



The Cortex Report

Customized for the

San José Retirement Boards

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Introduction to The Cortex Report

Welcome to **The Cortex Report**, a bi-monthly publication that has been customized for your board. The Cortex Report identifies various conferences, seminars, courses and other education events over the coming months that may be of value to trustees and staff.

Education events are sorted in chronological order, and include information such as event name, event sponsor/provider, date, topic areas, fees, and a general description. Each event listing also contains a link to the event sponsor's website. If you are interested in attending an education event, please be sure to check the sponsor's website for complete details.

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Event Listings

Conference : Certificate of Achievement in Public Plan Policy - Pension Part II**Start Date:** November 09, 2024**Organizer:** International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)**End Date:** November 10, 2024**Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** Pension Plan Benefit Policy**Attendance:** Open To All

Expanding upon the fundamental knowledge gained in Part I, the Certificate in Employee Pensions - Part II addresses the elements of plan design, investments, improvement strategies and emerging issues so you can be fully equipped to make the necessary decisions for your plans.

The structure of the CAPPP® program is flexible. Part II of the Certificate in Employee Pensions can be taken prior to Part I to accommodate your schedule. To earn your certificate both Part I and Part II must be completed along with a take-home exam.

Topics include: plan design, investments, business improvement strategies, and emerging issues.

Fees

\$1,815 - non-member
\$1,595 - member

Early bird discount of \$300 if registered by Sept 30, 2024.

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Link: [https://www.ifebp.org/education---events/education-schedule/certificate-of-achievement-in-public-plan-policy-\(cappp\)-pensions-part-ii/event-home](https://www.ifebp.org/education---events/education-schedule/certificate-of-achievement-in-public-plan-policy-(cappp)-pensions-part-ii/event-home)

Conference : Trustees Masters Program**Start Date:** November 09, 2024**Organizer:** International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)**End Date:** November 10, 2024**Location:** San Diego, California**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** General**Attendance:** Open To All

The Trustees Masters Program (TMP) is for advanced-level trustees who want to gain a deeper insight into their role as well as interact with peers.

The program is divided into two tiers to help further facilitate your ongoing education and recognition. Tiers one and two are required for course completion and to receive your TMP pin.

For more information, please visit the website.

Fees

\$2,215 - non-member
\$1,995 - members

Early bird discount of \$300 if registered by Sept. 30, 2024.

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Link: <https://www.ifebp.org/education---events/educational-program-schedule/trustees-masters-program/event-home>

Conference : Annual Employee Benefits Conference**Start Date:** November 10, 2024**Organizer:** International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)**End Date:** November 13, 2024**Location:** San Diego, California**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** General**Attendance:** Members Only

The 70th Annual Employee Benefits Conference is the largest gathering of multiemployer and public employee benefit plan representatives. This event offers you the opportunity to network with your peers, be surrounded by industry experts and learn the latest in the industry so you can make the most informed decisions on behalf of your funds.

With topics ranging from legal and legislative to health and welfare to retirement security, the Annual Employee Benefits Conference is the educational event to attend for most current information and perspectives from leading industry experts on all areas of employee benefits. With so many options to choose from, the Annual Conference is like attending several conferences all rolled into one!

Please visit the website for more details.

Fees

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT
Member: \$2,095 USD

Early bird discount of \$300 if
registered by Sept. 30, 2024.

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Conference : Fall Conference**Start Date:** November 12, 2024**Organizer:** State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS)**End Date:** November 15, 2024**Location:** Los Angeles, California**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** General**Attendance:** Open To All

The State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) is an association of 20 California county retirement systems, enacted under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. Its semi-annual conferences provide relevant, actionable intelligence on fiduciary responsibility, investment management strategies and recent legislation impacting its member systems' pension programs. These conferences and other SACRS' events provide a platform for trustees, staff and our affiliate members to exchange ideas and best practices on pension administration.

See the website for more information about the conference.

Fees

Member: \$1,356
Non-Member - \$3,204

Please see the website for all
registration options.

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Link: <https://sacrs.org/Events/Fall-Conference>

Conference : Delivering Alpha**Start Date:** November 13, 2024**Organizer:** Institutional Investor**End Date:** November 13, 2024**Location:** New York, New York**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** Intermediate**Topic Area:** Investments**Attendance:** By Invitation Only

This conference brings together the biggest names in the investment community from top institutional and sovereign funds, private equity, hedge funds and venture capital, as well as influential political and economic leaders. CNBC anchors and reporters will lead high-level discussions on the critical issues facing investors in today's global economy through virtual one-on-one interviews and panel sessions.

