



PUBLIC FUND BOARDS FORUMSM

PFBF Preliminary Agenda
December 11-13, 2011
New Orleans, LA

Sunday, December 11, 2011	
12:00	<p>PFBF Annual Big Build - Continuing our tradition of giving back to the community, participate in a team building event and help others (check back for more details)</p> <p>New Orleans Tour - If this is your first trip or if you are a returning visitor, join us in a brief tour of the unique local attractions and learn about the origins of New Orleans</p>
3:00	Registration Opens
4:00	Chair Opening Remarks
4:15	<p>Executive Roundtable: The State of Public Pensions Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of public pension marketplace • Will you be able to meet your liabilities moving forward? • Best approaches to fixing the underfunded liability • Ramifications if pension reform comes to pass <p>Moderator: Hank Kim, Executive Director and Counsel, NCPERS Plan Sponsor/Plan Administrator Steve Nelsen, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board Union Representative</p>
5:15	<p>Tackling Innovative Approaches to Asset Allocation & Deciding Which to Incorporate into Portfolio Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the traditional diversification model dead? • New approaches such as dynamic asset allocation and risk parity • What is the future for investing in a low rate environment? <p>Rhett Humphreys, Partner, NEPC Mike Sebastian, Principal, Hewitt EnnisKnupp</p>
5:45	<i>Depart to Networking Event</i>
6:30	<i>Networking Event</i>
Monday, December 12, 2011	
8:25	Chair Opening Remarks
8:30	<p>Keynote Address: Washington Perspective on Pension Reform J. Kevin Pearson, House of Representatives, Louisiana</p>
9:00	<p>Preparing for 2015- How to Create Sustainability Going Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will raising the retirement age, reducing benefits and increasing employee contributions fix the problems • Are you getting the necessary information from your actuary and investment managers • Addressing the challenge of decreasing revenues and increased costs <p>Charles Edwin Chittenden, Principal and Consulting Actuary, Buck Consultants Ira Summer, President, Public Pension Professionals</p>

