



*The Voice for Public Pensions*

## CALL FOR SPEAKERS/PROPOSALS

2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition  
Hollywood, FL  
May 21 – 24, 2017

**Submissions Due: Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

NCPERS is dedicated to providing quality educational programming for public pension professionals and our **members** are an important partner in this mission. With your expertise, we are able to deliver essential pension information to our fund members. By hosting an educational session, you'll have an opportunity to not only share your expertise with session attendees, but show your commitment to educating public sector pension trustees.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**1. MEMBERSHIP**

Speaking at all NCPERS conferences is reserved for NCPERS members only. Your membership dues must be current for 2017 to be considered.

**2. TITLE OF PRESENTATION**

Your title should capture, in 10 words or less, the topic/subject area that will be covered

**3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION**

Your description should, in 300 words or less, build on your title, focus on what the audience will take-away (learning objectives) and be as concise as possible. **NOTE: PowerPoints, white papers or articles are not acceptable submissions for your description.**

**4. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Your proposed session will be evaluated on the topic presented as well as the proposed speaker. Please include contact information for your speaker and anyone else who should be contacted regarding your proposal. **Email addresses required.**

**5. SKILL LEVEL**

Please indicate the knowledge level of the audience this session is intended to address:

**BASIC** – For individuals with limited or no prior knowledge or experience of the subject area. New to the pension industry or seeking to learn the fundamentals.

**INTERMEDIATE** – For individuals who have some knowledge or experience of the subject. Individuals seeking to build on, apply or enhance knowledge in subject area.

**ADVANCED** – For individuals with greatly developed knowledge and experience in the subject area seeking the most up- to-date knowledge.

**GENERAL** – For subject areas applicable to all skill levels.

### **TOPIC/SUBJECT AREAS**

Topics being considered include, but not limited to:

- Challenges, Trends and Future Directions for Public Pension Funds
- Investments/Financial Principles
- Actuarial Principles
- Legislative/Regulatory Developments
- Legal Environment
- Corporate Governance
- Ethics/ Fiduciary Responsibilities
- Healthcare and Retirement
- Administrative Efficiency/Technology
- Best Practices
- Professional Development

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be reviewed by the NCPERS education committee. Selections will be based on objective criteria, including:

- Educational value of proposed program
- Originality of proposed program
- Relevance of topic
- Overall quality of submission and;
- Membership and active participation in NCPERS.

### **SPEAKER EXPECTATIONS**

If your proposal is accepted, NCPERS expects speakers to adhere to the following:

- Commit to presenting.
- Register for the conference (registration fee is \$1000).
- Meet all deadlines outlined.
- If co-presenting with another speaker, work together to coordinate your presentations to ensure cohesiveness.
- Share your presence at the conference with your social networks (i.e. Twitter and Facebook).

### **TIMELINE**

- **SUBMIT** your proposal by 5:00 pm Eastern, Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
- **REVIEW** by the NCPERS Education committee will occur in late January.
- **NOTIFICATION** will be emailed to you in early February 2017.

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