2015 PUBLIC PENSION FUNDING FORUM
A Joint Conference by the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems and the Institute on Public Pension Solutions

AGENDA
August 23-25
Berkeley, California

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm REGISTRATION
Crystal Ballroom Foyer

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm WELCOME RECEPTION
Boiler Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015

9:00 am – 6:00 pm REGISTRATION
Crystal Ballroom Foyer

9:30 am – 10:00 am COFFEE BREAK
Boiler Room

10:00 am – 6:00 pm GENERAL SESSION
Crystal Ballroom

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Pre-Conference – Review of 2014 Funding Forum and Subsequent Research
Michael Kahn, NCPERS & IPPS
Dan Kozloff, PFM
Dave Wilson, Nuveen

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm LUNCH
Boiler Room

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mel Aaronson, President, NCPERS

Pensions and Economy
Dennis Lockhart, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Politics of Public Pensions
Robert Johnson, President, Institute for New Economic Thinking, and
Senior Fellow, Roosevelt Institute

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Trends in Public Pensions
Chair: Dana Dillon, CalSTRS
Luke Martel, National Conference of State Legislatures
Keith Brainard, National Association of State Retirement Administrators

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm COFFEE BREAK

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm Risk Management to Address Funding Issues
Chair: Dana Bilyeu, Executive Director, NASRA
Gene Kalwarski, Cheiron
David Wilson, Nuveen
George Matthews, Analytic Investors

4:45 pm – 6:00 pm Income Inequality, Economic Growth, and State Revenues
Chair: Ed Hurley, National Education Association
Jonathan Ostry, International Monetary Fund
Beth Ann Bovino, Standard & Poor’s Rating Services
Gabe Petek, Standard & Poor’s Rating Services

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm RECEPTION
Boiler Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

8:00 am – 5:00 pm REGISTRATION
Crystal Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 8:45 am BREAKFAST
Boiler Room

8:45 am – 5:00 pm GENERAL SESSION
Crystal Ballroom

8:45 am – 9:30 am Public Pension Advocacy
Chair: Ron Auer, Executive Director, CORPaTH
Bailey Childers, Executive Director, National Public Pension Coalition

9:30 am – 10:30 am Fresh Look at the Tools to Address Pension Funding Issues
Chair: John Jensen, Chair, IPPS Advisory Group
Paul Angelo, Segal
Elizabeth Wiley, Cheiron

10:30 am – 10:45 am COFFEE BREAK
10:45 am – 11:45 am  **Panel Discussion I: Closing Funding Gap without Dismantling Public Pensions**  
*Chair: Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System  
Dan Kozloff, PFM  
Garth Schulz, Castle Advisory Company*

11:45 am – 12:30 pm  **LUNCH**  
*Boiler Room*

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  **Dismantling Public Pensions Means Inequality for All**  
*Chair: Sharon Hendricks, CalSTRS  
Robert Reich, UC Berkeley, Former U.S. Secretary of Labor*

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  **Panel Discussion II: Closing Funding Gap without Dismantling Public Pensions**  
*Chair: John Jensen, Chair, IPPS Advisory Group  
Richard Sims, Sierra Institute of Applied Economics  
Susan Kennedy, Alabama Education Association*

2:30 pm – 4:15 pm  **Funding Retiree Health Care**  
*Chair: Dana Dillon, CalSTRS  
Elizabeth Kellar, Center for State and Local Government Excellence  
State Panel: Tim Myers, Ohio; William Myers, Connecticut; and Doug McKeever, California*

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm  **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**  
*John Jensen, Chair, IPPS Advisory Group  
Hank Kim, Executive Director, NCPERS  
Michael Kahn, Director of Research, NCPERS, and President IPPS*