

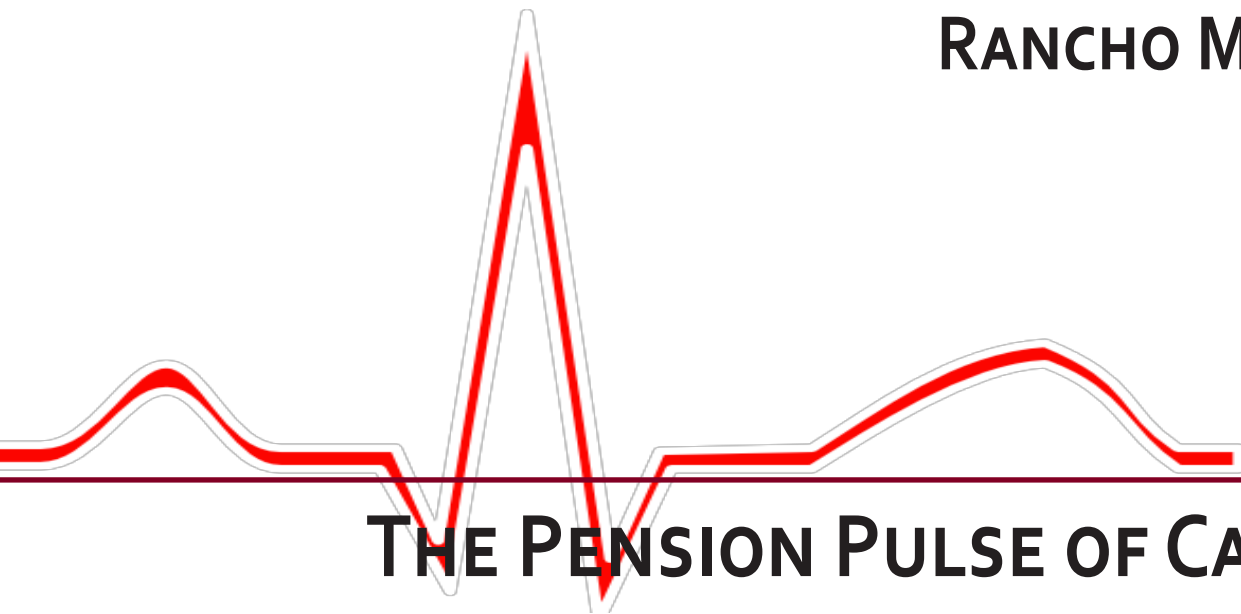
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California Association of Public Retirement Systems

2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MARCH 1-4, 2014
RANCHO MIRAGE, CA



THE PENSION PULSE OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Registration Open

Ambassador Foyer

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

10:00am - 5:00pm

Registration Open

Ambassador Foyer

1:00pm - 1:15pm

Opening Remarks

Ambassador 1-3

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Portfolio Management in the World of Unknown Unknowns

Ambassador 1-3

Investment and portfolio decisions made during periods of global uncertainty should be approached differently than those same decisions made during periods of mere risk. Applying lessons from history and game theory, Hunt shows how what Keynes called "The Newspaper Beauty Contest" and modern game theorists call "The Common Knowledge Game" shapes market behaviors in unexpected yet predictable ways.

Speaker: W. Ben Hunt, *Chief Risk Officer, Salient Partners, L.P.*

2:15pm - 2:30pm

Afternoon Break

Ambassador Foyer

2:30pm - 3:30pm

What's China's Next Growth Engine?

Ambassador 1-3

One of our foremost experts on China explores the global investment implications of the country's ongoing shift from infrastructure investment and exports to consumer services. The service economy in China is tiny and underdeveloped, but it will not stay that way. Santiago will describe how the rapid expansion of the service sector in China could reaccelerate growth and be one of the biggest surprises for the world economy over the next decade.

Speaker: Santiago Millan, *Director & Macroanalyst, Wellington Management Company, LLP*

5:30pm - 9:00pm

CALAPRS Jazzoo Strolling Dinner at The Living Desert (*guests permitted, transportation provided*)
Join CALAPRS at The Living Desert's Palm Garden for the annual Strolling Dinner. Listen to the sounds of jazz under the stars, while you tour the model train exhibit, participate in one of the featured animal encounter activities, or simply enjoy the company of your fellow colleagues.

MONDAY, MARCH 3 (*the registration/help desk will be open from 7:00am - 4:00pm*)

7:30am - 8:25am

Continental Breakfast

Ambassador 4

8:30am - 8:45am

Opening Remarks & Presentation of the Robert Toigo Award

Ambassador 1-3

8:45am - 9:45am

The Human Side of Investing

Ambassador 1-3

Most investment training concerns accounting, financial statement analysis or capital market theory. But an investor's relative performance will also be determined to a significant extent by a number of other things: what Howard Marks calls, the human side of investing. How is theory wrong? Where do the rules fall down? Perhaps markets would be smooth-functioning if the participants were machines, or the rational, objective and unemotional actors theory assumes them to be. But they're not, and superior performance often goes to those who best understand the divergence between theory and real-world practice.