See the website for more information about the conference.

Fees

\$5,000 USD

Early bird discount of \$1,000

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Link: <https://www.cnbcevents.com/delivering-alpha-2024/>**Conference :** University of Virginia Investing Conference**Start Date:** November 14, 2024**Organizer:** Darden School of Business**End Date:** November 14, 2024**Location:** Charlottesville, Virginia**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** Intermediate**Topic Area:** Investments**Attendance:** Open To All

The Richard A. Mayo Center for Asset Management at the UVA Darden School of Business invites you to join them for the 16th annual University of Virginia Investing Conference (UVIC). This year, UVIC will explore investing in a world of slowing economic growth, geopolitical stress, and a rapid rise in artificial intelligence applications. We will focus attention on how these issues may converge to shape the future of the global economy and markets. Program speakers will also detail approaches and ideas for how investors might position themselves for success over the coming years.

Please see the website for more information about the conference.

Fees

General Admission: \$125

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Seminar : CII & NYU Corporate Governance Bootcamp		Start Date: November 14, 2024
Organizer: Council of Institutional Investors		End Date: November 15, 2024
Location: New York, New York	Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A	
Difficulty: General		
Topic Area: Corporate Governance		Attendance: Open To All
<p>This course a premium executive education program developed in partnership with New York University School of Law's Institute for Corporate Governance and Finance.</p> <p>Bootcamp is designed as a two-day program, with the first day of instruction covering foundations of corporate governance and the second day covering advanced topics in stewardship. Instructors include faculty from NYU as well as seasoned practitioners</p> <p>Please see the website for more information and all registration options.</p>		<p>Fees</p> <p>Non-Members - \$3,500 Members - \$2,800</p> <p>Please see the website for all registration options.</p> <p>Contact</p> <p>Kylund Arnold (202) 822-0800</p> <p>Email</p> <p>kylund@cii.org</p>
Link: https://www.cii.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?eventid=212		

Seminar : Audit Committees in a New Era of Governance		Start Date: November 20, 2024
Organizer: Harvard Business School		End Date: November 22, 2024
Location: Boston, Massachusetts	Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) Jul 23 - 25 2025, Boston, Massachusetts	
Difficulty: General		
Topic Area: Board Governance		Attendance: Open To All
<p>This program explores the best practices that your audit committee can use to fulfill its mandate and increase its strategic contribution. You will acquire the frameworks to align corporate strategy with financial reporting—and help your company operate more effectively in today's rigorous market and regulatory environment. The program prepares you to manage the creative tension between the compliance and strategic roles of the audit committee. While improving your ability to ensure compliance, transparency, and accountability, you will learn how to move your company beyond a compliance mentality toward strategic financial reporting and effective risk management.</p> <p>See the website for more information about the program.</p>		<p>Fees</p> <p>\$7,500 Covers tuition, books, accommodation & most meals</p> <p>Contact</p> <p>Phone: +1-617-495-6555 Toll-free: 1-800-427-5577</p> <p>Email</p> <p>executive_education@hbs.edu</p>
Link: https://www.exed.hbs.edu/audit-committees-new-era-governance		

Conference : RI Digital: USA

Start Date: December 03, 2024

Organizer: Responsible Investor

End Date: December 04, 2024

Location: New York, New York

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: ESG and ethical investing

Attendance: Open To All

This conference will provide a forum for investors to debate shareholder rights and proxy access, the role of central banks and securities regulators in climate risk, the importance of transforming energy systems, the impact of technologies like AI and machine learning on investor portfolios, requirements for data privacy, and ways to include human rights and other governance factors into investment portfolios. It provides a unique opportunity to learn, share and debate on responsible investment issues with 600+ investment professionals from across the globe. You will engage with North America's largest investors on key themes affecting local markets and the rest of the world. Thought-leaders from across the institutional investment sector as well as academic researchers and scientists will come together to debate key issues.

Please visit website for agenda.

Fees

No charge for asset owner and investment consultants.

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Conference : Defined Benefit Investment Forum

Start Date: December 06, 2024

Organizer: Canadian Investment Review

End Date: December 06, 2024

Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Pension Plan Policy

Attendance: By Invitation Only

The conference is an exclusive, educational forum that brings together senior representatives of Canadian pension plan sponsors, as well as representatives from the academic, custodial and money management communities.

