescribed by law, and are made only in such securities as are duly authorized legal investments in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.24. State Street Bank and Trust of Boston acts as custodian of securities for the Basic Funds and the Post Fund. Wells Fargo, Saint Paul, Minnesota, is the current custodian of short term investments of SBI. Examination and verification of securities held by the custodians is performed periodically by the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor.

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Members of the Board:

We have completed the annual valuation of the Teachers Retirement Association Fund (TRA) as of July 1, 2005. The purpose of this valuation is to determine the financial status of the Plan. To achieve this purpose, an actuarial valuation is made at the beginning of each fiscal year as required by Section 356.215 of Minnesota Statutes.

The financing objective of the Fund is to establish contribution rates that remain approximately level (as a percent of payroll) from generation to generation. The objective also includes meeting the required deadlines for full funding. The current funding level (the ratio of actuarial assets to the actuarial accrued liability) is 98.51%.

The valuation uses the Entry Age Normal Cost method, with normal cost expressed as a level percentage of earnings. The required contribution under Chapter 356 consists of the normal cost, a supplemental contribution which will amortize the unfunded accrued liability as a level percent of pay amount and an allowance for administrative expenses.

The results of the valuation indicate that the TRA is already at the level of full funding. The contribution sufficiency is 0.95% of payroll, which is a result of the statutory contribution of 10.00% of payroll being less than the actuarial required contribution of 9.05% of payroll.

The actuarial valuation was based upon applicable statutory provisions and Standards for Actuarial Work in effect on July 1, 2005. Primary actuarial assumptions include a pre-retirement interest rate of 8.50%, a post-retirement interest rate of 6.00% (the 8.50% interest less 2.50% COLA), and other assumptions regarding mortality, disability, retirement, salary increases, and withdrawal, which are consistent with the latest experience analysis. Actual plan costs will vary to the extent that actual plan experience varies from these assumptions.

The valuation was performed by using the actuarial cost methods and actuarial assumptions that are described in a separate table of this report. The actuarial cost method and the assumptions related to asset valuation, investment return, earnings progression and active member payroll growth are specified by state statute. All other assumptions are based on actual experience with changes recommended by the actuary, adopted by the TRA Board, and approved by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. All assumptions and methods used for funding purposes meet the parameters for the

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disclosures presented in the financial section of the TRA comprehensive annual financial report, set by GASB Statement No. 25.

These assumptions meet the parameters set by the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*.

Supporting schedules and trend data schedules shown in the Actuarial Section of this financial report were prepared by The Segal Company.

The Schedule of Funding Progress shown in the Financial Section of this financial report was prepared by The Segal Company. Segal determined the amount of Annual Required Contributions shown in the Schedule of Contributions From Employers and State of Minnesota in the Financial Section of this financial report.

Although we have reviewed the data for reasonableness and consistency, we have relied on the basic employee data and asset figures. This employee and asset information form the basis for our valuation and to the extent that actual data differs from that submitted for purposes of the valuation, results may vary from those shown in the report.

We certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief this actuarial valuation was performed in accordance with the requirements of Section 356.215, Minnesota Statutes, and the requirements of the Standards for Actuarial Work.

Respectfully submitted,


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Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

(Assumptions adopted by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement on February 22, 2002)

Mortality Rates

Healthy Pre-Retirement	Male	1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for males set back 12 years
	Female	1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for females set back 10 years
Healthy Post-Retirement	Male	1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for males set back 6 years
	Female	1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for females set back 3 years
Disabled:	Male	1965 Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) rates through age 54. For ages 55 to 64, graded rates between 1965 RRB rates and the Healthy Post-Retirement mortality table. For ages 65 and later, the Healthy Post-Retirement mortality table.
	Female	1965 Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) rates through age 54. For ages 55 to 64, graded rates between 1965 RRB rates and the Healthy Post-Retirement mortality table. For ages 65 and later, the Healthy Post-Retirement mortality table.

Summary of Rates: Shown below for selected ages:

Age	Rate (%)								
	Pre-Retirement Mortality		Withdrawal		Disability		Retirement		Salary Increases
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Rule of 90 Eligible	Other	
20	0.03	0.01	3.70	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00%
25	0.03	0.01	3.20	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
30	0.04	0.02	2.70	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
35	0.04	0.03	2.50	3.90	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	6.00
40	0.05	0.03	2.35	2.75	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	5.70
45	0.07	0.05	2.10	2.10	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	5.20
50	0.10	0.07	1.85	1.85	0.11	0.10	0.00	0.00	5.00
55	0.17	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.16	50.00	9.00	5.00
60	0.31	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.25	50.00	50.00	5.30
65	0.52	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	5.70
70	0.77	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00	5.70
71	0.84	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	5.70

Withdrawal Rates:	Select and ultimate rates were based on recent plan experience as of June 30, 2000. Ultimate rates after the third year are shown in the rate table. Select rates are as follows:												
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	First Year	Second Year	Third Year										
Male	45.00%	12.00%	6.00%										
Female	40.00%	10.00%	8.00%										
Salary Increases:	Reported salary for prior fiscal year, with new hires annualized, increased according to the ultimate table shown in the rate table to current fiscal year and annually for each future year. During a ten-year select period, $0.30 \times (10-T)$ where T is completed years of service is added to the ultimate rate.												
Retirement Age:	Graded rates beginning at age 55 as shown in rate table. Members who have attained the highest assumed retirement age will retire in one year												
Percent Married:	85 percent of male members and 65 percent of female members are assumed to be married. Assume members have no children.												
Age of Spouse:	Females three years younger than males.												
Net Investment Return:													
<i>Pre-Retirement:</i>	8.50 percent per annum												
<i>Post-Retirement:</i>	6.00 percent per annum												
Administrative Expenses:	Prior year administrative expenses expressed as percentage of prior year payroll.												
Allowance for Combined Service Annuity:	Liabilities for active members are increased by 1.40 percent and liabilities for former members are increased by 4.00 percent to account for the effect of some Participants having eligibility for a Combined Service Annuity.												
Return of Contributions:	All employees withdrawing after becoming eligible for a deferred benefit were assumed to take the larger of their contributions accumulated with interest or the value of their deferred benefit.												
Interest on Member Contributions:	Members and former members who are eligible for the money purchase annuity are assumed to receive interest credits equal to the Pre-Retirement interest rate. All other members and former members receive the interest crediting rate as specified in statutes.												

Special Consideration:	Married members assumed to elect subsidized joint and survivor form of annuity as follows: Males: 15% elect 50% J&S option 25% elect 75% J&S option 55% elect 100% J&S option Females: 20% elect 50% J&S option 10% elect 75% J&S option 30% elect 100% J&S option
Benefit Increases After Retirement:	Payment of earnings on retired reserves in excess of 6.00 percent accounted for by 6.00 percent post-retirement assumptions.
Asset Valuation Method:	Market Value, adjusted for amortization obligations receivable at the end of each fiscal year, less a percentage of the Unrecognized Asset Return determined at the close of each of the four preceding fiscal years. Unrecognized Asset Return is the difference between actual net return on Market Value of Assets and the asset return expected during the fiscal year (based on the assumed interest rate employed in the July 1 Actuarial Valuation of the fiscal year).
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Normal Cost Method. Entry age is the age at the time the participant commenced employment. Normal Cost and Actuarial Accrued Liability are calculated on an individual basis and are expressed as a level percentage of payroll, with Normal Cost determined as if the current benefit accrual rate had always been in effect.
Payment on the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability:	A level percentage of payroll each year to the statutory amortization date of July 1, 2020, assuming payroll increases of 5.00 percent per annum. If the TRA Fund has a negative Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, the surplus amount shall be amortized over 30 years as a level percentage of payroll.
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Cost Methods:	There have been no changes made to the actuarial assumptions and cost methods since the prior valuation. Pursuant to the statute, since there is now an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), the amortization period is 15 years (to complete amortization of the UAAL by July 1, 2020).

Valuation Report Highlights

Summary of Key Valuation Results

	July 1, 2005 Valuation	July 1, 2004 Valuation
Contributions (% of payroll) for plan year beginning July 1:		
Statutory — Chapter 354	10.00%	10.00%
Required — Chapter 356	9.05%	8.46%
Sufficiency/(Deficiency)	0.95%	1.54%
Funding elements for plan year beginning July 1:		
Normal cost	\$ 271,801,325	\$ 258,898,450
Market value of assets	17,806,012,464	16,970,456,703
Actuarial value of assets (AVA)	17,752,917,313	17,519,909,350
Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	18,021,410,061	17,518,783,700
Unfunded/(Overfunded) actuarial accrued liability	\$ 268,492,748	\$ (1,125,650)
Funded ratios:		
<u>Accrued Benefit Funded Ratio</u>	103.31%	104.77%
Current assets (AVA)	\$17,752,917,313	\$ 17,519,909,350
Current benefit obligations	17,184,241,402	16,721,495,421
<u>Projected Benefit Funded Ratio</u>	101.82%	104.64%
Current and expected future assets	20,807,440,232	20,721,263,103
Current and expected future benefit obligations	\$20,435,323,407	\$ 19,802,891,699
(Present Value of Benefits)		
GASB 25/27 for plan year beginning July 1:		
Annual required employee contributions	\$ 103,102,940	\$ 94,679,310
<u>Accrued Liability Funded Ratio (AVA/AAL)</u>	98.51%	100.01%
Covered actual payroll	\$ 3,121,571,447	\$ 3,032,483,365
Demographic data for plan year beginning July 1:		
Number of pensioners and beneficiaries	38,957	37,649
Number of vested terminated members	9,880	10,767
Number of other non-vested terminated members	19,151	18,223
Number of active members	74,552	72,008
Total projected payroll*	\$ 3,389,066,754	\$ 3,206,759,440
Average annual payroll (projected dollars)*	\$ 45,459	\$ 44,533

*Calculated as covered actual payroll, projected one year with salary scale.

Actuary's Commentary

Purpose

This report has been prepared by The Segal Company to present a valuation of the Teachers Retirement Association Fund as of July 1, 2005. The valuation was performed to determine whether the assets and contributions are sufficient to provide the prescribed benefits. The contribution requirements presented in this report are based on:

- Section 356.215 of the Minnesota Statutes;
- The benefit provisions of the Retirement Fund, as administered by the Fund;
- The characteristics of covered active members, inactive vested members, pensioners and beneficiaries as of July 1, 2005, provided by the Fund;
- The assets of the Fund as of June 30, 2005, provided by the Fund;
- Economic assumptions regarding future salary increases and investment earnings; and
- Other actuarial assumptions, regarding employee terminations, retirement, death, etc.

