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UCT Trust Is Nation's Best

Trust Administrator Dan Tollett said, when the Unemployment Compensation Trust began, we had a vision that one day the trust would be able to pay all claims and provide a refund of some of the premium to members." Wise investment of trust funds over the years has produced more than \$15 million of the trust's assets. At the same time assets have grown, the UCT has paid more in claims and rebates for member boards than the member boards have paid to the UCT. "No other unemployment compensation trust in the nation can boast such an achievement," said UCT chairman Roger Greene. "The UCT is simply the best unemployment compensation trust in the nation. The board of trustees is committed to continuing the practice of paying claims and refunding premiums annually to members who have met the provisions of Trust policies." To ensure that the trust remains strong, trustees have established a policy to retain \$15 million in reserve to hedge against extraordinary claims and with the expectation that the return on the investment can be used to pay claims so that premiums paid by members can be at least partially refunded.

Broker Urges Boards to Seize UCT Assets

An insurance broker from Chicago at a TSBA sponsored meeting, urged representatives of about 28 school systems, most of which were TSBA BOD representatives, to seize the \$15 million assets of the Unemployment Compensation Trust. He apparently thought that the assets of the UCT belonged to TSBA and that they could be used to fund a start-up insurance pool for the Tennessee School Boards Association. In fact, the assets of the Unemployment Compensation Trust belong collectively to the 53 school boards which are members, not TSBA or all of its members. The UCT trustees are committed to using the assets of the Trust exclusively for costs directly related to paying unemployment claims of its members—not for the benefit of boards which are not members.

Another meeting, organized by TSBA, was held on November 3, 2005 as a follow-up. Only about 12 school boards were represented in this meeting. This group was asked to authorize a retainer for legal counsel. Each board was asked to contribute \$3000 regardless of size of the school district to pay for litigation. It appears that TSBA leadership is setting up this committee to be the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against all of the other school boards which are members of the UCT in an attempt to seize the assets of the Trust which enable the trustees to provide annual premium rebates as well as to pay claims.

UCT Appreciation Dinner Cruise Full

According to Kristi Coleman, Trust Director of Finance and Administration who handled arrangements for the cruise, the dinner cruise is completely full. More than 550 school board members, superintendents, special guests and spouses have made reservations for the Member Appreciation Dinner Cruise on the General Jackson on Sunday, November 13, 2005. Coleman said, "Although the cruise will begin at 7:15, participants may board as early as 6 PM. John Evans of Next Generation Underwriters will be hosting a reception for early arrivals beginning at 6. Tickets for those with reservations may be picked up at the ticket office at the boat dock behind Opry Mills Shopping Mall."

Rebate checks will be distributed by the trustees during the dinner cruise.