Participation is by invitation only. For more information on the DB Investment Forum, please email alison.webb@tc.tc, publisher of Canadian Investment Review for consideration.

Canadian Investment Review is Canada's leading forum for academics, institutional investors and industry practitioners to exchange ideas on the capital markets, investment and economic theory and the related sociology and demographics. To that end, it publishes articles that offer original ideas based on existing literature and brings new insight to relevant themes and practices within the institutional investment community.

Please visit the website for details.

Fees

No charge for qualified DB decision-makers and investment consultants.
Please contact the conference organizer to register.

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Conference : Global Roundtable 2024

Start Date: December 10, 2024

Organizer: Responsible Investor

End Date: December 11, 2024

Location: On-line

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) Dec 10 - 11 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: ESG and ethical investing

Attendance: Open To All

UNEP FI is hosting its 18th Global Roundtable as a hybrid event on 10-11 December in Geneva, Switzerland and online. The flagship event will be held as part of Building Bridges (9-12 December), and focus on accelerating practical approaches to setting and implementing targets in areas including net zero, nature, impact, pollution, human rights, and financial inclusion to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. UNEP FI's biennial Global Roundtable is also a pivotal event for finance industry action, providing thousands of finance professionals the opportunity to collaborate with peers and learn from global leaders on issues including the net zero transition, nature, impact, pollution, human rights and financial inclusion to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Building Bridges is a powerful movement that brings 2500+ attendees from 100+ countries from the finance and corporate sectors, governments, civil society, academia, and sustainable development communities to Geneva annually, to shape the global sustainable finance agenda and build a bridge towards a global economic model that meets the needs of a sustainable and just society. Please see the website for more information regarding this conference.

Fees

No charge.

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Link: <https://www.unepfi.org/events/unep-fi-global-roundtable-2024/>

Seminar : Leadership Decision Making: Optimizing Organizational

Start Date: January 06, 2025

Organizer: Harvard Kennedy School

End Date: January 17, 2025

Location: On-line

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) Jun 23 - 28 2025, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Difficulty: Intermediate

Topic Area: Leadership

Attendance: Open To All

Wise judgment and effective decision-making have always been essential skills for leaders across all professional settings. Today, leaders have access to mountains of data from myriad sources. The question is, how can they leverage this abundance of information to make smarter decisions?

Leadership Decision Making (Online) features hands-on learning experiences that help leaders like you improve decision analysis and leadership effectiveness. During this ten-day intensive online program, you'll discover how to recognize biases in judgment that affect even the most intelligent individuals and to incorporate structured decision-making techniques empirically shown to enhance decision making. You'll also receive customized, confidential feedback on your decision-making style.

See the website for more information about the program.

Fees

\$6,400

Application deadline:
December 16, 2024

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Conference : Legislative Conference**Start Date:** January 27, 2025**Organizer:** National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems**End Date:** January 29, 2025**Location:** Washington, District of Columbia**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** Legislation**Attendance:** Members Only

This is a conference for public fund trustees and plan administrators, highlighting the issues on Capitol Hill and in federal regulatory agencies that affect pension funds today. Past conferences have brought senior administration officials, Members of Congress and Washington insiders to help educate fund members on the critical issues affecting public pensions and equip them with the tools needed to deal with these issues effectively and meet-face-to-face with their elected leaders on the Hill.

Please check the website for more information as it becomes available.

Fees

ServiceProviderMember\$1050
Please see the website for all registration options.
Early bird discount of \$200 for registration by Jan 5 '25.

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Conference : 2025 Visions, Insights & Perspectives (VIP) Americas**Start Date:** January 27, 2025**Organizer:** Institutional Real Estate, Inc. (IREI)**End Date:** January 29, 2025**Location:** Carlsbad, California**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** Practitioner**Topic Area:** Investments**Attendance:** By Invitation Only

VIP delivers a quality agenda that is marketing-free. It upholds a strict ratio of 3 managers to every 1 investor. This ensures that attendees are able to really engage and get to know one another. Our audience is also capped so that the event is kept at a size that fosters relationship building. During the event there are several opportunities to socialize with attendees. Whether you are discussing critical industry issues as a part of a roundtable breakout session or at an off-site recreational activity, VIP gives you an excellent networking platform to establish new relationships and strengthen existing.

Registration is open to qualified investors and subscribers to the Institutional Real Estate Americas publication. To find out more details about registration and the publication, please contact the organizer.