Significant Issues in Valuation Year

The following key findings were the result of this actuarial valuation:

- The actuarial accrued liability funded ratio based on the actuarial value of assets over the actuarial accrued liability as of July 1, 2005 is 98.51 percent compared to 101.01 percent as of July 1, 2004. This ratio is a measure of funding status, and its history is a measure of funding progress, and is the ratio required to be reported under GASB 25.
- As of this valuation, the plan now has an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), and the amortization period for the payment of the UAAL is now 15 years as of July 1, 2020 (when the plan was sufficient, the funding period was 30 years, as shown in the 2004 report).
- As indicated on page 61 of this report, the total unrecognized investment gain as of June 30, 2005, is \$53,095,151. This investment gain will be recognized in the determination of the actuarial value of assets for funding purposes in the next few years, to the extent it is not offset by recognition of investment losses derived from future experience. Earnings in excess of 8.50 percent will help temper possible increases in future contribution requirements.
- The statutory contribution rate under Chapter 354 is equal to 10.00 percent of payroll compared to the required contribution rate under Chapter 356 of 9.05 percent of payroll. Therefore the contribution sufficiency is 0.95 percent of payroll as of July 1, 2005 (page 66).
- There were no changes in plan provisions, actuarial assumptions or actuarial cost methods since the prior valuation.

TRA Plan Census

For Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

Category	2005	2004	Change From Prior Year
Active members in valuation:			
Number	74,552	72,008	3.5%
Average age	43.1	43.2	N/A
Average service	11.7	11.7	N/A
Total projected payroll	\$3,389,066,754	\$3,206,759,440	5.7%
Average projected payroll	45,459	44,533	2.1%
Total active vested members	57,941	55,704	4.0%
Vested terminated members	9,880	10,767	(8.2%)
Retired participants:			
Number in pay status	35,779	34,581	3.5%
Average age	70.0	69.9	N/A
Average monthly benefit	\$2,313	\$2,315	(0.1%)
Disabled members:			
Number in pay status	581	589	(1.4%)
Average age	57.5	57.2	N/A
Average monthly benefit	\$1,620	\$1,615	0.3%
Beneficiaries:			
Number in pay status	2,597	2,479	4.8%
Average age	76.5	73.5	N/A
Average monthly benefit	\$2,029	\$2,022	0.3%
Other non-vested terminated members	19,151	18,223	5.1%

Reconciliation of Member Data

	Active Members	Inactive Members	Retired Participants	Disabled	Beneficiaries	Total
A. Number as of June 30, 2004	72,008	28,990	34,581	589	2,479	138,647
B. Adjustments	(104)	(30)	263	0	0	129
C. Number as of June 30, 2004 from TRA	71,904	28,960	38,844	589	2,479	138,776
D. Additions	8,386	3,994	1,885	57	254	14,576
E. Deletions						
1. Retirements from Active/ Inactive	(1,583)	(267)	0	0	0	(1,850)
2. Disability Retirements from Active	(8)	0	0	0	0	(8)
3. Retirements from Disability	0	0	0	(36)	0	(36)
4. Active Disability from Inactive	0	(47)	0	0	0	(47)
5. Died with Beneficiary	0	0	(183)	(4)	0	(187)
6. Died without Beneficiary	(11)	(16)	(763)	(22)	(60)	(872)
7. Terminated - deferred	(903)	0	0	0	0	(903)
8. Terminated - other non- vested	(2,949)	0	0	0	0	(2,949)
9. Refunds	(284)	(784)	0	0	0	(1,068)
10. Rehired as active	0	(2,809)	0	0	0	(2,809)
11. Expired benefits	0	0	(4)	(3)	(76)	(83)
F. Number as of June 30, 2005	74,552	*29,031	35,779	581	2,597	142,540

*Includes 9,880 vested and 19,151 other non-vested terminations

Statement of Plan Net Assets

Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Market Value	Cost Value
Assets in Trust		
Cash, equivalents, short-term securities	\$ 92,006,277	\$ 92,006,277
Fixed income	1,703,690,442	1,746,295,126
Equity	5,505,105,560	5,407,299,228
Equity in Minnesota Post-Retirement Investment Fund*	10,438,051,358	10,438,051,358
Invested securities lending collateral	1,929,314,788	1,929,314,788
Other assets	11,619,633	11,619,633
Total assets in trust	<u>\$ 19,679,788,058</u>	<u>\$ 19,624,586,410</u>
Assets receivable	\$ 10,628,425	\$ 10,628,425
Liabilities		
Invested Securities Lending Collateral	\$ (1,929,314,788)	\$ (1,929,314,788)
Other	(14,870,436)	(14,870,436)
Total liabilities	<u>\$ (1,944,185,224)</u>	<u>\$ (1,944,185,224)</u>
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits		
MPRIF reserves	\$ 10,438,051,358	\$ 10,438,051,358
Member reserves	1,704,913,063	1,704,913,063
Other non-MPRIF reserves	5,663,048,043	5,607,846,393
Total assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 17,806,012,464</u>	<u>\$ 17,750,810,814</u>
Net Assets at Market/Cost Value	<u>\$ 17,806,012,464</u>	<u>\$ 17,750,810,814</u>

* The number shown is the full MPRIF reserve amount. The actual MPRIF market value of \$8,560,642,762 is not used for funding purposes because this deficiency is accounted for separately and is expected to be recovered from future excess earnings on MPRI funds.

Statement of Change in Net Plan Assets

Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Non-MPRIF Assets	MPRIF Reserve	Market Value
A. Assets available at beginning of period	\$ 6,877,501,962	\$10,092,954,741	\$16,970,456,703
B. Additions			
1. Member contributions	\$ 160,982,004	\$ 0	\$ 160,982,004
2. Employer contributions	157,693,090	0	157,693,090
3. Contributions from other sources	2,985,078	0	2,985,078
4. MPRIF income	0	830,780,467	830,780,467
5. Net investment income			
a. Interest and dividends	540,207,545	0	540,207,545
b. Net appreciation/(depreciation)	217,179,791	0	217,179,791
c. Investment expenses	(9,892,718)	0	(9,892,718)
d. Net subtotal	<u>747,494,618</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>747,494,618</u>
6. Other	3,310,681	0	3,310,681
7. Total additions	<u>\$ 1,072,465,471</u>	<u>\$ 830,780,467</u>	<u>\$ 1,903,245,938</u>
C. Operating expenses			
1. Service requirements	\$ 0	\$ 1,022,761,162	\$ 1,022,761,162
2. Disability benefits	11,810,137	0	11,810,137
3. Survivor benefits	1,186,119	12,683,106	13,869,225
4. Refunds	6,744,116	0	6,744,116
5. Administrative expenses	10,883,151	0	10,883,151
6. Other	1,622,386	0	1,622,386
7. Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 32,245,909</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,444,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,690,177</u>
D. Other changes in reserves			
1. Annuities awarded	\$ (609,541,622)	\$ 609,541,622	\$ 0
2. Mortality gain/loss	59,781,204	(59,781,204)	0
3. Change in MPRIF assumptions	0	0	0
4. Total other changes	<u>\$ (549,760,418)</u>	<u>\$ 549,760,418</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
E. Assets available at end of period	<u>\$ 7,367,961,106</u>	<u>\$10,438,051,358</u>	<u>\$17,806,012,464</u>
F. Determination of current year unrecognized asset return			
1. Average balance			
a. Non-MPRIF assets available at BOY: (A)			\$ 6,877,501,962
b. Non-MPRIF assets available at EOY*: (E)			7,308,179,902
c. Average balance [(a) + (b) - Net Investment Income] / 2			6,717,438,283
Net Investment Income: (B.5 (d)) + (B.6)			570,982,254
2. Expected return: 8.50% x (F.1. (c)):			750,805,299
3. Actual return (B.5 (d)) + (B.6)			<u>179,823,045</u>
4. Current year unrecognized asset return: (F.3) - (F.2)			<u>\$ 179,823,045</u>

*Before adjustment for MPRIF mortality gain (loss) and new MPRIF assumptions.

Determination of Actuarial Value of Assets

Year Ended June 30, 2005

1. Market value of assets available for benefits			\$ 17,806,012,464
	Original Amount	% Not Recognized	
2. Calculation of unrecognized return			
(a) Year ended June 30, 2005	\$ 179,823,045	80%	\$ 143,858,436
(b) Year ended June 30, 2004	499,642,191	60%	299,785,315
(c) Year ended June 30, 2003	(401,116,000)	40%	(160,446,400)
(d) Year ended June 30, 2002	(1,150,511,000)	20%	(230,102,200)
(e) Total unrecognized return			<u>\$ 53,095,151</u>
3. Actuarial value of assets: (1) - (2e) ("Current Assets")			<u>\$ 17,752,917,313</u>

Financial Information

It is desirable to have level and predictable plan costs from one year to the next. For this reason, the Minnesota Statutes require an asset valuation method that gradually adjusts to market value. Under this valuation method, the full value of market fluctuations is not recognized in a single year and, as a result, the asset value and the plan costs are more stable. The amount of the adjustment to recognize market value is treated as income, which may be positive or negative. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are treated equally and, therefore, the sale of assets has no immediate effect on the actuarial value.

Both the actuarial value and market value of assets are representations of the Fund's financial status. As investment gains and losses are gradually taken into account, the actuarial value of assets tracks the market value of assets. The actuarial asset value is significant because the Fund's liabilities are compared to these assets to determine what portion, if any, remains unfunded. Amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is an important element in determining the contribution requirement.

Actuarial Experience

Year Ended June 30, 2005

1. Net gain/(loss) from investments	\$ (477,027,445)
2. Net gain/(loss) from other experience	<u>167,807,618</u>
3. Net experience gain/(loss): (1) + (2)	\$ (309,219,827)

Actuarial Experience

To calculate the required contribution, assumptions are made about future events that affect the amount and timing of benefits to be paid and assets to be accumulated. Each year actual experience is measured against the assumptions. If overall experience is more favorable than anticipated (an actuarial gain), the contribution requirement will decrease from the previous year. On the other hand, the contribution requirement will increase if overall actuarial experience is less favorable than expected (an actuarial loss).

