

Steven Patrick Rodeman Named Oregon PERS Director

Steve Rodeman has been named Executive Director of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) effective November 1, 2014. He succeeds Paul R. Cleary who is retiring on December 1.

Rodeman has served as PERS Deputy Director since June 2008 and joined the agency in November 2001. Before becoming Deputy Director, he ran the agency's Policy, Planning, & Legislative Analysis Division, providing policy development, strategic planning, government relations, and legal services management.

"He's been a key part of any success that this agency has had during my tenure here," Cleary said. He also noted that PERS will be "extremely well served" by Rodeman.

PERS Board Chair John Thomas observed that "We're very fortunate to have this kind of continuity of leadership in Oregon. We had a high bar to work with. We're proud that he (Rodeman) has accepted the position."

Rodeman's professional career includes serving as Vice President/General Counsel with an Oregon credit union and working for the Credit Union Association of Oregon. His areas of expertise include government relations, compliance, and collections, as well as the legal aspects of credit union lending and operations.

Awarded his law degree from Willamette University College of Law in May 1985, Rodeman was in private firm practice for several years, emphasizing financial institution, collection, tax, and estate planning law.

Rodeman also holds a degree in speech communication from Humboldt State University in California.

Oregon PERS is a tax-qualified government plan with approximately 205,000 active/inactive members and 128,000 benefit recipients. It serves approximately 900 employers, including the state, local governments, and all schools. Oregon PERS is a \$70 billion retirement system and pays benefits of nearly \$4 billion annually. The agency has approximately 360 employees.