Fees

Not available. Please contact conference organizer.

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Conference : Annual Health Benefits Conference & Expo

Start Date: January 28, 2025

Organizer: International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)

End Date: January 29, 2025

Location: Clearwater, Florida

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Healthcare Management

Attendance: Open To All

HBCE is one of the nation's premier sources for employee health benefits and wellness education. In times of change, having real-life examples and proven solutions is paramount to help guide your decision making. Addressing current topics revolving around cost-containment strategies, compliance initiatives and population health management, this program is a vital part of health benefits and wellness planning. Join your peers to get the latest updates and information that can make a positive impact on your organization.

For more information, visit the website.

Fees

Early Bird Rate: \$650
Corporate Rate: \$750
Service Provider: \$850
Please visit the website for more options.

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Link: <https://www.ifebp.org/education---events/educational-program-schedule/health-benefits-conference-and-expo/event-home>

Seminar : Private Equity: Investing and Creating Value

Start Date: February 02, 2025

Organizer: The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

End Date: February 07, 2025

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Practitioner

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

In Private Equity: Investing and Creating Value, you will:

- Learn the various stages of investment, from deal origination through harvesting returns
- Study tools that private equity firms use to structure and finance a deal, create value, and determine exit timing
- Understand the key drivers in the private equity market, and key differences between funds' strategies
- Analyze a deal from the different points of view of a private equity firm and a bank
- Work in teams to review actual deal scenarios, both middle market and megafund, and debate recommendations with faculty and peers for new perspective
- Gain experience in navigating the complex arena of global private equity and emerging markets

See the website for more information about the program.

Fees

\$14,350
Fees include accommodations and meals.

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Conference : Winter Meeting**Start Date:** March 01, 2025**Organizer:** National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)**End Date:** March 03, 2025**Location:** Washington, District of Columbia**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** General**Attendance:** Members Only

The winter meeting of NASRA retirement system directors and staff is held typically the last weekend in February or the first weekend in March, in Washington, DC, for a Sunday afternoon of roundtable discussions and presentations. The following day, all NASRA members are invited to hear analysis, forecasts, and overviews of current federal legislative and regulatory activities.

Please visit the website for details.

Fees

Members Only
Please contact organizer for details.

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Link: <https://www.nasra.org/meetings>**Conference :** General Assembly**Start Date:** March 02, 2025**Organizer:** California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPRS)**End Date:** March 05, 2025**Location:** Napa, California**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** General**Topic Area:** General**Attendance:** Members Only

The California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPRS) sponsors educational forums for sharing information and exchanging ideas among trustees and staff of California public retirement systems to enhance their ability to administer public pension plan benefits and manage investments consistent with their fiduciary responsibility. CALAPRS carries out its mission through an annual conference called the General Assembly, round table meetings for discussion of topics of interest, and the annual Principles of Pension Management course.

The General Assembly is an educational conference for retirement system trustees, senior staff, and annual sponsors of CALAPRS.

More information about the conference is available exclusively to CALAPRS member systems and sponsors. Please visit the website and log in.

Fees

Not available. Please contact the conference organizer.

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Conference : Responsible Investment Forum

Start Date: March 04, 2025

Organizer: Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

End Date: March 05, 2025

Location: New York, New York

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Intermediate

Topic Area: ESG and ethical investing

Attendance: Open To All

This year, the PRI will be co-hosting with Private Equity International, the annual Responsible Investment Forum New York. The Responsible Investment Forum will bring together institutional investors, fund managers, consultants and highly recognized associations to discuss why, when, and how your firm should be implementing an effective ESG strategy.

ESG issues are at the heart of all PEI's editorial coverage, with our reporters consistently following and scrutinizing the ways in which managers in the US are adopting responsible investment practices and what LPs are looking for as they consider investing in private equity.

Please see the website for more information.

Fees

For fund and asset managers, and developers.

Various Ticket Prices start from: \$2,095.00 USD

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Conference : Spring Conference

Start Date: March 10, 2025

Organizer: Council of Institutional Investors

End Date: March 12, 2025

Location: Washington, District of Columbia

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Corporate Governance

Attendance: Members Only

CII Spring Conference & 40th Anniversary Celebration

The Council of Institutional Investors (CII), is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of U.S. asset owners, primarily pension funds, state and local entities charged with investing public assets and endowments and foundations, with combined assets of \$4 trillion. Its associate members include non-U.S. asset owners with more than \$4 trillion in assets and a range of asset managers with more than \$35 trillion in assets under management. CII is a leading voice for effective corporate governance, strong shareowner rights and vibrant, transparent and fair capital markets.