Taking account of experience gains or losses in one year without making a change in assumptions reflects the belief that the single year's experience was a short-term development and that, over the long term, experience will return to the original assumptions. For contribution requirements to remain stable, assumptions should approximate experience.

If assumptions are changed, the contribution requirement is adjusted to take into account a change in experience anticipated for all future years.

For the plan year ended June 30, 2005, the total loss is \$309,219,827, including a loss of \$477,027,445 from investments and a gain of \$167,807,618 from all other sources. The net experience variation from individual sources other than investments was 0.9 percent of the actuarial accrued liability, which is under 1.0 percent of the total actuarial accrued liability, and includes age/service requirements, disability, mortality (pre and post-retirement), withdrawal, and salary increases.

Actuarial Balance Sheet

July 1, 2005

A. Current Assets (page 61)				\$ 17,752,917,313
B. Expected Future Assets				
1. Present Value of Expected Future				
Statutory Supplemental Contributions			\$	640,609,573
2. Present Value of Future Normal Costs				2,413,913,346
3. Total Expected Future Assets			\$	<u>3,054,522,919</u>
C. Total Current and Expected Future Assets				<u>\$ 20,807,440,232</u>
D. Current Benefit Obligations	Non-Vested	Vested		Total
1. Benefit recipients				
a. Retirement annuities	0	\$ 9,981,011,176	\$	9,981,011,176
b. Disability benefits	0	142,735,566		142,735,566
c. Beneficiaries	0	466,747,205		466,747,205
2. Vested terminated members	0	287,802,035		287,802,035
3. Other non-vested terminated members	0	30,315,786		30,315,786
4. Active members:				
a. Retirement benefits	\$ 25,216,380	\$ 5,762,050,132	\$	5,787,266,512
b. Disability benefits	916,203	95,848,470		96,764,673
c. Death benefits	401,528	44,019,191		44,420,719
d. Withdrawal benefits	<u>12,631,949</u>	<u>334,545,781</u>		<u>347,177,730</u>
5. Total Current Benefit Obligations	<u>\$ 39,166,060</u>	<u>\$ 17,145,075,342</u>	\$	<u>17,184,241,402</u>
E. Expected Future Benefit Obligations				\$ 3,251,082,005
F. Total Current and Expected Future Benefit Obligations				<u>\$ 20,435,323,407</u>
Present Value of Benefits: (D.5 + E)				
G. Current Unfunded Actuarial Liability (D.5 – A)				\$ (568,675,911)
H. Current and Future Unfunded Actuarial Liability (F – C)				\$ (372,116,825)

Determination of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) and Supplemental Contribution Rate

July 1, 2005

	Actuarial Present Value of Projected Benefits	Actuarial Present Value of Future Normal Costs	Actuarial Accrued Liability
A. Determination of Actuarial Accrued Liability			
1. Active Members			
a. Retirement benefits	\$ 8,684,381,166	\$ 1,909,897,577	\$ 6,774,483,589
b. Disability benefits	162,500,960	59,560,907	102,940,053
c. Death benefits.....	72,380,146	24,759,634	47,620,512
d. Withdrawal benefits.....	607,449,367	419,695,228	187,754,139
e. Total.....	<u>\$ 9,526,711,639</u>	<u>\$ 2,413,913,346</u>	<u>\$ 7,112,798,293</u>
2. Vested terminated members	\$ 287,802,035	0	\$ 287,802,035
3. Other non-vested terminated members	30,315,786	0	30,315,786
4. Annuitants in the MPRIF	10,438,051,358	0	10,438,051,358
5. Annuitants not in the MPRIF	152,442,589	0	152,442,589
6. Total.....	<u>\$20,435,323,407</u>	<u>\$ 2,413,913,346</u>	<u>\$18,021,410,061</u>
B. Determination of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability			
1. Actuarial Accrued Liability			\$18,021,410,061
2. Actuarial Value of Assets (page 61)			17,752,917,313
3. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability: (1) - (2)			<u>\$ 268,492,748</u>
C. Determination of Supplemental Contribution Rate			
1. Present value of future payrolls through the amortization date of July 1, 2020			\$39,061,559,348
2. Supplemental contribution rate (B.3) ÷ (C.1)			0.69%

Development of Unfunded/(Overfunded) Actuarial Accrued Liability

Year Ending June 30, 2005

1. Unfunded/(Overfunded) actuarial accrued liability at beginning of year	\$	(1,125,650)
2. Normal cost at beginning of year, including expenses.....		269,781,601
3. Total contributions		318,675,094
4. Interest		
a. For whole year on (1) + (2).....	\$	22,835,756
b. For half year on (3).....		<u>13,543,692</u>
c. Total interest: (4a) - (4b).....		<u>9,292,064</u>
5. Expected unfunded/(overfunded) actuarial accrued liability: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	\$	(40,727,079)
6. Changes due to (gain)/loss from:		
a. Investments	\$	477,027,445
b. Demographics*		<u>(167,807,618)</u>
c. Total changes due to (gain)/loss (page 62).....	\$	<u>309,219,827</u>
7. Unfunded/(Overfunded) actuarial accrued liability at end of year	\$	<u><u>268,492,748</u></u>

*Includes (gain)/loss due to age/service retirements, disability, mortality (pre and post-retirement), withdrawal and salary increases.

Determination of Contribution Sufficiency

July 1, 2005

	Percent of Payroll	Dollar Amount
A. Statutory Contributions - Chapter 354		
1. Employee contributions	5.00%	\$ 169,453,338
2. Employer contributions	5.00%	169,453,338
3. Total.....	<u>10.00%</u>	<u>\$ 338,906,676</u>
B. Required Contributions - Chapter 356		
1. Normal Cost		
a. Retirement	6.51%	\$ 220,684,603
b. Disability	0.19%	6,275,069
c. Death	0.08%	2,700,934
d. Withdrawal	1.24%	42,140,719
e. Total.....	<u>8.02%</u>	<u>\$ 271,801,325</u>
2. Supplemental contribution amortization	0.69%	\$ 23,384,561
3. Allowance for administrative expenses.....	<u>0.34%</u>	<u>11,522,827</u>
4. Total.....	<u>9.05%</u>	<u>\$ 306,708,713</u>
C. Contribution Sufficiency (Deficiency) (A.3) - (B.4)	0.95%	\$ 32,197,963
Projected annual payroll* for fiscal year beginning on the valuation date		\$3,389,066,754

*Calculated as covered actual payroll, projected one year with salary scale.

Solvency Test

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Valuation as of June 30	Aggregate Accrued Liabilities			Valuation Assets	Portion of Actuarial Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Assets		
	(1) Member Contributions	(2) Retirees and Beneficiaries	(3) Members (Employer Financed Portion)		(1)	(2)	(3)
1996	1,164,651	4,319,329	4,882,188	9,541,221	100%	100%	83.1%
1997	1,252,843	4,808,918	4,901,876	11,103,759	100%	100%	100.0%
1998	1,303,006	5,570,230	5,173,076	12,727,546	100%	100%	100.0%
1999	1,321,579	6,751,682	5,186,308	14,011,247	100%	100%	100.0%
2000	1,354,683	8,055,622	5,392,136	15,573,151	100%	100%	100.0%
2001	1,403,755	9,106,198	5,394,031	16,834,024	100%	100%	100.0%
2002	1,483,243	9,555,364	5,464,492	17,378,994	100%	100%	100.0%
2003	1,561,048	9,713,507	5,581,824	17,384,179	100%	100%	100.0%
2004	1,632,995	10,092,955	5,792,834	17,519,909	100%	100%	100.0%
2005	1,704,913	10,438,051	5,878,446	17,752,917	100%	100%	95.4%

Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

Year Ended June 30	Active Members	\$ Annual Covered Payroll	% Increase in Covered Payroll	\$ Annual Average
1996	68,490	2,252,383	2.5%	32,888
1997	68,554	2,359,011	4.7%	34,411
1998	68,247	2,422,958	2.7%	35,503
1999	68,613	2,625,254	8.3%	38,262
2000	70,508	2,704,575	3.0%	39,249
2001	71,097	2,812,000	4.0%	39,552
2002	71,690	2,873,771	2.2%	40,086
2003	71,916	2,952,887	2.8%	41,060
2004	72,008	3,032,483	2.7%	42,113
2005	74,552	3,121,571	2.9%	41,871

Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries Added To and Removed From Retirement Rolls

Fiscal Year	Added To Rolls		Removed From Rolls		Rolls: June 1, 200X Payment		Average Annual Allowances
	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances	
2005							
Retirement	2,106	\$57,668,914	661	\$16,831,656	35,120	\$971,477,075	\$27,661
Disability	58	\$1,011,616	59	\$1,288,335	587	\$11,409,732	\$19,437
Beneficiaries	297	\$6,475,987	154	\$3,016,273	3,028	\$67,280,901	\$22,219
2004							
Retirement	1,726	\$48,266,626	689	\$17,942,943	33,675	\$933,150,918	\$27,710
Disability	74	\$1,431,398	45	\$943,335	588	\$11,462,253	\$19,494
Beneficiaries	299	\$6,196,059	137	\$2,506,367	2,885	\$62,690,339	\$21,730
2003							
Retirement	1,752	\$45,213,170	681	\$16,595,867	32,638	\$905,702,949	\$27,751
Disability	60	\$838,012	54	\$1,199,063	559	\$10,839,002	\$19,355
Beneficiaries	278	\$6,006,648	136	\$2,022,035	2,723	\$58,540,855	\$21,499
2002 - Total Benefit Recipients					34,974	\$946,344,333	
2001 - Total Benefit Recipients					33,757	\$861,787,476	
2000 - Total Benefit Recipients					31,946	\$755,036,577	
1999 - Total Benefit Recipients					29,749	\$620,937,964	

Note: Detailed data on retirees and beneficiaries added to and removed from rolls is not available prior to FY 2003.

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Plan Summary

June 30, 2005

Purpose

The Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) was established on July 1, 1931, by the state legislature. Its purpose is to improve educational service and better compensate teachers in order to make the occupation of teaching in Minnesota more attractive to qualified persons by providing a retirement benefit schedule that rewards faithful and continued service.

Administration

TRA is managed by eight trustees – three are statutorily appointed and five are elected. The statutory trustees are the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Finance and a representative of the Minnesota School Boards Association. Four of the five elected trustees are active members and one is a retiree. Administrative management of the fund is vested in an Executive Director who is appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Board also contracts with an actuary and uses legal counsel provided by the office of the Attorney General.

