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2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (ACE)

Sheraton New York Time Square
New York, NY

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SUNDAY, MAY 13

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	EXHIBITION
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	WELCOMING RECEPTION

MONDAY, MAY 14

6:30 AM – 7:45 AM	BREAKFAST
6:30 AM – 2:00 PM	REGISTRATION
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM	EXHIBITION
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	FIRST GENERAL SESSION

8:00 am	Opening Ceremony
8:15 am	NYC Dignitary TBD
8:30 am	*Economic Outlook*
Moderator:	Doug Mosely, NEPC
Panelists	Bernie McNamara, J.P. Morgan Asset Management
	Ronald Temple, Lazard Asset Management
9:15 am	*Legal Panel: Securities Litigation*
Moderator:	Jonathan Davidson, Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check
Panelists:	Chet Waldman, Wolf Popper
	Darren Robbins, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd
	Jeremey Lieberman, Pomerantz

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	10:00 am	*Managing Costs and Optimizing Performance* Mike Heale, CEM Benchmarking
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM		EXHIBIT BREAK
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM		CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	SESSION A	*Actuarial Hot Spots in 2018*
	Speakers:	Sherry Chan, NYC Office of the Actuary Paul Angelo, Segal Consulting Sanford Rich, NYC Board of Education Retirement System
	SESSION B	*The Age of the Nomad Baby Boomer and Its Impact on Real Estate Investing Strategies*
	Speakers:	Stanley Iezman, American Realty Advisors Peter Palandjian, Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation
	SESSION C	*ESG Investing: Buzzwords or Better Investing?*
	Speakers:	Kevin Sullivan, Newton Investment Management Mark McDivitt, State Street
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM		CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	SESSION A	*Using Portfolio Construction to Improve Performance Outcomes*
	Speakers:	Peter Hecht, AQR Capital Management Michael Hunstad, Northern Trust Asset Management
	SESSION B	*Tax Recovery: Are You Leaving Money on the Table?*
	Speaker:	Thomas Grande, GlobeTax
	SESSION C	*Harnessing the Future in Emerging Markets*
	Speakers:	Asha Meta, Acadian Asset Management Lu Yu, Allianz Global Investors
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM		LUNCH & LECTURE SERIES **(This session is not open to registered guests)** *The Rise of Corporate Governance Cases to Effect Social Change*
	Speakers:	Maya Saxena, Saxena White Robert Klausner, Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson Hannah Ross, Bernstein, Litowitz, Berger & Grossman
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM		NATIONAL COMMITTEE ELECTION

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TUESDAY, MAY 15

6:30 AM – 7:45 AM	BREAKFAST
7:00 AM – 2:00 PM	REGISTRATION
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM	EXHIBITION
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	SECOND GENERAL SESSION

8:00 am	*New York City Dignitary*
8:15 am Moderator: Panelists:	*CIO Panel Discussion* Hank Kim, NCPERS Scott Evans, New York City Plans CIO Jonathan Grabel, LASERA CIO *State Plan, TBD*
9:00 am	*Advancing Secure Savings and Investment for Pension Funds through Innovation* Ari Rubenstein, CEO & Co-Founder, GTS
9:30 am	*Public Plan Funding Standards* David Kausch, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company
10:00 am	*Cyber Security Gaps & Keeping Hackers Out of Your Data* Brandon Cole, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Jerry Ferguson, Baker & Hostetler LLP

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	EXHIBIT BREAK
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION A Speakers:	*Meaningful Retiree Healthcare Benefit Strategies for the Public Sector* John Grosso, AonHewitt Anne Jewel, School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
SESSION B Speakers:	*The Case for International Smaller-Cap Equities* Jon Quigley, Great Lakes Advisors Michael Kass, Baron Capital
SESSION C Speaker:	*How to Protect YOU in Today's Data Breach World* Jerry Thompson, Identity Guard

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION A Speaker:	*Balancing the Scales of Justice: Litigation as a Tool for Positive Change* Lance Oliver, Motley Rice

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SESSION B *Plan Sustainability versus Plan Solvency*
Speakers: Evan Inglis, Nuveen
Kevin Woodrich, Cheiron

SESSION C *ESG Investing and Fiduciary Duty*
Speakers: Suzanne Dugan, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll
John Adler, NYC Retirement Boards

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM LUNCH & LECTURE SERIES
(This session is not open to registered guests)
Populism and Public Policy in the 21st Century: How Investors Can Be Part of the Solution
Speaker: Kenneth B. Mehlman, KKR

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM ADMINISTRATOR'S FORUM
Hosted by David Clark, Executive Director, Arkansas Local Police & Fire Retirement System

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM NATIONAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

6:30 AM – 7:45 AM BREAKFAST

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM REGISTRATION

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM THIRD GENERAL SESSION

8:00 am *C Suite Conversation*
Gregg Hymowitz, EnTrustPermal

8:35 am *Infrastructure Investing in the US from a Canadian Institutional Investor Perspective*
Panelists: Michael Ryder, OMERS Private Markets
Andrew Claerhout, Senior Managing Director, Infrastructure & Natural Resources of OTPP *(invited)*
Alina Osorio, President, Fiera Infrastructure *(invited)*

9:15 am *Legal Panel: Benefits, Tax & Regulations*
Moderator: Anthony Roda, Williams & Jensen
Panelists: Robert Gauss, Ice Miller
Gregg S. Buksbaum, Squire Patton Boggs
Peter Mixon, Nossaman LLC

10:00 am *Secure Choice Panel*
Moderator: Hank Kim, NCPERS
Panelists: David Morse, K&L Gates

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Katie Selenski, California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION A *High Yield Bond Investing: Opportunities Outside the Investment Grade Universe*
Speaker: Robert Sydow, Mesirow Financial

SESSION B *Negative Net Cash Flow: Red Flag or Red Herring?*
Speakers: Kimberlene Matthews, PNC Institutional Asset Management
John Anke, PNC Institutional Asset Management
Kelly Fox, CalPERS

SESSION C *Change for the Greater Good: Why Change is in the Best Interest of Your Members*
Speakers: Brad Kelly, Global Governance Advisors
Peter Landers, Global Governance Advisors

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM 30 MINUTE CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION A *An Institutional Approach to the Climate Transition*
Speaker: Megan Starr, Goldman Sachs Asset Management

SESSION B *The Emerging Markets Private Equity Opportunity*
Speaker: Steve Cowan, 57Stars

SESSION C *Mining for Gems – What are Secondaries and How Do They Add Value?*
Speaker: Joseph Marks, Capital Dynamics

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM 30 MINUTE CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION A *Navigating Market Volatility Regimes with Absolute Return Strategies*
Speaker: Kevin Armstrong, Intech

SESSION B Global Outlook: Three Alternative Paths for the Global Economy and Markets
Speaker: Jon Adams, BMO Global Asset Management

SESSION C *Can I Successfully Reduce My Equity Without Reducing Long-Term Return Potentials?*
Speaker: Doug Kramer, Neuberger Berman

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM LUNCH & LECTURE SERIES
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The Rise of the Working-Class Shareholder
Speaker: David Webber, Boston University School of Law

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2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	SMALL PLANS FORUM Hosted by John Girard, Boca Raton Police and Fire System
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Business meeting agenda: • Swearing in of newly elected NCPERS executive board members. • Membership review and vote on NCPERS conference resolutions.
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	CLOSING RECEPTION
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	CLOSING DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

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