

Virginia Police Relief Association



Annual Actuarial Valuation

December 31, 1990

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Board of Trustees Virginia Police Relief Association Virginia, Minnesota

Submitted in this report are the results of the December 31, 1990 actuarial valuation of the assets, actuarial values and contribution requirements associated with the benefits provided by the Virginia Police Relief Association.

The valuation results contained in Section A provide the actuarial information needed to determine the employer's "minimum obligation" effective January 1, 1992. Section A also contains comments regarding the valuation results.

The valuation was based upon information furnished by the Association concerning benefits, financial transactions, active members, terminated members, retirants and beneficiaries. Data was checked for year to year consistency but was not otherwise audited by us. This information is summarized in Section B.

A description of the actuarial funding method and the risk experience assumptions used is contained in Section C. The economic risk experience assumptions, as well as the actuarial funding method to be used, are established by state law.

Information needed to comply with Statement No. 5 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board is contained in Section D.

The actuarial valuation was prepared using generally accepted actuarial principles and practices based upon the methods, assumptions, summary of plan provisions and the member and financial data described in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Section A Valuation Results

COMMENTS

Economic Assumptions and Financing Method

The economic assumptions of 5% annual investment return and 3-1/2% annual salary increases are established by state law. State law also specifies that the annual minimum obligation of the municipality shall be determined by adding (i) the employer normal cost percent times covered payroll to (ii) the level dollar amount required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by December 31, 2010.

It is worth noting that when the same assumptions and methods are applied to plans which differ in nature, the valuation results may not be comparable. Caution should be exercised when attempting to assess the financial condition of one Association relative to another on the basis of valuation results produced using the assumptions and methods mandated by state law.

Virginia Police Relief Association

CONTRIBUTION RATE TO PROVIDE BENEFITS

Member portion & Employer portion Effective January 1, 1992

	<u>If Paid Equally</u> Normal Cost	y Throu	ughout Year
Contributions for	% of Active <u>Payroll for 1992</u>	+	UAAL Dollars
Normal cost of annuities:			
Age & service: to members Age & service: to survivors Disability Death before retirement Refunds of member contributions Total Normal Cost	18.87% 3.28 3.08 2.07		
Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (UAAL) (19 year level dollar payment)			
Retired lives Active members Total			\$ 0 60,053 60,053
Total Cost of Benefits	27.35%	+	\$60,053
Member contributions	8.00%		
COMPUTED EMPLOYER RATE:			
(a) If Paid Equally Throughout Year(b) IF PAID AT CALENDAR YEAR END	19.35% 19.83%	++	\$60,053 \$61,536

Virginia Police Relief Association Present Actuarial Condition

The Association's accrued actuarial assets were in excess of \$4.4 million on December 31, 1990 -- a considerable sum of money if unencumbered and allocated among a small group of persons. This is not the case with the Association's assets.

The following schedule puts the \$4.4 million into perspective by showing the relationship between accrued actuarial assets, actuarial accrued liabilities, and the number of persons with actual and potential claims on the Association's assets.

	Accrued Actuarial <u>Assets</u>	Actuarial Accrued <u>Liabilities</u>	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	Percent <u>Funded</u>
Retirants and Beneficiaries Retired Members (9) Surviving Spouses (7) Surviving Children (0)		\$1,892,436 514,776 0		
Total (16)	\$2,407,212	\$2,407,212	\$ 0	100.0%
Deferred Members (1)	391,752	391,752	0	100.0
Active Members (12)	1,608,516	2,352,270	743,754	68.4
Total	\$4,407,480	\$5,151,234	\$743,754	85.6%

Virginia Police Relief Association Computed Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Year En <u>Decembe</u> Valuation	r 31	as a	Normal Cost Percent of tion Payroll*	Contribution For Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities
1981	1983		N/A	N/A
1982	1984		23.36%	\$68,903
1983	1985**		25.38	95,100
1984	1986		25.15	78,226
1985	1987#		23.55	67,971
1986	1988		23.64	52,921
1987	1989		23.76	43,520
1988	1990		23.92	25,109
1989	1991#		27.32	43,576
1990	1992		27.35	60,053

^{*} Includes employee contributions.