Membership

All teachers employed in public elementary and secondary schools, joint powers, charter schools and all other educational institutions maintained by the State of Minnesota (except those teachers employed by the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, or by the University of Minnesota) are required to be members of TRA. Teachers employed by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) have a one-time election to join TRA. No Minnesota state college or university teacher is a member except for purposes of Social Security coverage if that teacher has coverage by the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan administered by the MnSCU Board.

Retirement Service Credit

Service credit for benefits is earned from teaching service performed on a full-time, part-time or substitute basis up to a maximum of 170 full days per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Service credit may also be obtained by using paid accumulated sick leave or by purchasing service for a qualified leave of absence. If a teacher teaches less than 170 full days, fractional service credit is given as the ratio of the number of full days taught to 170. If a teacher teaches only a fractional part of a day, service credit is given for a full day of teaching service

for each five hours taught. Even though a teacher may teach more than five hours per day, not more than one day of service credit can be earned on any day. No more than one year of service credit may be earned during any fiscal year.

Financing

Benefits are financed by employee contributions, employer contributions, investment earnings and turnover gains. Turnover gains are employer contributions released to the fund when members take refunds of their own contributions.

Vesting

In a pension plan, vesting means a member has earned sufficient service credit to be eligible for a monthly benefit.

TRA members who have performed covered service after May 15, 1989, are vested after three years of teaching service. TRA members who last worked prior to May 16, 1989, require five or, in some cases, ten years of service credit earned in order to be eligible for a monthly annuity benefit.

Employee Contributions

TRA members pay a percentage of their gross annual salary as determined by their membership plan. Basic Plan members (without Social Security coverage) contribute 9 percent of their annual salary while Coordinated Plan members (coordinated with Social Security coverage) contribute 5 percent of their annual salary.

Employer Contributions

Local school districts and other TRA-covered employer units provide contributions of 9 percent of total salary for members in the Basic Plan and 5 percent of total salary for members in the Coordinated Plan. For Coordinated Plan members the employer unit also makes the required matching contribution to the Social Security Administration.

Retirement Benefit

The retirement benefit is determined by a formula based on the average of the member's highest five successive annual salaries, an accumulated percentage factor based on the total years of service credit, and the member's age at retirement. The retirement benefits for members who were first hired before July 1, 1989, are different from the retirement benefits for members who were first hired after June 30, 1989.

Before July 1, 1989

For members first hired before July 1, 1989, the retirement benefits (with average salary defined as the average of the highest five successive annual salaries) are *the greater of*:

1.2 percent of average salary for the first 10 years of allowable service and 1.7 percent of average salary for each subsequent year of allowable service with a reduction of 0.25 percent for each month the member is under age 65 at the time of retirement (or under age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service) and no reduction if age plus years of allowable service totals 90 or more.

OR

1.7 percent of average salary for each year of allowable service with augmented actuarial reduction (approximately 4.0 percent – 5.5 percent per year) for each month the member is under age 65.

Early retirement benefit eligibility is age 55 with 3 or more years of allowable service or any age with at least 30 years of allowable service when using the smaller step percentage factor.

For Basic system members (those without Social Security coverage) the formula percentages are 2.2 percent and 2.7 percent rather than the 1.2 percent and 1.7 percent shown for Coordinated system members (those with Social Security coverage).

After June 30, 1989

For members first hired after June 30, 1989, the retirement benefits (with average salary defined as the average of the highest five successive annual salaries) are as follows:

1.7 percent of average salary for each year of allowable service with augmented actuarial reduction (approximately 4.0 percent – 5.5 percent per year) for each month the member is under the full Social Security retirement benefit eligible age but not to exceed age 66. Under current federal law, the retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits is age 65 for persons born in 1937 or earlier. For persons born in 1938 to 1942, Social Security gradually increases the retirement age for full Social Security benefits until it reaches age 66 for those persons born in 1943 to 1954.

Early retirement benefit eligibility is age 55 with 3 or more years of allowable service.

Deferred Retirement

Members with three or more years of allowable service (ten or more years of allowable service if termination of teaching service occurs before July 1, 1987, and five or more years of allowable service if termination of teaching service occurs after June 30, 1987, but before May 16, 1989) who terminate teaching service in schools covered by the association may have their retirement benefit deferred until they attain age 55 or older.

Their benefit is augmented by 3 percent interest compounded annually until January 1 of the year following attainment of age 55 and 5 percent thereafter until the retirement benefit begins.

Annuity Plan Options

Six different annuity plan options are available to TRA members providing monthly benefit payments for as long as the annuitant lives. The No Refund Plan provides the highest possible monthly benefit, but terminates upon the member's death. A member may choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans which have survivorship features.

1. No Refund, For Life of Member
2. Guaranteed Refund
3. 15-Years Guaranteed
4. 100% Survivorship with Bounceback
5. 50% Survivorship with Bounceback
6. 75% Survivorship with Bounceback

Post Fund Increases

The required reserves needed to pay retirement benefits are transferred from TRA's regular assets to the Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund (Post Fund) at the time of retirement. Each year, the Post Fund may provide a benefit adjustment that is based on two components: 1) the increases in the cost of living as reflected by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), and 2) the investment performance of the Post Fund portfolio.

The cost-of-living component is paid up to a maximum of 2.5 percent based on the CPI-W increase determined at the end of each fiscal year for the preceding 12-month period. The cost-of-living component is paid each year regardless of the amount of investment return.

An investment-based component is paid if investment returns exceed the amount needed to pay the cost-of-living component and to cover the 6 percent earnings assumption that determined the original benefit at retirement. Investment gains and losses are smoothed over a five-year period. If a net investment loss results from the five-year smoothing calculation, no investment-based component is paid. Additionally, any accumulated investment losses from prior periods must be recovered through future investment gains before any investment-based component is paid.

There is a guarantee that benefits will never be decreased below the original amount established at retirement as adjusted by the annual increases.

Combined Service Annuity

Any vested member having combined service credit with any two or more Minnesota public retirement funds that participate in the combined service annuity program, may elect to receive a combined service annuity upon compliance with eligibility requirements for retirement.

Refunds

Upon termination of teaching service and application, TRA will issue a refund of a member's accumulated contributions plus 5 percent interest compounded annually if termination occurred before May 16, 1989, and 6 percent interest compounded annually if termination occurred on or after May 16, 1989. A

refund will be issued only if the member has officially resigned from employment and the official refund application form is submitted no sooner than 30 days after termination of teaching service.

Repayment of Refunds

Members who return to teaching service after previously withdrawing their contributions may repay these contributions upon completing two years of allowable service. The repayment must include interest of 8.5 percent, compounded annually from the date of the refund. The minimum portion of a refund repayment is 1/3 of the total service credit period for all refunds previously taken.

Disability Benefits

An active member who becomes disabled after at least three years of allowable service is eligible to apply for a total and permanent disability benefit provided at least two of the required three years of allowable service are performed after last becoming a member. State statute defines total and permanent disability as the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to be of long continued and indefinite duration. An indefinite duration is a period of at least one year.

Survivor Benefits of Members Prior to Retirement

Certain benefits are available to the survivor(s) of members who die before officially retiring with TRA. Beneficiary designation options vary for married members and single members.

Single Members

Non-Vested

- A lump-sum death benefit equal to a member's accumulated deductions plus interest to the date of death is payable to either the designated beneficiary or estate, whichever is applicable. Interest is compounded annually at 6 percent. Contributions made by the employer are not included in this benefit. A member may designate any person(s), trust, or organization(s) as a beneficiary.

Vested

- For a member without a surviving spouse at the time of death, survivor benefits will *automatically* be paid for a period certain to all dependent children under the age of 20, *unless* the member has chosen the lifetime monthly benefit option explained in the next paragraph is chosen. These payments are made from the date of death to the date each dependent child attains age 20 if the child is under age 15 on the date of death. If the dependent child is 15 years or older on the date of death, payments will be made for five years. Payments for children under the age of 18 would be made to a custodial parent or court-appointed guardian. A dependent child is a biological or adopted child who is under 20 years of age and who is dependent on the member for more than one-half of his or her financial support.
- A member may designate payment of lifetime monthly benefits for *either* a former spouse(s), *or* dependent and non-dependent, biological or adopted child(ren), *instead* of the above described surviving dependent child(ren) benefits being paid.
- For a member without a former spouse or dependent child(ren) at the time of death, either the designated beneficiary or estate, whichever is applicable, is entitled to a lump-sum death benefit equal to accumulated deductions plus interest to the date of death. Interest is compounded annually at 6 percent. Contributions made by the employer are not included in this benefit. A member may designate any person(s), trust, or organization(s) as a beneficiary.

Married Members

A surviving spouse has precedence over any designated beneficiary.

Non-Vested

- A member's spouse is entitled to a lump-sum death benefit equal to the accumulated deductions plus interest to the date of death. Interest is compounded annually at 6 percent. Contributions made by the employer are not included in this benefit.

Vested

- A member's surviving spouse may elect to receive a lifetime annuity in lieu of a lump-sum benefit. The lifetime annuity is payable on a monthly basis for the lifetime of the spouse. Payments terminate upon the death of the spouse with no benefits remaining for other beneficiaries.
- Instead of a lifetime annuity, a member's spouse may elect to receive actuarially equivalent payments for a term certain annuity of 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. The amount of the annuity is based upon a formula, the member's age at the time of death and the age of the spouse when benefits begin to accrue, although monthly benefit payments cannot exceed 75 percent of the member's average High-5 monthly salary.
- A member and their spouse may *jointly* make a specification to waive the spouse's benefits so that designated beneficiary(ies) will receive a lifetime survivor annuity benefit. The designated beneficiary may be *either* the member's former spouse(s) *or* the member's biological or adopted child(ren). Under a joint specification, a designated beneficiary cannot elect a term certain annuity of 5, 10 15 or 20 years. If a joint specification is not on file, the annuity is payable only to the surviving spouse.

Non-Vested or Vested

- A member and their spouse may *jointly* make a specification to waive the spouse's benefits so that any person, trust or organization will receive a lump-sum death benefit equal to the accumulated deductions plus interest to the date of death.