Speaker: Howard Marks, *Founder and Chairman, Oaktree Capital Management*

9:45am - 10:00am

Morning Break

Ambassador Foyer

10:00am - 11:00am

Operational Due Diligence – Is It For You?

Ambassador 1-3

Every CALAPRS system conducts investment due diligence when selecting a new manager, but no review can capture every aspect of a complex process and the human side of its implementation. Operational Due Diligence (ODD) asks additional questions of the asset manager in hopes of identifying problems and inefficiencies that can be rectified. This session will bring together a long-standing advocate of ODD, Don Pierce and a practitioner of such reviews, Dan Levenson to discuss how ODD reviews are conducted, how they are used by plan sponsors and how best to evaluate whether they could help your system.

Speakers: Don Pierce, *Chief Investment Officer, San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association* and Dan Levenson, *Partner, McGladrey LLP*

Moderator: Timothy Price, *Chief Investment Officer, Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association*

11:00am - 12:00pm

Investments –

Tried and True vs. Complex and New

Ambassador 1-3

You have heard that the early bird gets the worm. You also have heard that you can tell the pioneers by the arrows in their backs. Hear two highly respected investors discuss the benefits and risks of being out in front or sticking to a more traditional approach.

Speakers: Christopher J. Ailman, *Chief Investment Officer, California State Teachers' Retirement System* and Ken Lambert, *Chief Investment Officer, Peavine Capital Management*

Moderator: Robert I. Helliesen, *Senior Investment Consultant, Milliman*

12:00pm - 1:15pm

Networking Lunch

Ambassador 4

1:30pm - 2:45pm

Funding Public Pensions in a Post-GASB World: New Rules and Emerging Guidance

Ambassador 1-3

With its recent changes to accounting standards for pensions, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has clearly separated financial reporting requirements from funding standards. Since the prior GASB standards had effectively become funding standards, the new split between funding and accounting has left public plans with no external guidance on setting funding policies. As a result the California Actuarial Advisory Panel (CAAP), the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) as well as the national actuarial organizations have all issued recent guidance on funding policies for public sector pension plans. This panel will review the post-GASB environment for funding policy, as well as a breaking-news report on the just-released Blue Ribbon Panel report from the Society of Actuaries.

Speakers: Paul Angelo, *Senior Vice President and Actuary, The Segal Company* and Emily Kessler, *Senior Fellow, Society of Actuaries*

Moderator: Stanley McDivitt, *Retirement Administrator, City of Fresno Retirement Systems*

2:45pm- 3:00pm

Afternoon Break

Ambassador Foyer

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Setting the Actuarially Assumed Rate of Return – Art or Science?

Ambassador 1-3

In this session an investment consultant and actuary will discuss the steps that should be followed in setting the assumed rate of return and raise some questions that Boards should be addressing when they set this rate.

Speakers: Allan Martin, *Partner, NEPC, LLC* and Robert T. McCrory, *Principal, Consulting Actuary, Cheiron*

Moderator: Hugo Wildmann, *Retirement System Manager, AC Transit Employees' Retirement System*

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Hosted Networking Reception

Masters' Plaza

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 (the registration/help desk will be open from 7:00am - 11:00am)

7:30am - 8:25am

Continental Breakfast

Ambassador 4

8:30am - 9:30am

The Retirement Revolution: Implications for Public Retirement Systems

Ambassador 1-3

The landscape and meaning of retirement are changing. Some consider this change a retirement revolution. Twelve trends are presented that have an impact on individuals, the economy and institutions. Examples of these trends include changes in life expectancy, lifestyles, businesses, social capital as well as individual expectations. Effective planning on an institutional as well as personal level requires consideration of the multi-faceted and dynamic changes occurring in our society and environment – all pointing to a new life stage.

Speaker: Helen Dennis, *a nationally recognized leader on issues of aging, employment and retirement*

9:30am - 9:45am

Morning Break

Ambassador Foyer

9:45am - 11:00am

What Should a Trustee be Asking? – A Panel Discussion

Ambassador 1-3

This session will discuss important topics regarding the fiduciary responsibility of a pension fund trustee in an interactive session with perspective from your peers.

Speakers: Richard E. Wilken, *Retired Trustee, San Diego City Employees' Retirement System* and Bernadette L. Bolger, *Trustee, Marin County Employees' Retirement Association*

Moderator: Richard White, *Administrator, Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association*

11:00am

Closing Remarks

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