^{**} After change in assumptions.

[#] After change in benefit provisions.

Virginia Police Relief Association CONTRIBUTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1992

For any period of time the percent-of-payroll contribution rate is converted to dollars. The amount of dollars for any calendar year depends upon the results of the last actuarial valuation, and the timing of contributions within the year. The later the contribution date, the greater the dollar amount will be.

The municipality's dollar contribution for the year may be determined as follows:

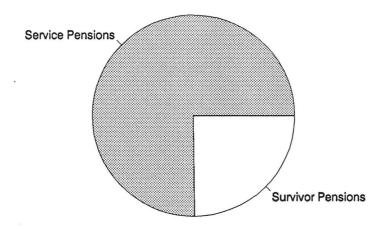
(1)	Estimated covered payroll for 1992 \$	
(2)	Total normal cost % from page A-2 27.35%	
(3)	Total normal cost (Line 1 times line 2)	\$
(4)	x 1.035 1990 Administrative expenses paid from the Special Fund	
(5)	Amortization payment on UAAL from page A-2	60,053
(6)	Total contributions required (Line 3 plus line 4 plus line 5)	
(7)	Employee contributions (Line 1 times 8%) \$	
(8)	(a) State amortization aid based on 12/31/78 UAAL of \$1,045,949 \$15,742 (b) State amortization aid based on 1984 legislation 2,253 (c) Total State amortization aid 17,995	
(9)	Estimated insurance premium aid	
(10)	Estimated total contributions from other sources (Line 7 plus line 8 plus line 9)	
(11)	Employer's Minimum Obligation if payment is made in equal installments throughout the year (Line 6 minus line 10)	\$
(12)	EMPLOYER'S MINIMUM OBLIGATION IF PAYMENT IS MADE AT YEAR END (Line 11 times 1.0247)	\$

Section B

Valuation Data and Summary of Benefit Provisions

Virginia Police Relief Association Retirants and Beneficiaries December 31, 1990 By Type of Annuity Being Paid

Type of Annuity Being Paid	<u>No.</u>	Monthly Amounts	Computed Actuarial Accrued Liabilities
Retirants receiving: Age & Service Disability	9 _0	\$11,508.04 0.00	\$1,892,436 0
Totals	9	11,508.04	1,892,436
Beneficiaries receiving: Spouse Child	7 _0	3,811.21 0.00	514,776 0
Totals	7	3,811.21	514,776
	_		
Totals	16	\$15,319.25	\$2,407,212



Monthly Amount Paid by Benefit

Virginia Police Relief Association Inactive Members Eligible for Deferred Benefits December 31, 1990

		Computed Actuarial
No.	Monthly <u>Amount</u>	Accrued <u>Liabilities</u>
1	\$1,511.90	\$391,752

Virginia Police Relief Association Retirants and Beneficiaries December 31, 1990 By Attained Ages

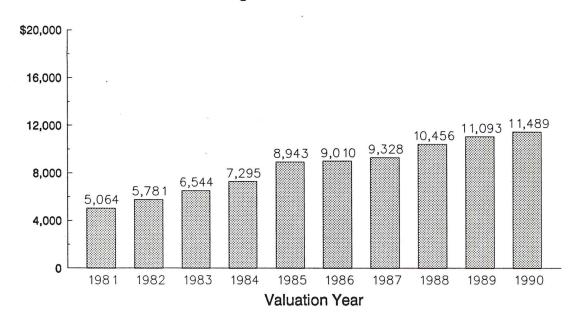
		Number	
Attained Ages	Age & <u>Service</u>	<u>Disability</u>	Death Before <u>Retirement</u>
55-59	1		
60-64 65-69 70-75 75-79	4 2 2 1	1	
80-84 85-89	4	_	_
Totals	15	1	0

