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California Association of Public Retirement Systems

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012

*THE EVOLVING RETIREMENT LANDSCAPE:  
MANAGING CHANGE & SHAPING THE FUTURE*

March 3-6, 2012 • Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa • Rancho Mirage, CA

### AGENDA

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm      Registration      *Ambassador Foyer*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 4

10:00 am – 5:00 pm      Registration      *Ambassador Foyer*

2:00 pm – 2:05 pm      **Opening Remarks**      **Ambassador 4 – 7**  
Presenter: Gary Bei, Chair, CALAPRS General Assembly and Administrator, Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association

2:05 pm – 3:20 pm      **The Reinvention of Retirement and Healthcare:**      **Ambassador 4 – 7**  
**"Geriatric Park" or Shangri-La?**  
The economic events that began unfolding in 2008-9 have permanently changed the retirement landscape and the dust has not settled yet in 2012. Simultaneously, healthcare reform has resulted in unprecedented social division and distrust – "fear" has replaced "faith" in healthcare. Unlike previous one-dimensional revolutions, this economic, demographic, social and technologic revolution, will impact each of us personally and professionally. No one will feel the effects of this change more profoundly than those responsible for the stability of public pensions. From the entitlement debate and caregiving crises to intergenerational equity and the reinvention of work & retirement; American consumers and businesses alike are unprepared for this future. In this session Dr. Clark will explore these new beneficiary realities and strategies to address them.  
Presenter: Dr. Bruce Clark, Co-Founder, IPC/Age Wave  
Moderator: Gregg Rademacher, President, CALAPRS and CEO, Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association

3:20 pm – 3:30 pm      Networking Break      *Ambassador Foyer*

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm      **The Pursuit of Yield**      **Ambassador 4 – 7**  
Public pension CIOs, trustees and their staffs face the daunting responsibility of achieving investment returns of 7-8% per year. While these goals are clear, the process and tools employed to achieve these goals often limit the likelihood for success. Why? Uniquely qualified as both as an investment manager and private pension investment board member, Pat Welton thinks there's a more reliable approach. Described as "wicked smart" by economics Nobel laureate, Bill Sharpe, Dr. Welton will share novel perspectives and actionable investment tactics to enhance fiduciaries' ability to meet their goals.  
Presenter: Patrick Welton, CEO, Welton Investment Corporation  
Moderator: David Bailey, CEO, San Mateo County Employees' Retirement Association

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm      Strolling Dinner      *Master's Plaza*  
*\*\*Be sure to wear your name badge to the Strolling Dinner. Those without a name badge will not be permitted to attend.*

#### MONDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 am – 4:00 pm      Registration      *Ambassador Foyer*

7:30 am – 8:25 am      Breakfast      *Ambassador 1 – 3*

8:30 am – 8:45 am      **Opening Remarks**      **Ambassador 4 – 7**  
Presenter: Gary Bei, Chair, CALAPRS General Assembly and Administrator, Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association

8:45 am – 9:45 am

## **Markets in 2012: Fear, Uncertainty, and Lots of Opportunity**

**Ambassador Foyer**

The investment horizon holds very little that is genuinely positive from an absolute or historical perspective. The US economy should avoid a second recessionary dip and time soon, but growth should remain inadequate and unemployment troubling. Europe's problems will remain, though the panics that have typified the last couple of years should dissipate now that the ECB has begun to increase liquidity flows. Washington will fail to develop an effective fiscal agenda until after the election and probably not even then. But still there are opportunities in the "risk-on trade, largely because equities and credit-sensitive bonds are so cheap, priced for the disaster that will not likely happen, even if there is not really good news.

Presenter: Milton Ezrati, *Partner, Senior Economist and Market Strategist, Lord Abbett*

Moderator: Marilyn Leedom, *CEO, Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association*

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Networking Break

*Ambassador Foyer*

10:00 am – 11:00 am

## **Low Volatility Investing**

**Ambassador 4 – 7**

Presenter: Harindra de Silva, *President, Portfolio Manager, Analytics Investors*

Moderator: David Bailey, *CEO, San Mateo County Employees' Retirement Association*

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

## **Panel Discussion: Electronic Board Packages**

**Ambassador 4 – 7**

Electronic board packages are easier to assemble, more cost effective to deliver and also reduces the environmental impact that printed materials have. Board members appreciate the convenience of electronic delivery, virtually instant updates to the materials, security, and accessibility. Board members also appreciate the lighter load of electronic packages. Learn about the costs and savings associated with printed and electronic delivery of board materials, some of the technical details of electronic delivery, the various devices considered, electronic device policies, and a brief overview of security.

