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PERSI MOURNS PASSING OF FORMER TRUSTEE

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During its February meeting, the PERSI Retirement Board recognized the recent passing of a long-time PERSI Trustee, Marilyn Shuler. Chairman of the Board, Jody Olson opened the meeting with the following remarks:

"Fellow PERSI Members,

For ten years (1988-1998) Marilyn Shuler served as a valued trustee of PERSI. During those years, she was the conscience of the Board. She is best known for her tireless advocacy of those in our society who are denied equal rights. She fought religious persecution of, initially, Mormons, Jews and Catholics; lately, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others. She would not tolerate discrimination against the disabled, people of color, women, or anyone who wished to live free.



Marilyn Shuler was an extraordinary PERSI trustee. Wickedly smart, she educated herself on investments of size and complexity. In between fulfilling the demanding role of founding Director of the State Human Rights Commission, battling tremendous physical challenges and participating in a myriad of volunteer activities; I don't recall her missing a single PERSI Board meeting.

Marilyn's famous motto was "Cash is Trash". She understood that funding retirement benefits for every member requires adequate returns, and we must be heavily invested in equities. The Board and staff were constantly reviewing existing and potential money managers to be sure we were fully and appropriately invested. Pity the fund manager who suggested investing in a company whose product was made using third-world slave labor, or had a Board which did not follow good corporate governance.

Marilyn passed during a brief hospital stay surrounded by her loving sons, their families, and many friends. Vickie (my wife) and I were given thirty-plus close years with Marilyn. To say we are sad and grieving is an understatement.

Every one of our 140,000 participants drawing a PERSI retirement check, or planning on doing so in the future, owes some of what they receive to this incredible lady."

A memorial service for Marilyn Shuler is planned for 1 p.m. Sunday, February 19, in the Jordan Ballroom at Boise State University.

For more in-depth background into Trustee Shuler's remarkable contributions not only to PERSI, but to our communities, our state, and beyond, here are some additional links published by the Idaho Statesman, Idaho Public Television, and Boise State Public Radio:

["Marilyn Shuler, Idaho human rights leader, dies at 77..."](#) (Idaho Statesman)

["Marilyn Shuler - The Color of Conscience - A Special Production..."](#) (IPTV)

["Marilyn Shuler..."](#) (BSU Public Radio)

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