Virginia Police Relief Association
Retirants and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

Comparative Statement

Valuation Date <u>December 31</u>	No. Added	No. Removed from Rolls	<u>Rolls</u> <u>No.</u>	End of Year Annual Allowances	Discounted Value of Total Allowances
1981	1	1	17	\$ 86,085	\$ 981,184
1982			17	98,273	1,060,993
1983	3	4	16	104,704	1,561,519
1984	1	1	16	116,713	1,736,472
1985	3		19	169,926	2,599,608
1986	1	1	19	171,195	2,529,648
1987		1	18	167,901	2,414,664
1988		2	16	167,294	2,369,208
1989	1	1	16	177,486	2,406,264
1990			16	183,831	2,407,212

Average Annual Allowances



Virginia Police Relief Association
Active Members December 31, 1990
By Attained Age and Years of Service

Attained Age	0-4	<u>Yea</u> <u>5-9</u>	rs of S 10-14	<u>ervice</u> 15-19	<u>to Valu</u> 20-24	ation D 25-29	ate 30 Plus	T <u>No.</u>	otals Valuation Payroll
35-39			3	2				5	\$174,680
40-44 45-49 55-59				2 1	1		, 1	3 2 1	117,510 69,870 41,581
64				1				1	29,501
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Totals			3	6	2		1	12	\$433,142

While not used in the financial computations, the following group averages are computed and shown because of their general interest.

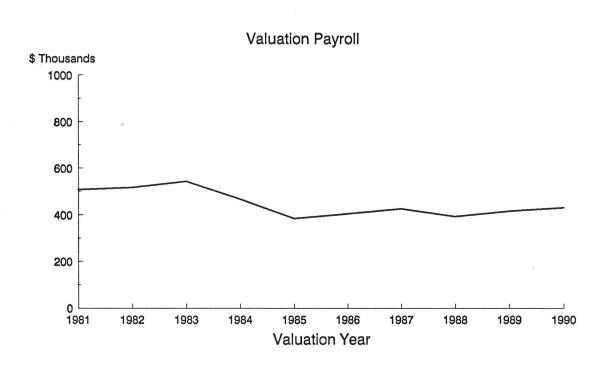
Age: 43.8 years.

Service: 17.7 years.

Annual Pay: \$36,095.

Virginia Police Relief Association Comparative Schedule Of Active Members

Valuation Date		Valuation		Averag	Δ	
December 31	Active Members	Payrol1	Age	Service	Pay	% Incr.
1981	22	\$507,821	38.2 yrs.	11.0 yrs.	\$23,083	21.3%
1982	21	518,012	39.2	12.5	24,667	6.9
1983	20	544,128	39.7	12.9	27,206	10.3
1984	17	469,699	40.9	14.2	27,629	1.6
1985	14	385,592	38.2	12.6	27,542	(0.3)
1986	14	406,161	39.2	13.6	29,012	5.3
1987	14	427,687	40.2	14.6	30,549	5.3
1988	13	394,659	40.8	15.2	30,358	(0.6)
1989	12	418,312	42.8	16.7	34,859	14.8
1990	12	433,142	43.8	17.7	36,095	3.5



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Brief Summary (12/31/90) of Benefit Provisions Evaluated and/or Considered

Age & Service Retirement

Eligibility. 20 years of service and 50 years of age.

Amount. For the first 20 years of service, 50% of the prevailing pay of the rank held for at least 6 months prior to retirement. For each year in excess of 20, 1% of the prevailing pay of the rank held for at least 6 months prior to retirement is added to a maximum of 60%. For each year over 25, an additional 1/2% of pay used for retirement purposes is added to the benefit. (The additional benefit is not subject to the post-retirement adjustment provisions.)

<u>Disability Retirement</u>

<u>Eligibility</u>. Disabled to the extent that no longer able to perform the duties of police officer.

Amount. Same as regular retirement benefit.

Member's Death While Active, Or In Deferred Status, Or Retired

Eligibility.

