

2023 NPEA Conference Agenda

October 14-18, 2023

The DeSoto Hotel · Savannah, Georgia



STRONG ROOTS
Endless  Connections

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sponsor Exhibits (Optional)
Madison Ballroom

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Systems' Roll Call with Networking Break

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Opening Reception (provided)
Pool Deck (Weather Back-up: Harborview)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sponsor Exhibits (Optional)
Madison Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

InFRE Pre-Conference Workshop – CRC-2
Michael Wilson

4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Bus Tour of Savannah
Old Fort Jackson Demonstration and Barbecue
Picnic (Dinner provided)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsor Exhibits
Foyer

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast (provided)
Cumberland Room

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

President's Welcome

Barbie Pearson, NPEA President
Teacher Retirement System of Texas

8:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Keynote: Pulling Each Other Along: Intention.
Integrity. Inclusivity.

Dave Clark, Former Professional Baseball
Player, Former Coach for the Detroit Tigers, and
Current Manager of the Idaho Falls Chukars

Doug Cornfield, Author, Speaker, and Former
College Athlete, Director of the Disability,
Dream and Do (D3Day) Sports Camps

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Session 2: Sponsor Spotlight

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session 3: Changes in Plan Design
Cathy Terrell, Deputy Executive Director
Employees Retirement System of Texas

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (provided)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Session 4: Current Hacker Tools and Resources
Frank Williams, Chief Information Security Officer
Teacher Retirement System of Texas

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Session 5: Power of Precision: How Bad Data is
Threatening Your Pension Plan
Jeff Anderson, Business Development Manager

Cory Cates, Chief Information Officer
PBI Research Services

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Session 6: Staff Recruitment and Retention
Panel Discussion

Sonya Kinley, Chief Human Resources Officer
Teachers Retirement System of Georgia

Denise Weeks, Teachers' Fund for Retirement
Programs Manager
North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office

Suzanne Mayer, Executive Director
State Universities Retirement System of Illinois

Colin Bishop, Chief of Member Services
San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement
Association

(Dinner on your own)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsor Exhibits
Foyer

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast (provided)
Cumberland Room

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

8:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Session 7: Just When You Thought It Was Safe
to Go Back to Normal; Legislative and Judicial
Happenings in 2023

Robert Klausner, Esq., Principal
Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson Law Firm

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session 8: Round Table Discussions

Working Post-Pandemic
Cyber Security
Social Media – Best Practices
Working Remotely/Hybrid Technology
Open Topic

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (provided)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Session 8 (continued): Round Table Summary

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Session 9: Legislative Update

Jeannine Markoe-Raymond, Director of
Federal Relations
National Association of State Retirement
Administrators (NASRA)

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Session 10: Public Pension Media Trends and
How To Respond

Russ Rhea, Vice President of Media Services
Hahn Public Communications

6:00 p.m.

Dinner (provided)
Cumberland Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Departure Day - Safe Travels!