9:45	Academic Address: "Times of Uncertainty Result in Great Things "		
	Peter Ricchiuti, Director of Research, Tulane University		
10:30	<i>Networking Break</i>		
11:00	National Debate: Weighing the Impact of the New GASB Pronouncement		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros and cons of the proposal • Does market value provide a more accurate picture of the liability • How to calculate the right actuarial rate for your fund 		
	Pro: James J. Rizzo Senior Consultant and Actuary Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company		
	Con: Andrew Biggs Resident Scholar American Enterprise Institute		
12:00	Global Economic Outlook & the Effect on the Future of Public Pension Plans		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the global recovery sustainable? • What are the prospects for the major economies and asset classes? • Can emerging markets continue to provide superior returns? 		
	Chris Probyn, Chief Economist, State Street Global Advisors		
12:30	Networking Lunch and Speaker Hosted Roundtables- <i>gain access to a speaker in a smaller setting as you share ideas during lunch</i>		
	Max Paterson, Executive Director, TEXPERS		
	Bob Stein, Trustee, STRS Ohio		
	Choice of One-to-One Meetings		
	OR		
	In Depth Executive Working Groups- 75 minute sessions lead by subject expert. The session will have a 30 minute presentation followed by 1-2 case studies and then 20 minutes of interactive discussion		
	Plan Design	Investment Trends	Risk Mitigation
1:45	Understanding Why Actuarial Rates are in the News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an achievable assumption in the current climate? • Should you lower your assumption for your plan • Best practices for working with the actuaries Leon F. (Rocky) Joyner Vice President and Actuary Segal	What is Your Risk Profile and Does It Match Your Fund Portfolio? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the importance of risk in your investments • Is your portfolio as diversified as you think? • Formulating risk management practices such as hiring a Chief Risk Officer, implementing third party risk management system or hiring a risk consultant 	Spotlight on New Regulations for Institutional Investors and the Rights of the Investor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of recent regulations • Update on recent securities lawsuits filed by pension funds • Understanding the impact of the insider trading cases
3:00	<i>Networking Break</i>		
3:30	Plan Redesign: Debating the Pros and Cons of Current Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a hybrid approach right for your fund? • Can a DC plan meet your employees needs 	Best Practices for Hedge Fund Investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should you hire a Funds of Funds for your hedge fund allocations or invest direct? • Overview of critical due 	Potential Legal Landmines to Avoid While Protecting Your Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due diligence for new and existing investments • Review of potential liability from securities lending • Threats of potential law suits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case study of funds that have already implemented this changes <p>Lance Weiss Senior Consultant Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company</p> <p>Daniel Wade Consulting Actuary Milliman</p>	<p>diligence areas that need to be evaluated before investment is made</p> <p>Jim Vos CEO, Head of Research Aksia</p>	<p>from plan participants</p> <p>Brian Smith SVP, National Fiduciary Liability Insurance Practice Leader Segal</p> <p>John Keane Executive Director Jacksonville Fire and Police Pension Fund</p>
4:45	<p>Oktoberfest Roundtables –End the day informally as you share off the record war stories about current issues facing public pension plans with your colleagues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Trustee Networking Experienced Trustee Networking Police and Fire Public Issues <p>George Merithew, Trustee, City of Omaha Police and Fire Retirement System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debating the Future of Pensions Plans HR Issues Active vs. Passive Investments Understanding the Actuarial Report <p>Ira Summer, President, Public Pension Professionals</p>		
5:45	<i>Networking Reception</i>		
Tuesday, December 13, 2011			
8:30	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>		
9:00	<p>CIO Roundtable: Debating the Rapidly Changing Investment Landscape for the Next 3-5 Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to reduce volatility in the market New investment classes you should be considering Will alternative investments provide better returns? Where are the future returns? <p>Moderator: Eileen L. Neill, CFA, Managing Director, Wilshire Associates Carlos Borromeo, Chief Investment Officer, Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS)</p>		
9:45	<p>Public Pensions Under Attack- What is the Response?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to create a community outreach program with your local plans to communicate with local public officials How to get the retirees to get the message Conducting market research to gage public opinion <p>Max Paterson, Executive Director, TEXPERS Frank Jobert, Trustee, Harbor Police Pension System</p>		
10:30	<i>Networking Break</i>		
11:00	<p>Success Stories From Public Pension Plans Making Changes for the Long Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing risk and rewards Overview of investment strategies Changing benefits to reduce costs <p>Bob Stein, Trustee, STRS Ohio</p>		

11:30	Should you Work with Newer Managers Rather than Large Established Managers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to evaluate new managers • Do newer managers deliver higher returns? • Do the larger managers provide the performance and service that you need? • Creating the proper mix for your plan based on your needs Gwelda Swilley-Burke , Senior Vice President, Callan		
12:15	Luncheon		
	Plan Design	Investment Trends	Risk Mitigation
1:30	Consultant Panel: Maximizing the Value of Your Investment Consultant- Are they finding you the best returns? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the level of service necessary • What additional training or advice is available • Should you use a specialized consultant? • Should you consider a new consultant? David Harmston Partner and Head of Client Group Albourne America LLC	Optimizing the Real Estate Portfolio and Mitigating Risk Meredith Despins, VP Investment Affairs & Investor Education, National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT)	Public Relations 101- Managing the Headlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis management • How to deal with the press • Understanding new media implications Daniel Gagnier Managing Director Sard Verbinnen & Co
2:15	Making Public Pension Plans Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of potential solutions Jerry Davis Former Chairman- Board of Trustees New Orleans Principal of American Pension Professionals	How Do You Benchmark Alternative Asset Classes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can private equity bring the returns needed? • Are hedge funds the best solution for your fund • What to consider for opportunistic asset classes • Will real estate produce the desired returns you need? 	Evaluating the use of placement agents and 3rd Party Marketers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of recent legislation in this area • How to work with outside consultants and avoid the pay to play arena • Advantages that a third party marketer can bring to your fund Chris Tobe Trustee for the Kentucky Retirement Systems Stable Value Consultants
3:30	<i>Conference Adjourns</i>		