

NASRA Annual Conference

Date(s): August 9, 2025 - August 13, 2025

Time: 7:45 AM EST - 11:45 PM EST



Join leaders in public retirement systems from across the country for the 2025 NASRA Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington. This year's program—**Sound Promises, Secure Future**—offers engaging sessions, expert panels, and valuable networking designed to support strong governance and long-term sustainability in public pensions.

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-PRELIMINARY AGENDA- SUBJECT TO CHANGE-

2025 NASRA Annual Conference

August 9–13, 2025 | Seattle, Washington

Saturday, August 9

10:00 AM — *Past Presidents Committee Meeting*

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM — *Pre-Conference Sessions Begin*

- **Member Connections**

An interactive session using live polling to spark conversation and introduce key themes of the conference.

- **Senior Staff Workshop**

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A collaborative forum for retirement system senior professionals to exchange ideas on operational strategies, administrative challenges, and service delivery innovations.

- **Leadership Lunch** (*Invitation Only*)

A gathering for directors, senior staff, advisory committee members, and premium partners to connect and exchange ideas in a more intimate setting.

- **Directors' Workshop**

Peer dialogue among system directors to discuss governance flexibility, leadership strategies, and navigating future challenges.

5:30 PM — *Welcome Reception-everyone welcome!*

Connect with colleagues and kick off the conference with a casual evening event.

Sunday, August 10

7:30 AM — *Breakfast Roundtable*

8:30 AM — *First General Session: Opening Ceremonies*

A formal welcome to Seattle and the conference theme.

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM — *NASRA Federal Relations Update: A briefing on federal legislative and policy issues impacting state and local pension systems.*

10:15 AM — *NASRA Research Update: Highlights of key research developments and data trends in public pensions.*

11:45 PM — *Lunch*

1:00 PM — *Roll Call of the States – Part I*

A summary of key trends across state retirement systems in 2025 and the beginning of state reports.

2:00 PM — *Investment Officers Panel “Sound Promises, Strategic Portfolios”*

A roundtable on evolving investment strategies in a shifting landscape.

3:15 PM — *Roll Call of the States – Part II*

Additional member updates highlighting recent reforms and future initiatives.

6:00 PM — *Reception & Dinner*

A Seattle-themed evening to celebrate progress and community.

Monday, August 1,

7:30 AM — *Breakfast Roundtables*

8:45 AM — *Second General Session: The Future Ahead*

Keynote: Ron Temple, Chief Market Strategist, Lazard

10:15 AM — *Actuarial Perspective on the Road Ahead*

Leading actuaries forecast funding trends, assumption management, and profession-wide shifts.

12:00 PM — *Optional Networking Tours*

Selected outings to experience Seattle's natural and cultural offerings.

5:45 PM — *President's Reception*

Evening social gathering. Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 AM — Breakfast Roundtable

8:30 AM — Third General Session

Keynote: Michelle K. Lee, Founder, CEO and Principal Advisor, Obsidian Strategies

10:00 AM — **10:40 AM** — New from NIRS

An update on new research and initiatives from the National Institute on Retirement Security.

11:05 AM — Investment Panel: De-Risking with Discipline

Strategies for managing volatility while meeting long-term funding goals.

12:00 PM — Past Presidents' Lunch

1:30 PM — Roll Call of the States – Part III

Final round of state updates, looking over the current year and what may be on the horizon.

2:45 PM — Regional, Education Alliance, and Associate Meetings

3:45 PM — NASRA Annual Business Meeting

Open to all members; includes officer elections and association updates.

5:30 PM — Final Event: Emerald City Celebration

A festive farewell overlooking Puget Sound.

Wednesday, August 13

7:30 – 9:00 AM — *Departure Breakfast*

Say farewell and make plans to reconnect next year in Boston, MA.