<u>Spouse</u>. Legally married to member at separation from service and residing with member at time of death. Benefits terminate upon remarriage.

<u>Child</u>. Younger than age 18.

Amount.

Spouse. 50% of regular retirement benefit.

Child. \$600 per child per year.

<u>Maximum Family Benefit</u>. Regular retirement benefit amount.

<u>Vested Deferred</u>. 5 years of service and separated before age 55. Payment beginning is deferred to attainment of age 55 and is assumed to accrue at the following rates:

2% per year for the first 10 years

2-1/4% per year for the next 5 years

2-1/2% per year for the next 5 years

<u>Post-Retirement Adjustments ("Escalator")</u>. Each time prevailing pay is changed, retired member and surviving spouse benefits are simultaneously changed by the same percent that prevailing pay changes. Adjustments are applicable only to those who retire after January 12, 1966, and are not applied to children's benefits.

<u>Member Contributions</u>. 8% of prevailing pay. Total contributions are refundable, without interest, if no monthly benefit is payable upon separation from service.

Section C

Valuation Methods and Assumptions

The Entry Age Normal Cost method was used to determine the normal cost of all benefits. The rate of investment return (interest) as required by state law used in making the valuation was 5.0 percent per annum, compounded annually. Age & service retirement was assumed to occur at age 58, attained age if older.

Mortality Table*

Single Life Values:

	Pres	ent Value	thly				
	Lev	'el	Increa	asing	Future	Future Life	
Sample	For L	.ife	3.5%	Yearly	Expectance	cy (Years)	
<u>Ages</u>	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	<u>Women</u>	
45	\$177.21	\$189.58	\$280.82	\$314.75	29.50	34.00	
50	163.12	177.21	246.55	280.82	25.20	29.50	
55	147.50	163.12	212.60	246.55	21.16	25.20	
60	130.52	147.50	179.49	212.60	17.42	21.16	
65	112.87	130.52	148.28	179.49	14.05	17.42	
70	95.20	112.87	119.70	148.28	11.09	14.05	
75	77.77	95.20	93.83	119.70	8.52	11.09	
80	61.71	77.77	71.69	93.83	6.39	8.52	

^{*} UP-1984 Table set forward 2 years for males and set back 3 years for females.

Sample Rates of Separation from Active Employment
Before Retirement, Death or Disability

Sample	% of Active Members
Ages	<u>Separating within Next Year</u>
20	1.50%
25	1.25
30	1.00
35	0.75
40	0.50
45	0.25
50+	0.00

Sample Ages	Present Pay Resulting in <u>Pay of \$1,000 at Age 60</u>	Present Increase in Pay <u>During Next Year</u>
20	\$ 253	3.5%
25	300	3.5
30	356	3.5
35	423	3.5
40	503	3.5
45	597	3.5
50	709	3.5
55	842	3.5
60	1,000	3.5

Use of the pay adjustment factor illustrated above is required by state law.

Anticipated Disability Retirements

Sample _Ages	% of Active Members Becoming Disabled within Next Year
20	0.08%
25	0.08
30	0.08
35	0.08
40	0.20
45	0.26
50	0.49
55	0.89

Section D

The Pension Benefit Obligation
and Certain Other Disclosures
Required by Statement No. 5 of the
Governmental Accounting Standards Board

PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION

The amount shown below as the "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits and is intended to (i) help users assess the plan's funding status on a going-concern basis, (ii) assess progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and (iii) allow for comparisons among public employee retirement plans. The measure is independent of the actuarial funding method used to determine contributions to the plan.

The pension benefit obligation was determined as part of an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 1990. Significant actuarial assumptions used in determining the pension benefit obligation include (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 5.0% per year compounded annually, (b) projected salary increases of 3.5% per year compounded annually, attributable to inflation, and (c) the assumption that benefits will increase 3.5% per year after retirement.