Ten-Year Summary of Revenue

By Source (In Dollars)

Year Ended June 30	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions	Net Investment Income	Other	Total
1996	148,051,326	184,495,447	1,213,973,588	713,733	1,547,234,094
1997	154,160,516	191,670,080	2,296,019,494	704,736	2,642,554,826
1998	124,095,573	151,322,830	2,637,948,298	1,329,869	2,914,696,570
1999	132,040,005	130,525,591	1,775,404,067	1,587,211	2,039,556,874
2000	138,696,271	134,418,833	1,555,989,313	2,387,928	1,831,492,345
2001	145,075,284	139,799,408	(1,244,340,580)	3,156,295	(956,309,593)
2002	152,331,067	142,221,589	(1,236,187,539)	4,488,404	(937,146,479)
2003	155,577,147	149,480,510	293,085,074	4,416,910	602,559,641
2004	159,139,548	151,028,911	2,204,787,495	7,266,004	2,522,221,958
2005	160,982,004	157,693,090	1,575,519,541	6,295,759	1,900,490,394

Ten-Year Summary of Expenditures

By Type (In Dollars)

Year Ended June 30	Retirement Benefits	Survivor Benefits	Disability Benefits	Refunds	Administrative Expenses	Other	Total
1996	366,352,840	6,080,640	5,638,668	5,039,811	3,835,501	620,477	387,567,937
1997	414,414,893	6,887,894	6,285,354	10,898,914	4,552,372	638,751	443,678,178
1998	517,008,277	9,027,669	7,815,166	5,689,067	5,417,370	1,226,839	546,184,388
1999	602,176,461	9,891,582	8,869,921	6,271,448	7,976,908	1,764,550	636,950,870
2000	734,173,055	11,025,836	9,837,686	7,262,919	8,137,683	3,903,332	774,340,511
2001	839,034,887	12,222,381	10,530,210	7,608,838	13,077,718	8,460,779	890,934,813
2002	919,648,266	14,096,110	11,477,973	7,353,363	12,911,651	1,939,945	967,427,308
2003	952,017,588	13,613,284	11,346,039	6,656,191	13,158,347	1,923,903	998,715,352
2004	982,474,587	14,201,212	11,734,673	6,861,707	12,179,212	573,379	1,028,024,770
2005	1,022,761,163	13,869,225	11,810,137	6,744,116	10,883,151	1,622,386	1,067,690,178

Summary of Changes in Membership

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

Active and Inactive Members

	Active		Inactive	
	Basic	Coordinated	Basic	Coordinated
Total July 1, 2004	3	72,005	11	28,979
Adjustments to Beginning Balance		(104)	2	(32)
Additions		8,386	—	3,994
Deletions				
Service Retirements	(1)	(1,582)	(1)	(266)
Disabled Retirements from Active	—	(8)	—	—
Retirements from Disability	—	—	—	—
Active Disabilitants from Inactive	—	—	—	(47)
Deceased with a Beneficiary	—	—	—	—
Deceased without a Beneficiary	—	(11)	—	(16)
Terminated - Deferred	—	(3,852)	—	—
Terminated - Not Vested	—	—	—	—
Refunds	—	(284)	—	(784)
Rehired as Active	—	—	—	(2,809)
Transfers to Other Funds	—	—	—	—
Expired Benefits/Beneficiary Term Completed	—	—	—	—
Data Adjustments	—	—	—	—
Total June 30, 2005	<u>2</u>	<u>74,550</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29,019</u>

	Basic System	Coordinated System	Total
Active	2	74,550	74,552
Inactive	12	29,019	29,031
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>103,569</u>	<u>103,583</u>

Summary of Changes in Membership (continued)

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005

Annuitants

	1931 Law Basic System			Coordinated System		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Beginning balance on June 30, 2004	1,708	2,128	3,836	15,104	16,442	31,546
Members retired during year	1	1	2	773	1,123	1,896
Terminated by death	84	119	203	268	329	597
Adjustments	158	46	204	(154)	(50)	(204)
Ending balance on June 30, 2005	1,783	2,056	3,839	15,455	17,186	32,641

Disabilitants

	Basic System			Coordinated System		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Beginning balance on June 30, 2004	0	0	0	201	384	585
Benefits began	0	0	0	19	44	63
Terminated by death	0	0	0	11	17	28
Transfer to retirement	0	0	0	13	23	36
No longer disabled	0	0	0	0	3	3
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending balance on June 30, 2005	0	0	0	196	385	581

Beneficiaries of Retirees

	Basic System			Coordinated System		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Beginning balance on June 30, 2004	319	36	355	1,105	295	1,400
Beneficiaries added	38	6	44	129	34	163
Terminated by death	7	1	8	32	5	37
Term complete	6	4	10	24	27	51
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	(1)	(1)
Ending balance on June 30, 2005	344	37	381	1,178	296	1,474

Summary of Changes in Membership (continued)

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005

Basic Survivors of Members Deceased Prior to Retirement

	Basic System			Coordinated System		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Beginning balance on June 30, 2004	2	61	63	0	0	0
Terminated by death	1	2	3	0	0	0
Adjustments	0	1	1	0	0	0
Ending balance on June 30, 2005	1	60	61	0	0	0

Beneficiaries of Members Deceased Prior to Retirement

	Basic System			Coordinated System		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Beginning balance on June 30, 2004	39	11	50	372	239	611
Beneficiaries added	0	0	0	21	31	52
Terminated by death	1	3	4	8	2	10
Term complete	1	0	1	10	7	17
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending balance on June 30, 2005	37	8	45	375	261	636

Summary of Annuities in Force on June 30, 2005

Payable from Minnesota Post Retirement Investment Fund

Retirement - Member	35,694
Retirement - Optional Joint Annuitant	1,650
Retirement - Beneficiary	205
Survivor - Surviving Spouse	667
Survivor - Dependent Child	13
Survivor - Optional Joint Annuitant	1
Supplemental - Member	58
Supplemental - Optional Joint Annuitant	19
Variable - Member	631
Variable - Optional Joint Annuitant	78
Total Accounts Paid from MPRIF	39,016
Disability - Member	581
Survivor - Active Fund	61
Total Accounts Being Paid	39,658

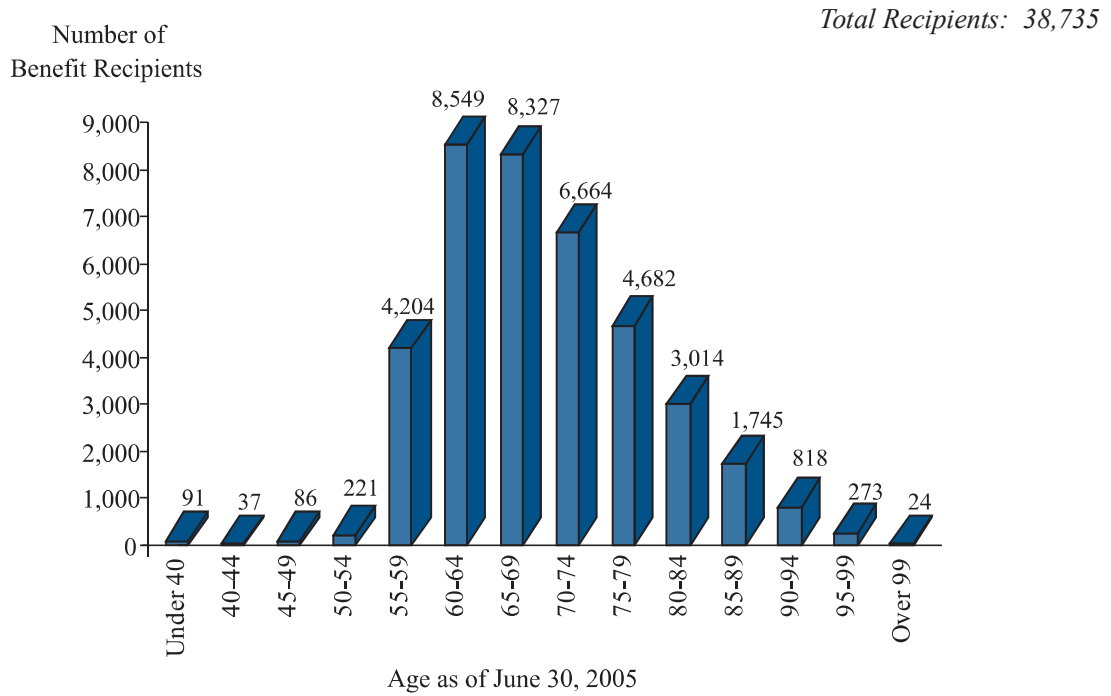
Schedule of Benefit Amounts Paid

For Month of June 2005

Monthly Benefit Amount	Number of Recipients	Cumulative Total	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Under \$100 - 499	4,549	4,549	11.74	11.74
\$ 500 - 999	4,331	8,880	11.18	22.92
\$ 1,000 - 1,499	4,317	13,197	11.15	34.07
\$ 1,500 - 1,999	5,103	18,300	13.17	47.24
\$ 2,000 - 2,499	5,492	23,792	14.18	61.42
\$ 2,500 - 2,999	4,384	28,176	11.32	72.74
\$ 3,000 - 3,499	3,485	31,661	9.00	81.74
\$ 3,500 - 3,999	2,419	34,080	6.25	87.99
\$ 4,000 - 4,499	1,606	35,686	4.15	92.14
\$ 4,500 - 4,999	1,024	36,710	2.64	94.78
\$ 5,000 - 5,499	708	37,418	1.83	96.61
\$ 5,500 - 5,999	427	37,845	1.10	97.71
\$ 6,000 - 6,499	330	38,175	0.85	98.56
\$ 6,500 - 6,999	220	38,395	0.57	99.13
\$ 7,000 - 7,499	135	38,530	0.35	99.48
\$ 7,500 - 7,999	74	38,604	0.19	99.67
\$ 8,000 - 8,499	45	38,649	0.12	99.79
\$ 8,500 - 8,999	30	38,679	0.08	99.87
\$ 9,000 - 9,499	16	38,695	0.04	99.91
\$ 9,500 - 9,999	16	38,711	0.04	99.95
\$10,000 - 10,499	10	38,721	0.03	99.98
\$10,500 - 10,999	4	38,725	0.00	99.98
\$11,000 - 11,499	4	38,729	0.01	99.99
\$11,500 - 11,999	2	38,731	0.00	99.99
\$12,000 - 12,499	2	38,733	0.00	99.99
\$12,500 and over	2	38,735	0.01	100.00