Presenters: Tariq Ali, *CTO, San Mateo County Employee's Retirement Association* and Elizabeth Avalos, *Administrative Secretary, Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association*

Moderator: Scott Hood, *Assistant Executive Officer, San Mateo County Employees' Retirement Association Board of Trustees*

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch

*Ambassador 1 – 3*

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

## **National View of Pensions**

**Ambassador 4 – 7**

In this session, we will explore and discuss the Secure Choice Pension (SCP), a proposal designed to provide retirement security for workers in the private sector through access to a defined benefit pension. The SCP is envisioned as a public-private partnership to provide retirement security for American workers, particularly those who work for small businesses, who don't currently have a defined benefit pension. The SCP is a viable proposal to bring back pensions to the private sector and achieve retirement security for all American workers. It leverages the success of public sector pensions and incorporates the flexibility and portability that is needed in the private sector. Given the retirement security crisis facing America and threatening its future economic performance, the SCP is a concept whose time is now.

Presenter: Hank Kim, *Executive Director and Counsel, National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems*

Moderator: Gregg Rademacher, *President, CALAPRS and CEO, Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association*

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Networking Break

*Ambassador Foyer*

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## **California Actuarial Advisory Panel (CAAP)**

**Ambassador 4 – 7**

One of the recommendations of California's 2007 Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission was that the legislature should create at the state level an actuarial advisory panel, whose purpose would be to provide "impartial and independent information on pensions, OPEB benefits and best practices". The CAAP was created in 2008 by Senate Bill 1123, comprised of eight actuaries appointed by the legislature (2), the governor (2), CalPERS, CalSTRS, the University of California and SACRS. At this session panelists Alan Milligan (CAAP Chair) and Paul Angelo (CAAP vice-chair) will discuss the CAAP's role in California's public pension landscape as well as the CAAP's recent and current projects.



### **California Actuarial Advisory Panel (CAAP) (continued)**

Those projects include the recently released Model Disclosure Elements for Public Retirement Systems as well as Model Funding Policies that are currently under development.

Presenters: Alan Milligan, *Chief Actuary, California Public Employees' Retirement System* and Paul Angelo, *The Segal Company*

Moderator: Donna Lum, *Deputy Executive Officer, Customer Services and Support, California Public Employees' Retirement System*

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm      Networking Reception      *Ambassador Foyer/Patio*

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 6**

7:30 am – 11:30 am      Registration      *Ambassador Foyer*

7:30 am – 8:25 am      Breakfast      *Ambassador Foyer*

**8:30 am – 9:30 am      **Vested Rights: When Policy and Politics Meet the Law**      **Ambassador 4 – 7****

The recent economic downturn affecting the U.S. financial markets and California's economy have brought fiscal pressures on state and local budgets. Budget constraints have focused attention on the cost of providing public services, and no cost has received more scrutiny than the cost of public pensions. Political leaders, local elected officials and pension reform advocates have weighed in on the subject and have proposed a wide-range of "reforms" aimed at saving costs and in many instances reducing the retirement benefits earned by public employees. Many of these proposals seek to apply these "reforms" to current active public employees raising the question if the proposals violate vested rights. In this session, three prominent attorneys share their views on California law, the pension rights of public employees and the intersections between the law and politics.

Presenters: Peter Mixon, *General Counsel, California Public Employees' Retirement System*, Elaine Reagan, *General Counsel, San Diego City Employees Retirement System*, and Chris Waddell, *Senior Attorney, Public Retirement Law, Olson, Hagel & Fishburn LLP*

Moderator: Donna Lum, *Deputy Executive Officer, Customer Services and Support, California Public Employees' Retirement System*

9:30 am – 9:45 am      Networking Break      *Ambassador Foyer*

**9:45 am – 11:00 am      **Panel Discussion: California Pension Reform**      **Ambassador 4 – 7****  
**Conference Committee**

Presenters: Amy L. Brown, *Dimare, Van Vleck & Brown, LLC, Government Relations and Communications* and Pamela Schneider, *Executive Staff Director, Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement*

Moderator: Gary Bei, *Chair, CALAPRS General Assembly and Administrator, Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association*

**11:00 am – 11:30 am      **Closing Remarks**      **Ambassador 4 – 7****

Presenter: Gregg Rademacher, *President, CALAPRS and CEO, Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association*

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