Thank you AMRPE members!

We are extremely grateful to our membership as we celebrate the preservation of our 3% GABA after the drama of the legislative session and a protracted court process. We’d like to acknowledge and thank all of you that stepped up to pay for the attorney fees that allowed us to be successful. In particular we want to identify those individuals and organizations who donated $1,000 or more:

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The costs related to the lawsuit exceeded $130,000. AMRPE received $142,000 in donations. Your AMRPE board discussed options regarding the remaining $12,000 and determined that the most prudent decision is to retain those donations in a legal fund. The legislature will return in a short 17 months. There is no way to anticipate what they might propose next but history indicates it won’t necessarily be in our favor.

Thanks again to all of you who contributed to the defense of our pension benefits.