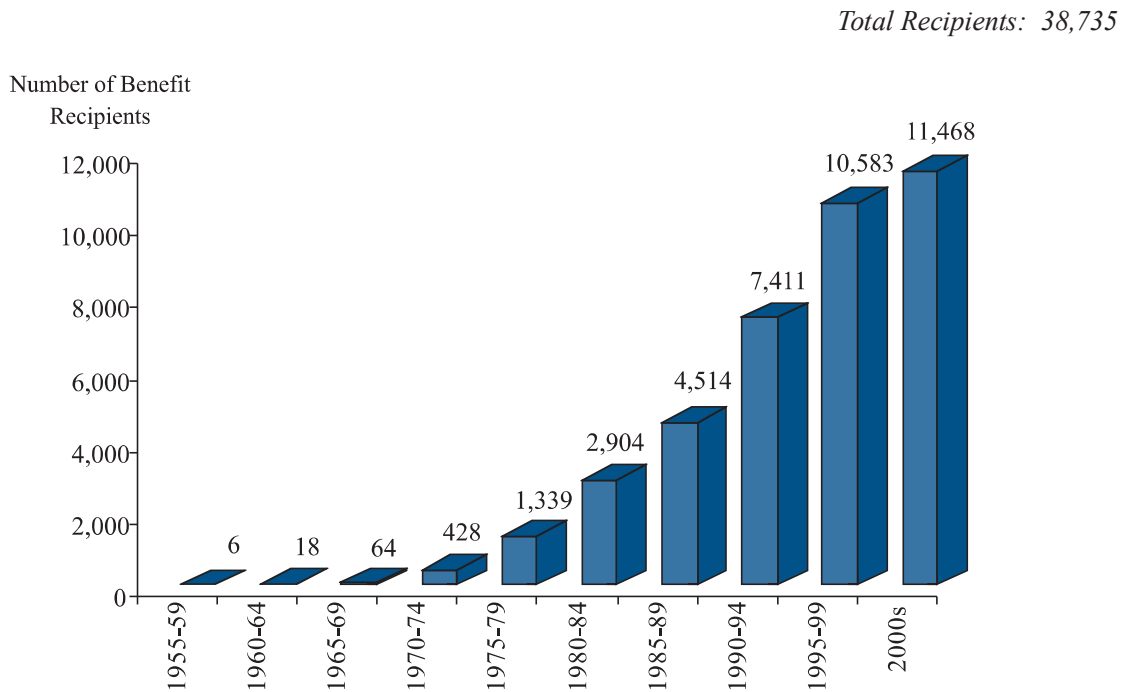
Schedule of Benefit Recipients by Current Age

For Month of June 2005



Benefit Recipients by Effective Date of Retirement

For Month of June 2005



Schedule of New Retirees and Initial Benefit Paid

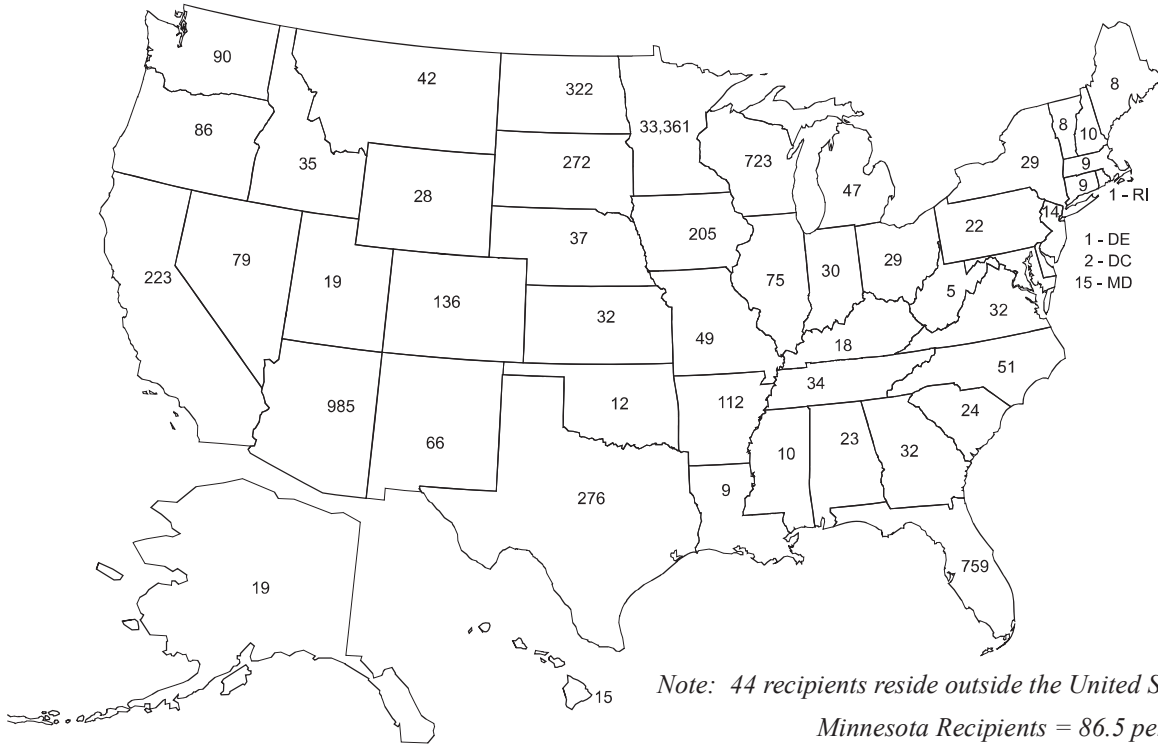
For the Nine Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2005

Fiscal Year	Years of Formula Service						Total
	<10	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	Over 30	
1997							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$190.02	\$620.88	\$943.52	\$1,403.79	\$1,928.56	\$2,633.81	\$1,856.00
Number of Retirees	189	108	145	212	286	843	1,783
1998							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$220.86	\$674.83	\$1,058.85	\$1,544.28	\$2,216.02	\$2,959.73	\$2,128.26
Number of Retirees	191	131	144	232	306	983	1,987
1999							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$243.40	\$696.37	\$1,217.30	\$1,664.26	\$2,406.11	\$3,204.73	\$2,526.67
Number of Retirees	172	148	191	231	420	1,716	2,878
2000							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$233.43	\$668.46	\$1,164.27	\$1,660.98	\$2,343.63	\$3,115.03	\$2,229.47
Number of Retirees	244	234	190	269	432	1,308	2,677
2001							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$212.99	\$739.68	\$1,114.17	\$1,743.43	\$2,523.15	\$3,262.12	\$2,312.31
Number of Retirees	236	191	175	245	362	1,125	2,334
2002							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$242.38	\$777.25	\$1,246.91	\$1,637.71	\$2,297.50	\$3,136.64	\$2,089.22
Number of Retirees	249	172	138	203	201	813	1,776
2003							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$248.87	\$758.32	\$1,241.55	\$1,604.95	\$2,450.79	\$3,204.33	\$2,265.77
Number of Retirees	213	147	129	162	191	911	1,753
2004							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$259.63	\$738.26	\$1,154.80	\$1,832.53	\$2,392.71	\$3,227.23	\$2,323.93
Number of Retirees	258	162	119	158	157	1,102	1,956
2005							
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$266.89	\$768.41	\$1,235.35	\$1,688.07	\$2,515.37	\$3,224.52	\$2,424.24
Number of Retirees	204	110	118	132	169	1,055	1,788

Distribution of TRA Benefits Mailing Address of Benefit Recipient

February 2005

Total Recipients: 38,574



Distribution of TRA Benefits Mailing Address of Benefit Recipient

June 2005

Total Recipients: 38,735



Schedule of Benefit Recipients by Type

For Month of June 2005

Monthly Benefit Amount	Number of Recipients	Type of Retirement		
		Regular	Disability	Beneficiary
\$ 1 - \$ 250	2,280	2,083	34	163
\$ 251 - \$ 500	2,269	1,964	52	253
\$ 501 - \$ 750	2,092	1,763	43	286
\$ 751 - \$ 1,000	2,239	1,930	48	261
\$ 1,001 - \$ 1,250	2,150	1,854	48	248
\$ 1,251 - \$ 1,500	2,167	1,878	50	239
\$ 1,501 - \$ 1,750	2,467	2,171	48	248
\$ 1,751 - \$ 2,000	2,636	2,355	55	226
\$ 2,001 - \$ 2,250	2,867	2,620	58	189
\$ 2,251 - \$ 2,500	2,625	2,409	43	173
\$ 2,501 - \$ 2,750	2,377	2,208	40	129
\$ 2,751 - \$ 3,000	2,007	1,869	30	108
\$ 3,001 - \$ 3,250	1,840	1,745	16	79
\$ 3,251 - \$ 3,500	1,645	1,565	10	70
\$ 3,501 - \$ 3,750	1,273	1,206	3	64
\$ 3,751 - \$ 4,000	1,146	1,094	2	50
\$ 4,001 - \$ 4,250	887	849	3	35
\$ 4,251 - \$ 4,500	719	686	1	32
\$ 4,501 - \$ 4,750	554	524	1	29
\$ 4,751 - \$ 5,000	470	438	0	32
\$ 5,001 - \$ 5,250	407	390	0	17
\$ 5,251 - \$ 5,500	301	285	0	16
\$ 5,501 - \$ 5,750	239	224	1	14
\$ 5,751 - \$ 6,000	188	174	0	14
\$ 6,001 - \$ 6,250	178	170	0	8
\$ 6,251 - \$ 6,500	152	139	0	13
\$ 6,501 - \$ 6,750	120	115	0	5
\$ 6,751 - \$ 7,000	100	94	0	6
\$ 7,001 - \$ 7,250	78	72	0	6
\$ 7,251 - \$ 7,500	57	53	0	4
\$ 7,501 - \$ 7,750	39	39	0	0
\$ 7,751 - \$ 8,000	35	31	0	4
\$ 8,001 - \$ 8,250	33	30	1	2
\$ 8,251 - \$ 8,500	12	12	0	0
\$ 8,501 - \$ 8,750	20	20	0	0
\$ 8,751 - \$ 9,000	10	9	0	1
\$ 9,001 - \$ 9,250	7	6	0	1
\$ 9,251 - \$ 9,500	9	8	0	1
\$ 9,501 - \$ 9,750	7	6	0	1
\$ 9,751 - \$ 10,000	9	8	0	1
\$10,001 and over	24	24	0	0
Total	38,735	35,120	587	3,028