See website for agenda.

Fees

Members with bundled memberships - \$0
Members - \$195
Non-members - \$295
See the website for details.

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Conference : Pension Bridge Annual**Start Date:** March 24, 2025**Organizer:** Pension Bridge**End Date:** March 26, 2025**Location:** San Francisco, California**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** Intermediate**Topic Area:** Investments**Attendance:** Open To All

Pension Bridge provides exclusive events for senior executives within the institutional investment management industry. Bringing together attendees from North America's largest investors and global asset managers, its conferences offer an intimate environment to strengthen relationships, discuss market trends and challenges, and refresh your knowledge of the investment industry.

Please visit the website for more details.

Fees

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Conference : PREA Spring Conference**Start Date:** March 26, 2025**Organizer:** Pension Real Estate Association (PREA)**End Date:** March 27, 2025**Location:** Dallas, Texas**Alternative Date(s)
& Location(s)** N/A**Difficulty:** Advanced**Topic Area:** Investments**Attendance:** Open To All

The Pension Real Estate Association (PREA) is a non-profit trade association for the global institutional real estate investment industry. PREA currently lists over 700 corporate member firms across the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. Its members include public and corporate pension funds, endowments, foundations, Taft-Hartley funds, insurance companies, investment advisory firms, REITs, developers, real estate operating companies and industry service providers.

PREA holds two major conferences each year: the Spring Conference and the Annual Institutional Investor Real Estate Conference.

See the website for more information about the program.

Fees

Corporate Non Member: \$3,990
Please see the website for all registration options.

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Seminar : Investment Strategies and Portfolio Management

Start Date: April 14, 2025

Organizer: The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

End Date: April 18, 2025

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Practitioner

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

In Investment Strategies and Portfolio Management, you will:

- Receive new tools and techniques for creating profitable investment portfolios
- Critically evaluate investment managers using the latest research
- Gain a deeper understanding of how to account for financial risk, including the impact of unforeseen small-probability events like pandemics
- Learn how to assess the stock market's reactions to events using behavioral finance principles
- Get an expert view of the predicted length and shape of an economic recovery
- Understand the macroeconomic outlook both in the U.S. and globally

See the website for more information about the program.

Fees

\$13,500 USD

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Conference : Private Markets

Start Date: April 16, 2025

Organizer: Pensions & Investments

End Date: April 17, 2025

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Advanced

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

LPs are increasingly looking to the private market to achieve returns, so portfolio construction and asset allocation, taking into account appropriate opportunities and risks, is paramount. The proliferation of new strategies and the entry of new GPs brings extra complexity navigating through this rapidly changing market. The program will feature asset owners and asset managers who will discuss:

- Benchmarking and measuring target returns
- Liquidity and premiums on the lack thereof
- Finding the right income-generating investments to provide a stream of capital
- Strategy conversations around private credit, infrastructure, real estate, real assets, etc. and how they all interact
- What performance statistics matter the most when assessing a partner and how to properly size your portfolio
- Dry powder and the balance of inflows with finding the right opportunities
- Secondary markets, direct and co-investing.

See the website for more information about the conference.

Fees

\$0 - \$4,000
Please see the website for all registration options, including early bird discount.

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Conference : Health Care Management Conference

Start Date: April 28, 2025

Organizer: International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)

End Date: April 29, 2025

Location: Fort Myers, Florida

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Healthcare Management

Attendance: Open To All

Health care is ever changing, and it can be hard to keep up and deal with issues and questions that arise. With so many changes and advancements, managing your fund requires action. The Health Care Management Conference will prepare you to make the tough decisions that will keep your fund moving forward, and it will give you the confidence to implement them. Register for this highly rated conference, and keep your fund moving in the right direction.

Topics include: Preparing for the Next Pandemic; Transparency and your TPA; PBMs, Negotiating Medicare Drug Prices and Pipeline Drugs; Preparing for a DOL Audit; Grandfathering Status—Is it Worth Keeping?; Interoperability and Data Sharing; Point Solutions and Telehealth; Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Behavioral Health; The Future of Retiree Health Care and Defined Contributions; Oncology and Specialty Drugs—Advocating for Patient Experience; Where to Start with Cost Containment Strategies? Please visit the website for more details.