At December 31, 1990, the unfunded pension benefit obligation was \$649,212, determined as follows:

Pension Benefit Obligation:

Retirants and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	\$2,798,964
Current employees	
Accumulated employee contributions including allocated investment income	332,026
Employer financed	1,856,145
Total Pension Benefit Obligation	\$4,987,135
Net assets available for benefits, at cost (market value was \$4,546,594)	4,337,923
Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation	\$ 649,212

The total pension benefit obligation as of January 1, 1990 was \$4,731,320. During the year, the plan experienced a net change of \$255,815 in the pension benefit obligation.

The Association's funding policy provides for periodic employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are designed to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are determined using an entry age actuarial funding method. Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities are being amortized as a level dollar amount over a period of 19 years.

During the year ended December 31, 1990, contributions totaling \$204,670 -- \$173,348 employer and \$31,322 employee -- were made in accordance with contribution requirements determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 1988. The employer contributions consisted of \$62,830 for normal cost and \$110,518 for amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Employer contributions represented 43.92% of covered payroll.

Significant actuarial assumptions used to compute contribution requirements were the same as those used to compute the standardized measure of the pension benefit obligation.

Computed Contribution Comparative Schedule

<u>Contribution Rates</u>						
Fiscal	Valuation	Normal Cost			Dollar Co	ntribution
Year	Date	% of Valuation	UAAL	Valuation	<pre>For Fis</pre>	cal Year
<u>December 31</u>	December 31	Payroll	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	Computed	<u>Actual</u>
1987	1985	15.55%	\$67,971	\$385,592	\$127,931	\$159,414
1988	1986	15.64	52,921	406,161	116,445	169,985
1989	1987	15.76	43,520	427,687	110,923	142,927
1990	1988	15.92	25,109	394,659	87,939	173,348
1991	1989#	19.32	43,576	418,312	124,394	,
1992	1990	19.35	60,053	433,142	143,866	

[#] After change in benefit provisions.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ANALYSIS OF FUNDING PROGRESS

		(2)				(6)
	(1)	Pension	(3)	(4)	(5)	Unfunded PBO
Valuation	Net Assets	Benefit	Percent	Unfunded	Annual	as a Percentage
Date	Available	Obligation	Funded	PB0	Covered	of Covered Payroll
December 31	<u>for Benefits</u>	<u>(PBO)</u>	(1)/(2)	(2)-(1)	<u>Payroll</u>	(4)/(5)
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1987	\$3,457,895	\$3,908,796		\$450,901		105.4%
1988	3,794,053	3,996,774	94.9	202,721	394,659	51.4
1989	4,332,663	4,731,320	91.6	398,657	418,312	95.3
1990	4,337,923	4,987,135	87.0	649,212	433,142	149.9

Analysis of the dollar amounts of net assets available for benefits, pension benefit obligation, and unfunded pension benefit obligation in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the net assets available for benefits as a percentage of the pension benefit obligation provides one indication of the plan's funded status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage over time indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the plan. The unfunded pension benefit obligation and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded pension benefit obligation as a percentage of annual covered payroll approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the plan.

Appendices

APPENDIX I

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES AND OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES

<u>Promises Made, and Eventually Paid</u>. As each year is completed, the plan in effect hands an "IOU" to each member then acquiring a year of service credit -- the "IOU" says: "The Pension Plan owes you a portion of your retirement benefits, payments to be made in cash, commencing when you qualify for retirement."

The related key financial questions are: Which generation of taxpayers contributes the money to cover the IOU? The present taxpayers, who receive the benefit of the member's present year of service? Or the future taxpayers, who happen to be in town paying taxes at the later time when the IOU becomes a cash demand?