Distribution of Active Members (with Average Annual Salary)

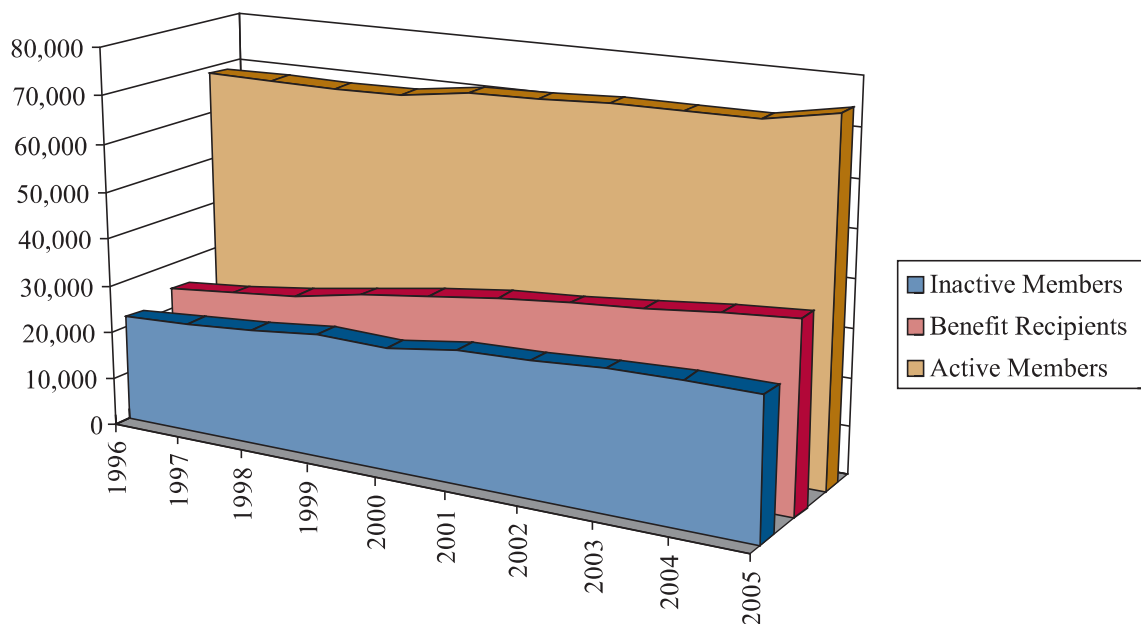
As of June 30, 2005

Years of Service	Age										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 & Over	
Total	2,799	9,518	9,472	9,260	8,924	9,496	11,985	9,780	2,663	655	74,552
	\$25,204	\$32,798	\$39,856	\$44,742	\$46,451	\$48,400	\$53,692	\$55,768	\$49,973	\$28,084	\$45,459
Under 1	1,468	1,422	633	578	685	650	494	413	224	188	6,755
	\$18,839	\$14,562	\$15,524	\$14,543	\$13,523	\$12,260	\$13,954	\$11,834	\$10,981	\$7,051	\$14,714
1-4	1,331	6,094	2,708	1,746	1,626	1,444	1,217	791	358	180	17,495
	\$32,224	\$33,789	\$32,936	\$32,340	\$30,422	\$27,893	\$28,434	\$24,950	\$19,003	\$9,503	\$31,269
5-9	—	2,002	5,159	2,706	1,655	1,565	1,366	798	276	78	15,605
	—	\$42,733	\$44,137	\$43,893	\$43,813	\$43,793	\$42,444	\$39,433	\$31,322	\$23,643	\$43,128
10-14	—	—	971	3,567	1,933	1,447	1,465	988	257	38	10,666
	—	—	\$52,257	\$53,571	\$52,494	\$52,040	\$50,856	\$49,821	\$47,748	\$42,114	\$52,147
15-19	—	—	1	663	2,404	1,630	1,553	1,107	371	43	7,772
	—	—	\$53,593	\$59,697	\$59,594	\$59,032	\$58,618	\$58,375	\$57,334	\$55,862	\$58,987
20-24	—	—	—	—	620	1,824	1,374	1,014	357	38	5,227
	—	—	—	—	\$62,112	\$61,687	\$61,915	\$62,994	\$62,271	\$63,045	\$62,101
25-29	—	—	—	—	1	935	2,926	1,558	364	25	5,809
	—	—	—	—	\$44,033	\$62,826	\$64,941	\$65,760	\$68,736	\$67,192	\$65,064
30-34	—	—	—	—	—	1	1,589	2,690	227	28	4,535
	—	—	—	—	—	\$44,066	\$65,021	\$66,920	\$76,310	\$84,592	\$66,829
35-39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	421	204	23	649
	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$78,994	\$69,199	\$74,827	\$90,991	\$71,756
40 & Over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	14	39
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$71,619	\$69,684	\$70,924

Ten-Year Summary of Membership

Year Ended June 30	Active Members	Inactive Members	Benefit Recipients
1996	68,490	22,211	24,307
1997	68,554	23,009	25,681
1998	68,247	23,907	27,228
1999	68,613	25,822	29,749
2000	70,508	25,208	31,946
2001	71,097	27,256	33,757
2002	71,690	27,702	34,974
2003	71,916	28,560	36,199
2004	72,008	28,990	37,649
2005	74,552	29,031	38,957

Ten-Year Summary of Membership



Schedule of Participating Employers

As of June 30, 2005

Independent School Districts (345)

Ada-Borup #2854	Carlton #93	Forest Lake #831
Adrian #511	Cass Lake #115	Fosston #601
Aitkin #1	Cedar Mountain #2754	Frazee #23
Albany #745	Centennial #12	Fridley #14
Albert Lea #241	Chaska #112	Fulda #505
Alden #242	Chatfield #227	Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop #2365
Alexandria #206	Chisago Lakes Area #2144	Glencoe-Silver Lake #2859
Annandale #876	Chisholm #695	Glenville-Emmons #2886
Anoka-Hennepin #11	Chokio-Alberta #771	Goodhue #253
Ashby #261	Clearbrook-Gonvick #2311	Goodridge #561
Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City #2396	Cleveland #391	Granada-Huntley-E Chain #2536
Austin #492	Climax #592	Grand Meadow #495
Badger #676	Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley #2888	Grand Rapids #318
Bagley #162	Cloquet #94	Greenbush-Middle River #2683
Balaton #411	Columbia Heights #13	Greenway Schools #316
Barnesville #146	Comfrey Public School #81	Grygla #447
Barnum #91	Cook County #166	Hancock #768
Battle Lake Public Schools # 542	Cromwell #95	Hastings #200
Becker #726	Crookston #593	Hawley #150
Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa #2364	Crosby-Ironton #182	Hayfield #203
Belle Plaine #716	Cyrus #611	Hendricks #402
Bellingham #371	Dassel-Cokato #466	Henning #545
Bemidji #31	Dawson #378	Herman #264
Benson #777	Deer River #317	Hermantown #700
Bertha-Hewitt #786	Delano #879	Heron Lake-Okabena #330
Big Lake #727	Detroit Lakes #22	Hibbing #701
Blackduck #32	Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton #2164	Hill City #2
Blooming Prairie #756	Dover-Eyota #533	Hills-Beaver Creek #671
Bloomington #271	Eagle Valley #2759	Hinckley-Finlayson #2165
Blue Earth Area Public Schools #2860	East Central #2580	Holdingford #738
BOLD #2534	East Grand Forks #595	Hopkins #270
Braham #314	Eden Prairie #272	Houston #294
Brainerd #181	Eden Valley #463	Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted #2687
Brandon #207	Edgerton #581	Hutchinson #423
Breckenridge #846	Edina #273	Intermediate School District #287
Brewster #513	Elgin-Millville #806	Intermediate School District #917
Brooklyn Center #286	Elk River #728	International Falls #361
Browerville #787	Ellsworth #514	Inver Grove Heights #199
Browns Valley #801	Ely #696	Isle #473
Buffalo #877	Esko #99	Ivanhoe #403
Buffalo Lake-Hector #2159	Evansville #208	Jackson County Central Schools #2895
Burnsville #191	Eveleth-Gilbert #2154	Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton #2835
Butterfield #836	Fairmont-Ceylon #2752	Jordan #717
Byron #531	Faribault #656	Kasson-Mantorville #204
Caledonia #299	Farmington #192	Kelliher #36
Cambridge-Isanti #911	Fergus Falls #544	Kenyon-Wanamingo #2172
Campbell-Tintah #852	Fertile-Beltrami #599	Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg #775
Canby #891	Fillmore Central #2198	Kimball #739
Cannon Falls #252	Fisher #600	Kingsland #2137
	Floodwood #698	
	Foley #51	