Fees

\$2,270 - non-member
\$2,050 - members

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Conference : Plan Sponsor National Conference

Start Date: April 30, 2025

Organizer: Plan Sponsor

End Date: May 02, 2025

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: By Invitation Only

This conference brings together a cross section of the industry - plan sponsors, retirement plan advisers and providers that support plans and participants meet, also getting to dialog with legislative, legal and policy thought leaders. The conference will cover current trends and best practices, ideas in retirement plan design, investment options and solutions, and legislative and regulatory updates.

Please see the website for more information.

Fees

Member: \$1,215 USD
Non-Member - \$1,615 USD

Early bird discount of \$300

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Conference : Annual Conference

Start Date: May 04, 2025

Organizer: CFA Institute

End Date: May 07, 2025

Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

The conference is the investment industry's largest and longest-running educational gathering of investment professionals, attracting as many as 2,000 delegates from 70 countries and territories in recent years. It will feature presentations from noted investors, geopolitical experts, best-selling authors, leading researchers, and successful practitioners, covering alternative investing, wealth management, global trends, career development, technology and investing, sustainable investing, psychology and decision making, and more.

Please see the website for more information about the conference as it becomes available.

Fees

Not yet available.

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Conference : Spring Conference

Start Date: May 13, 2025

Organizer: State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS)

End Date: May 16, 2025

Location: Los Angeles, California

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: Open To All

The State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) is an association of 20 California county retirement systems, enacted under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. Its semi-annual conferences provide relevant, actionable intelligence on fiduciary responsibility, investment management strategies and recent legislation impacting its member systems' pension programs. These conferences and other SACRS' events provide a platform for trustees, staff and our affiliate members to exchange ideas and best practices on pension administration.

See the website for more information about the conference.

Fees

Not yet available.
Previous year's fees: \$120 system & other non-profit member
\$2,670 - non-member

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Conference : Redefining Fixed Income Forum

Start Date: May 13, 2025

Organizer: Institutional Investor

End Date: May 13, 2025

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: By Invitation Only

The Redefining Fixed Income (RFI) Forum offers a distinctive opportunity for the fixed-income community to convene and engage through a one-day annual meeting. This gathering provides a regular cadence for peers to come together, fostering a unique environment for both learning and networking. The program will draw on a rich diversity of thought leadership — from investment industry experts, renowned academics, asset management veterans, and some of the most accomplished CIOs of leading pension systems, general accounts, and long-term portfolios. The forum places a strong emphasis on meaningful LP and GP collaboration, our exceptional networking platform offers a rare combination of avenues for participants to engage. This facilitates the exchange of ideas, opportunities, and industry best practices, creating a valuable community collaboration space.

Please visit the website for more details.

Fees

Not available. Registration limited to "qualified individuals". Please contact the conference organizer to register.

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Conference : Trustee Education Seminar

Start Date: May 17, 2025

Organizer: National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems

End Date: May 18, 2025

Location: Denver, Colorado

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Board Governance

Attendance: Members Only

This seminar is held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Exhibition. It is intended for new and novice trustees who are seeking a better understanding of their role and responsibilities as trustee of their pension fund. It also serves as a refresher for experienced trustees interested in staying up-to-date.

The program is designed with a clear focus on the educational needs of trustees who are relatively new to a pension plan board. The focus is on investing principles, board policies, and fundamental concepts that every trustee should know.

The second day of TEDS features the Asset Allocation Challenge, an interactive computer-based investment training exercise. Members are placed in groups and asked to select assets based on the given economic environment presented to them. This program is ideal for new trustees and can be repeated.

TEDS attendees can earn up to eight (9.5) hours of continuing education credits.

Fees

Fund/Stakeholder: \$700

Please check the website for early bird options.

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Conference : Accredited Fiduciary (NAF) Program

Start Date: May 17, 2025

Organizer: National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems

End Date: May 18, 2025

Location: Denver, Colorado

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: Members Only

This is a trustee accreditation program specifically designed and tailored for individuals involved in public pension governance. It divides plan governance, oversight and administration into four modules. Each module delves into the fundamental components and strategies necessary for governing a public pension fund, allowing trustees and plan staff to walk away with the key competencies critical to their fiduciary responsibilities. The modules are offered two at a time (1&2 and 3&4), twice a year, and may be taken in any order. It is recommended that candidates first complete the Trustee Educational Seminar (TEDS).