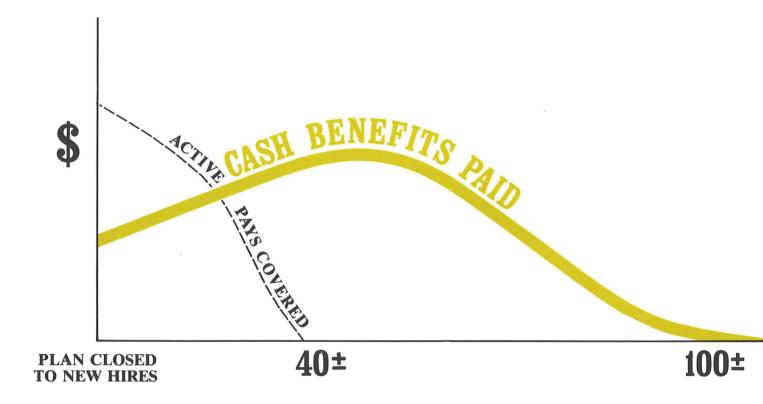
A sound principle of sound retirement plan financing is to have this year's taxpayers contribute the money to cover the IOUs being handed out this year. By following this principle, THE CONTRIBUTION RATE WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY LEVEL FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION -- our children and grandchildren will contribute the same percents of active payroll we contribute now.

A PENSION PLAN BECOMES CLOSED

The diagram in this appendix shows two important activities which occur after a plan has been closed to employees hired in the future.

Cash benefits paid continue to increase for decades, while active member payroll begins to decrease to zero.

A CLOSED PENSION PLAN



YEARS OF TIME

<u>A plan becomes closed</u> when no new hires are admitted to active membership. The persons covered by the plan at the time of closing continue their normal activities and continue to be covered by the plan, until the last survivor dies.

CASH BENEFITS LINE. After a pension plan becomes closed, the usual pattern is for cash benefits to continue to increase for decades of time. Eventually the cash benefits will peak, and then gradually decrease over more decades of time, ultimately to zero. The last cash benefit is likely to occur a century after the time the plan is closed.

The precise amounts of cash benefits cannot be known now, and must be estimated by assumptions of future experiences in a variety of financial risk areas.

APPENDIX II

MEANING OF UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Almost every pension plan (public or private) has "unfunded accrued liabilities", so whatever they are, they aren't rare. Since the term is not part of everyday conversation, it needs some definition.

"Accrued liabilities" are the present value \$ of plan promises to pay benefits in the future based upon service already rendered - - - a liability has been established ("accrued") because the service has been rendered, but the resulting monthly cash benefit may not be payable until years in the future. Accrued liabilities \$ are the result of complex mathematical calculations, which are made by the plan's actuary (which is the name given to the specialist who makes such calculations).

If "accrued liabilities" at any time exceed the plan's accrued assets (cash & investments), the difference is "unfunded accrued liabilities". This is the common condition. If the plan's assets equalled the plan's "accrued liabilities", the plan would be termed "fully funded". This is a rare condition.

Each time a plan adds a new benefit which applies to service already rendered, an "accrued liability" is created, which is also an "unfunded accrued liability" because the plan can't print instant cash to cover the accrued liability. Payment for such unfunded accrued liabilities is spread over a period of years, commonly in the 20-40 year range.

Unfunded accrued liabilities can occur in another way: If actual financial experience is less favorable than assumed financial experience, the difference is added to unfunded accrued liabilities. In plans where plan benefits are directly related to an employee's pay near time of retirement (a common plan provision) rather than his average pay throughout his working career, unfunded accrued liabilities have been increasing in recent years because unexpected rates of pay increase have created additional accrued liabilities which could not be matched by reasonable investment results. Some of these unexpected pay increases are the direct result of inflation, which is a very destructive force on financial stability.

The existence of unfunded accrued liabilities is not bad, then (any more than a mortgage on your house is "bad"), but the changes from year to year in amount of unfunded accrued liabilities are important - - "bad" or "good" or somewhere in between.

Nor are unfunded accrued liabilities a bill payable immediately (your food costs are payable immediately), but it is important that policy-makers prevent the amount from becoming unreasonably high and it is vital that your plan have a sound method for making payments toward them so that they are controlled.

The existence of large amounts of unfunded accrued liabilities indicates that total contributions in past years were less than level - - - an almost certain history if retired life liabilities are not fully funded now.