Kittson Central #2171	Mountain Iron-Buhl #712	Richfield #280
Lac qui Parle Valley #2853	Mountain Lake #173	Robbinsdale #281
LaCrescent #300	Murray County Central #2169	Rochester #535
Lake Benton #404	Nashwauk-Keewatin #319	Rockford #883
Lake City #813	NE Metro Interm School Dist #916	Rocori #750
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial #2071	Nett Lake #707	Roseau #682
Lake of the Woods #390	Nevis #308	Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan #196
Lake Park-Audubon District #2889	New London-Spicer #345	Roseville #623
Lake Superior #381	New Prague #721	Rothsay #850
Lakeview #2167	New Ulm #88	Round Lake #516
Lakeville #194	New York Mills #553	Royalton #485
Lancaster #356	Nicollet #507	Rush City #139
Lanesboro #229	Norman County East #2215	Rushford #239
Laporte #306	Norman County West #2527	Russell #418
Le Center #392	North Branch #138	Ruthton #584
Le Sueur-Henderson #2397	North St Paul-Maplewood #622	Sartell #748
LeRoy #499	Northfield #659	Sauk Centre #743
Lester Prairie #424	Northland Community Schools #118	Sauk Rapids #47
Lewiston #857	Northland Learning Center # 6076	Sebeka #820
Litchfield #465	Northwest Suburban ISD 6078	Shakopee #720
Little Falls #482	Norwood Young America #108	Sibley East #2310
Littlefork #362	NRHEG #2168	Sleepy Eye #84
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle #2753	Ogilvie #333	So Koochiching-Rainy River #363
Luverne #2184	Oklee #627	South St Paul Special School Dist #6
Lyle #497	Onamia #480	South Washington County #833
Lynd #415	Orono #278	Southland #500
Mabel-Canton #238	Ortonville #62	Spring Grove #297
MACCRAY #2180	Osakis #213	Spring Lake Park #16
Madelia #837	Osseo #279	Springfield #85
Mahnomen #432	Owatonna #761	St Anthony #282
Mahtomedi #832	Park Rapids #309	St Charles #858
Mankato #77	Parkers Prairie #547	St Clair #75
Maple Lake #881	Paynesville #741	St Cloud #742
Maple River #2135	Pelican Rapids #548	St Francis #15
Marshall #413	Pequot Lakes #186	St James #840
Marshall County Central #441	Perham #549	St Louis County Schools # 2142
Martin County West #2448	Pierz #484	St Louis Park #283
McGregor #4	Pillager #116	St Michael #885
McLeod West #2887	Pine City #578	St Peter #508
Medford #763	Pine Island #255	Staples-Motley #2170
Melrose #740	Pine Point #3333	Stephen-Argyle #2856
Menahga #821	Pine River-Backus #2174	Stewartville #534
Mesabi East #2711	Pipestone-Jasper #2689	Stillwater #834
Milaca #912	Plainview #810	Swanville #486
Milroy #635	Plummer #628	Thief River Falls Public Schools #564
Minneota #414	Princeton #477	Tracy #417
Minnetonka #276	Prinsburg #815	Tri District School #6067
Minnewaska Area #2149	Prior Lake #719	Tri-County #2358
Montevideo #129	Proctor #704	Triton Schools #2125
Montgomery #394	Randolph #195	Truman #458
Monticello #882	Red Lake #38	Tyler #409
Moorhead #152	Red Lake Falls #630	Ulen #914
Moose Lake #97	Red Rock Central #2884	Underwood #550
Mora #332	Red Wing #256	United South Central #2134
Morris #769	Redwood Area Schools # 2897	Upsala #487
Mounds View #621	Renville County West #2890	Verndale #818
		Virginia #706

Wabasha-Kellogg #811
 Wabasso #640
 Waconia #110
 Wadena-Deer Creek #2155
 Walker-Hackensack #113
 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo #2176
 Warroad #690
 Waseca #829
 Watertown-Mayer #111
 Waterville-Elysian-Morristown #2143
 Waubun #435
 Wayzata #284
 West Central Area #2342
 West St Paul #197
 Westbrook-Walnut Grove Public School #2898
 Westonka #277
 Wheaton #803
 White Bear Lake #624
 Willmar #347
 Willow River #577
 Windom #177
 Win-E-Mac #2609
 Winona Area Public Schools #861
 Worthington #518
 Wrenshall #100
 Yellow Medicine East #2190
 Zumbrota-Mazeppa #2805

Joint Powers Unit (38)

Area Special Educ Coop # 997
 Bemidji Reg Interdist Council # 998
 Benton-Stearns Educ Dist #6383
 Border Region Education Dist #6020
 Carver Scott Educ Cooperative #930
 Central MN ERDC # 246
 Crow River Spec Ed Coop #937
 Fergus Falls Spec Ed Coop #935
 Freshwater Education Dist #6004
 Goodhue County Ed Dist #6051
 Hiawatha Valley Ed Dist #6013
 Lake Agassiz Spec Ed Coop #397
 Lakes Country Serv Coop #926
 Meeker & Wright Spec Ed Coop #938
 Metro ECSU #920
 Midstate Educational Dist # 6979
 Midwest Spec Ed Coop # 398
 MN River Valley Spec Ed Coop #993
 MN Valley Coop Ctr #978
 MN Valley Educ Dist #6027
 North Central Service Coop #924
 North Country Voc Coop Ctr #919
 Northeast Service Coop #927
 Northwest Reg Intrdst Council #382
 Northwest Service Co-op #928
 Pine to Prairie Coop Ctr #985
 Resource Training and Solutions #923

Riverbend Educational Dist #6049
 Root River Ed Dist #6042
 Runestone Area Education Dist #6014
 South Central Serv Coop #922
 Southeast Service Coop #921
 SW/W Central Service Cooperatives #991
 Technology and Information Education Services (TIES) #925
 W Central Education Dist #6026
 WMEP Joint Power School District
 Wright Technical Ctr #966
 Zumbro Education District #6012

Professional Organizations (1)

Education Minnesota

MN State Colleges & Universities (39)

Alexandria Technical College
 Anoka Technical College
 Anoka-Ramsey Community College
 Bemidji State University
 Central Lakes College
 Century Community and Technical College
 Dakota County Technical College
 Fergus Falls Community College
 Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
 Hennepin Technical College
 Hibbing Community College
 Inver Hills Community College
 Itasca Community College
 Lake Superior College
 Mesabi Range Community & Technical College
 Metropolitan State University
 Minneapolis Community & Technical College
 Minnesota State University Moorhead
 Minnesota State College-SE Technical
 Minnesota State University, Mankato
 Minnesota West Community & Technical College
 MN State Colleges and Universities Board Office
 Normandale Community College
 North Hennepin Community College
 Northeast Service Unit
 Northland Community & Technical College
 Northwest Technical College
 Pine Technical College
 Rainy River Community College
 Ridgewater College

Riverland Community College
 Rochester Community & Technical College
 South Central Technical College
 Southwest Minnesota State University
 St Cloud State University
 St Cloud Technical College
 St Paul Technical College
 Vermilion Community College
 Winona State University

Charter Schools (136)

Academia Cesar Chavez #4073
 Academy of BioSciences #4148
 Achieve Language Academy #4018
 Adam Abdulle Academy #4135
 Agricultural & Food Sciences Academy #4074
 ARTECH Northfield School of Arts & Tech. #4091
 Ascension Academy #4114
 Augsburg Academy for Health Careers #4111
 Aurora Charter School #4067
 Avalon School #4075
 Beacon Academy #4124
 Birch Grove Charter School #4145
 BlueSky Charter School #4082
 Bluffview Montessori #4001
 Cedar-Riverside Community School #4004
 Central Charter School #4130
 Cities West Academy #4117
 City Academy #4000
 Community of Peace #4015
 Concordia Creative Learning Academy #4035
 Coon Rapids Learning Center #4049
 Covenant Academy of Minnesota #4081
 Crosslake Community School #4059
 Cyber Village Academy #4025
 Cygnus Academy #4149
 Dakota Area Community School #4123
 Dugsi Academy #4153
 Duluth Edison Academies #4020
 Eagle Ridge Academy #4122
 ECHO Charter School #4026
 Eci Nompaa Woonspe #4028
 EdVisions Off-Campus Charter School #4151
 El Colegio Charter School #4057
 Emily Charter School #4012
 Excell Academy for Higher Learning #4068

F Scott Fitzgerald Writing Academy #4134	MN Business Academy #4065	Swan River Montessori #4137
Face to Face Academy #4036	MN International Middle School #4078	Tarek Ibn Ziyad Academy #4099
Family Academy Charter School #4062	Mn Internship Center #4102	TEAM Academy #4127
Four Directions Charter School #4052	Mn North Star Academy #4101	Trek North High School #4106
Fraser Academy #4113	MN Transitions Charter School #4017	Trio Wolf Creek Distance Learning #4095
Friendship Academy of Fine Arts #4079	Naytahwaush Community School #4155	Twin Cities Academy #4042
Gen. John Vessey Leadership Academy #4108	Nerstrand Elementary School #4055	Twin Cities German Immersion School #4152
Great Expectations School #4100	New Century Charter School #4093	Twin Cities International Elem. School #4077
Great River Education Center #4048	New City School #4089	UBAH Medical Academy #4121
Great River School #4105	New Country Charter School #4007	Urban Academy #4088
Green Isle Community School #4144	New Heights School #4003	Veritas Academy #4133
Hanska Community School #4051	New Millennium Academy #4143	Village School of Northfield #4021
Harbor City International #4085	New Spirit School #4029	Voyageurs Expeditionary School #4107
Harriet Bishop Core Knowledge #4140	New Visions School #4011	Watershed High School #4092
Harvest Preparatory Academy #4032	New Voyage Academy #4019	Woodson Institute for Student Excellence #4086
Heart of Earth for Amer. Indian Educ. #4044	North Lakes Academy #4053	World Learner School #4016
High School for Recording Arts #4039	North Shore Community School #4084	Worthington Area Language Academy #4125
Higher Ground #4027	Northern Lights Community School #4146	Yankton Country School #4072
Hmong Academy #4103	Nova Classical Academy #4098	
HOPE Community Academy #4070	Odyssey Charter School #4030	
Jennings Experiential High School #4031	PACT Charter School #4008	
Kaleidoscope Charter School #4118	Paideia Academy #4141	
LaCrescent Montessori Academy #4054	Partnership Academy, Inc. #4097	
Lafayette Charter School #4050	Pillager Area Charter School #4080	
Lake Superior High School #4046	Prairie Creek Community School #4090	
Lakes Area Charter School #4045	Prairie Seeds Academy #4126	
Lakes International Language Academy #4116	Recovery School of Southern Minnesota #4154	
Liberty High School #4104	Ridgeway Community School #4083	
Lighthouse Academy of Nations #4131	River Heights Charter School #4119	
LoveWorks Academy #4139	Riverbend Academy #4066	
Main Street School of Performing Arts #4110	Riverway Learning Community #4064	
Mary McEvoy Early Literacy Academy #4129	Rochester Off-Campus Charter HS #4056	
Math & Science Academy #4043	SAGE Academy #4087	
Metro Deaf School #4005	Schoolcraft Learning Community #4058	
Midtown Academy #4147	Skills for Tomorrow Sr. High #4006	
MILROY Area Charter School #4138	Sobriety High Charter School #4109	
Minneapolis Academy #4115	Sojourner Truth Academy #4038	
Minnesota Online High School #4150	Soul Academy #4136	
MIT- McGee Institute of Technology #4069	Southeast Community Charter School #4156	
MN Academy of Software Technology #4076	St Croix Preparatory School #4120	
	St Paul Conservatory for Performing Arts #4112	
	Stride Academy #4142	
	Studio Academy #4061	

State Agencies (6)

Department of Economic Security
 Department of Education
 Minnesota State Academies
 Perpich Center for Arts Education
 Teachers Retirement Association
 Veterans Affairs