Module 1 – Governance and the Board's Role
Module 2 – Investment and Finance
Module 3 – Legal, Risk Management and Communication
Module 4 – Human Capital

See the website for more information about the program.

Fees

Fund Members/Stakeholders:
\$1,100

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Conference : Annual Conference and Exhibition

Start Date: May 18, 2025

Organizer: National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems

End Date: May 21, 2025

Location: Denver, Colorado

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) May 17 - 20 2026, Las Vegas, Nevada
May 16 - 19 2027, New York, New York

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: Members Only

More than 900 trustees, administrators, state and local officials, investment, financial and union officers, pension staff and regulators attend this conference each year. Attendees benefit from the comprehensive educational programming, dynamic speakers, and networking opportunities with money managers, investment service providers and public fund colleagues from across the nation.

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For more information, please visit the website.

Fees

Fund/Stakeholder: \$1,130
Please see the website for all registration options.
Early bird discount of \$200 for registration by Apr 26, '25

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Conference : Washington Legislative Update

Start Date: May 19, 2025

Organizer: International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)

End Date: May 20, 2025

Location: Washington, District of Columbia

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Legislation

Attendance: Open To All

Attend the Washington Legislative Update to stay informed about the evolving agenda that is currently under development to understand when and how changes may impact your plans and plan participants. Developed in partnership with an elite group of Washington insiders, this conference features topics of relevance, expert speakers and the most up-to-date information. **BENEFITS OF ATTENDING:** Access a direct pipeline to what's happening on the Hill and in key agencies; Hear from expert speakers about the issues, trends and future direction of the industry; Prepare for the future and learn how your plans may be impacted by the new administration as well as recently enacted and proposed legislation and regulations; Connect with peers facing similar challenges; Take away creative ideas and solutions that work. **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** The content of this program is designed for trustees, administrators and plan professionals in the following areas: Those whose roles require a keen knowledge of legislative and governmental activity; Employee benefit representatives who are responsible for strategic change; Others serving multiemployer, single employer and public sector benefit plans. See website for more details.

Fees

\$2,080 - non-members
\$1,860 - members
Early bird discount of \$300 if registered by April 8, 2025.

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Conference : Advanced Trustees and Administrators Institute

Start Date: June 23, 2025

Organizer: International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)

End Date: June 25, 2025

Location: Nashville, Tennessee

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: Open To All

The Advanced Trustees and Administrators Institute is designed to keep experienced trustees informed of the latest industry trends, legal and regulatory changes, and best practices as well as bring new ideas to light. Attendees gain a deeper understanding of how to run their pension and health and welfare funds. Developed by active trustees, administrators and professional advisors, each session is designed to address the issues you face today and prepare you for what lies ahead. In these challenging times, you can count on the International Foundation to deliver timely, relevant and balanced education on the trends, issues and future direction of the industry.

Please visit the website for more details.

Fees

\$2,380 - non-member
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Early bird discount of \$300 if registered by May 13, 2025.

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Conference : Annual Conference

Start Date: June 29, 2025

Organizer: Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

End Date: July 02, 2025

Location: Washington, District of Columbia

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: Open To All

GFOA's Annual Conference. Join this event to hear from leading practitioners, recognized industry experts, researchers, and your peers how to effectively prioritize the current needs of your community and prepare for any future challenges. The conference will include more than seventy concurrent sessions featuring leading practitioners, innovators, and industry experts who will discuss best practices, trends, case studies, and more. Sessions will focus on both technical topics like accounting, budgeting, debt management, procurement, risk assessment, technology, and treasury management and leadership areas including ethics, communications, employee development, project management, and meeting facilitation.

Please check website for updates.

Fees

Not available. Please contact conference organizer.

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Seminar : Public Pension Investment Management Program

Start Date: July 13, 2025

Organizer: State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS)

End Date: July 16, 2025

Location: Berkeley, California

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

Presented by the world-renowned faculty of UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, Modern Investment Theory & Practice for Retirement Systems is a four-day course offering SACRS' members in-depth knowledge on today's successful investment models and strategies. You'll learn how to practically integrate these methods immediately into your own plan administration, advancing your skills and elevating the collective expertise of SACRS' membership. Completion of the course earns you a certificate of achievement from UC Berkeley.

This program is widely popular and limited to 30-40 people. System members have registration priority.

See the website for more information about the program.

