

From the **Maryland State Retirement and Pension System**

## **Protect Yourself from Scams**

The Maryland State Retirement and Pension System takes data security and the privacy of your personal information very seriously. We wish to remind all members that communication from our office will always be in written format. Do not share financial or personal information prompted by an unsolicited phone call or e-mail.

The Maryland Attorney General's Office has a booklet entitled "A Consumer Guide for Seniors" that provides helpful suggestions to help you protect your personal information. The guide can be read online at [www.oag.state.md.us/seniors.htm](http://www.oag.state.md.us/seniors.htm) or a free copy can be ordered by mail by calling 410-576-6500.

Another valuable source of information regarding the prevention of fraudulent and deceptive business practices is the Federal Trade Commission. Their article "How Not to Get Hooked by a 'Phishing' Scam" can be found at: [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt1267.shtm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt1267.shtm).

If you are uncertain as to the legitimacy of someone representing the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System, please contact Member Services at 410-625-5555 or 800-492-5909.