Fees

Affiliate Pricing:\$2,500

Non-Member Pricing:\$2,500

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Conference : Private Equity Exclusive

Start Date: July 15, 2025

Organizer: Pension Bridge

End Date: July 17, 2025

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Advanced

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

Pension Bridge provides exclusive events for senior executives within the institutional investment management industry. Bringing together over 400 attendees from North America's largest investors and global asset managers, this day and a half conference offers an intimate environment to strengthen relationships, knowledge sharing and networking, discuss market trends and challenges, and refresh your knowledge of the investment industry. Seen as the darling of the investment community, private equity now faces significant headwinds globally. The outbreak of war in the Ukraine, rising inflationary pressure, and the threat of recession have provoked a massive reapproaching of spend. However, PE now has an opportunity to purchase distressed assets and tuck in and merge additional technology assets to make returns. This year we will explore these issues in depth, discussing the challenges the private equity industry has faced over the past 12 months, whilst offering an outlook on the trends that lie ahead.

See the website for more information about the conference.

Fees

Not available. Please contact the conference organizer.

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Conference : Annual Conference

Start Date: July 17, 2025

Organizer: International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)

End Date: July 18, 2025

Location: New York, New York

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Corporate Governance

Attendance: Open To All

ICGN last held a conference in Canada in 2010, over a decade ago. A lot has changed in the last twelve years and so this event gives us the opportunity for reflection as we take stock of what we have learned and achieved over this period, but also to look to the future with regard to priorities for reform as we convene over 500 influential governance professionals in Toronto. As the governance and investor stewardship landscape continues to evolve, our leading expert speakers will provide attendees with key insights into best practice and highlight future priorities for companies, investors and stakeholders.

Please check the website for more information as it becomes available.

Fees

Not yet available

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Conference : Annual Conference

Start Date: August 09, 2025

Organizer: National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)

End Date: August 13, 2025

Location: Seattle, Washington

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: General

Attendance: Members Only

NASRA was founded in 1955 as a non-profit association whose members are the directors of the nation's state, territorial, and largest statewide public retirement systems. Its members oversee retirement systems that hold more than two-thirds of the \$4.5 trillion held in trust for 15 million working and 11 million retired employees of state and local government. Its mission is to serve its members in managing sustainable public employee retirement systems through research, education, and collaboration.

The annual conference features leaders in the fields of retirement plan investment and administration covering a variety of subjects including investment management, world events applicable to the pension industry, the economy, human resources, trends, and more.

Please check the website for more information as it becomes available.

Fees

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Conference : Fall Conference

Start Date: September 08, 2025

Organizer: Council of Institutional Investors

End Date: September 10, 2025

Location: San Francisco, California

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: General

Topic Area: Corporate Governance

Attendance: Members Only

The Council of Institutional Investors (CII), is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of U.S. asset owners, primarily pension funds, state and local entities charged with investing public assets and endowments and foundations, with combined assets of \$4 trillion. Its associate members include non-U.S. asset owners with more than \$4 trillion in assets and a range of asset managers with more than \$35 trillion in assets under management. CII is a leading voice for effective corporate governance, strong shareowner rights and vibrant, transparent and fair capital markets.

See website for agenda.

Fees

No charge for members.
Please visit website for details.

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Conference : Discussion Forum

Start Date: October 05, 2025

Organizer: International Centre for Pension Management (ICPM)

End Date: October 05, 2025

Location: San Francisco, California

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Advanced

Topic Area: General

Attendance: By Invitation Only

ICPM organizes two Discussion Forums each year that bring together ICPM's Research Partners with leading authorities from academia and policy-making circles to network and build knowledge about critical issues facing the pension system. Held in different parts of the world, Discussion Forums provide a collegial setting for senior executives in the ICPM network and other distinguished pension and investment practitioners to exchange ideas on key pension management topics. In addition, these events feature presentations by academic researchers on findings from ICPM-sponsored research. Research papers, presentation materials and case studies presented at past Discussion Forums are available as a resource for ICPM's Research Partners on global best practices. Summaries of key insights are also provided.

Please visit the website for details.

Fees

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Conference : Annual Institutional Investor Real Estate Conference

Start Date: October 22, 2025

Organizer: Pension Real Estate Association (PREA)

End Date: October 24, 2025

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Alternative Date(s) & Location(s) N/A

Difficulty: Practitioner

Topic Area: Investments

Attendance: Open To All

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PREA holds two major conferences each year: the Spring Conference and the Annual Institutional Investor Real Estate Conference.

More information about the conference is not yet available.

Fees

Corporate Non Member: \$3,990
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