

CONFERENCE AGENDA

SACRS ANNUAL
FALL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 10-13, 2020



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

1:00PM – 3:00PM ETHICS TRAINING FOR TRUSTEES AND STAFF

This two-hour mandatory bi-annual training for public officials covers conflict of interest rules, public meeting and record requirements, due process requirements and other significant rules for legal compliance by public officials, with a particular focus on how these rules apply to retirement board trustees and senior staff. *This class is pending approval for MCLE credit

SPEAKERS: Ashley Dunning and Peter Mixon, Nossaman, LLP

3:00PM – 5:00PM SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING FOR LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS (AB1661)

Nossaman LLP attorneys John Kennedy and Allison Callaghan will present "Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Local Agency Officials (AB1661)". AB 1661 requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to its officials, then all local agency officials of the agency shall receive at least two hours of sexual harassment prevention and education training within the first six months of taking office or commencing employment and every two years thereafter. This interactive training session will meet the requirements under AB 1661 and AB 1825 (sexual harassment prevention training to employees who perform supervisory functions) and assist attendees in preventing and effectively responding to complaints of sexual harassment. *This class pending approval for MCLE credit

SPEAKERS: John Kennedy and Allison Callaghan, Nossaman LLP

5:00PM – 6:00PM NETWORK RECEPTION

SACRS first ever virtual networking reception! SACRS virtual networking reception is a one-of-a-kind event where you can network with other conference attendees – Trustees Staff and Affiliates, all from the comfort of your desk. Grab a drink and log into our "virtual networking reception" for an hour of meaningful networking. Visit the Exhibit Hall and stop by our Affiliate Booths! Trustees and Staff members that stop by each Booth will automatically qualify you for a free Amazon Gift Card. You'll walk away with new connections, friends and insights!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

SACRS FALL CONFERENCE VIRTUAL FUN RUN

Staying active during this time of social distancing is important for our mental and physical well-being! Sign up for the Virtual Run and be rewarded for your efforts! The SACRS Fall Conference Virtual Fun Run event can be run or walked from any location you choose. You can run, jog, or walk on the road, on the trail, or on the treadmill. Send us a selfie or walk with friends, don't forget to send us your picture for the annual photo! Pre-registration is required, participation fee is \$15 and includes a fun run T-shirt. Registration cut off to receive a shirt prior to conference is October 31, all shirts will be mailed to participants directly.

9:00AM – 9:15AM WELCOME OPENING CEREMONIES AND AWARDS

SPEAKER: Vivian Gray, SACRS President

AWARDS: Dan McAllister, SACRS Immediate Past President

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (continued)

9:15AM – 10:15AM 2020 VISION – THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The big highlights of the primaries and the general election. As this historic and wildly unpredictable election comes to a close on Election Day, it won't be hard to remember how America got here. Over a dozen candidates hoping to be the Democratic nominee and the GOP supporting President Donald J. Trump for a second term.

SPEAKER: Ron Insana, CNBC

MODERATOR: Frank Mottek

10:15AM – 10:30AM NETWORKING BREAK

10:30AM – 11:30AM CALIFORNIA RECOVERY/COVID-19

A new California rule requires everyone to wear face masks in public as more businesses and public spaces have reopened in the state. For some residents, the mandate is controversial even as COVID-19 hospitalizations are surging. Eric Feigl-Ding will discuss how public health officials are considering how to boost economic activity in the safest way possible.

SPEAKER: Eric Feigl-Ding, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

MODERATOR: Frank Mottek

11:30AM – 1:00PM NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK

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1:15PM – 3:30PM AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS

Build interactive collaborations, uncover new opportunities, and enjoy a great networking experience from the comfort of your desk. Interact in real-time just by joining a breakout. You'll video chat with other professionals from the conference.

■ Administrators Breakout

MODERATOR: Eric Stern, Sacramento CERA

■ Affiliate Breakout

MODERATOR: Teri Noble, Pathaway

■ Attorneys Breakout

MODERATOR: TBD

■ Internal Auditors Breakout

MODERATOR: Harsh Jadhav, Alameda CERA

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Investment Staff Breakout

MODERATOR: TBD

Operations/Disability Breakout

MODERATOR: TBD

Safety Breakout

MODERATOR: Brian Williams, Sonoma CERA

Trustee Breakout

A comprehensive overview to mastering the roles and responsibilities of a public pension fiduciary in the U.S.

In an ever-changing financial and political landscape, your job as a public pension fiduciary continues to get more difficult.

The U.S. Public Pension Handbook is the only one-stop resource that covers the various areas of public pension governance, investment management, infrastructure, accounting, and law.

This comprehensive session presents critical data, information, and insights in topic-specific, easy-to-understand ways—providing the knowledge you need to elevate your expertise and overall contribution to your pension plan or system.

SPEAKER: Von Hughes, PAAMCO

MODERATOR: Kathryn Cavness, Mendocino CERA

3:45PM – 4:45PM NETWORKING RECEPTION

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00AM – 8:00AM SACRS WELLNESS SESSION – VIRTUAL YOGA

Need some Wellness in your life? Join us for a virtual Yoga Class to start your conference day. Attendees will receive a link to participate in a yoga session for all levels. Class is taught by a professional yoga instructor, preregistration is required, fees apply.

9:15AM – 9:30AM WELCOME TO DAY TWO!

SPEAKER: Vivian Gray, SACRS President

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (continued)

9:30AM – 10:30AM BACKABLE 2.0

Backable people have a seemingly mysterious superpower that lies at the intersection of “creativity” and “persuasion”. When they express themselves, we feel moved. When they share an idea, we take action. In 2019, Suneel Gupta introduced Backable to SACRS. This time around, you’ll walk away with 5 immediately actionable, never-shared-before techniques on how to make yourself Backable for any occasion - whether that’s raising money, pitching a client, applying for a role, or convincing your kids to clean their room.

SPEAKER: Suneel Gupta, Author

MODERATOR: Frank Mottek

10:30AM – 11:00AM NETWORKING BREAK

11:00AM – 12:00PM LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE COLOR BRAVE

This year, America has experienced an unprecedented national introspection while attempting to reconcile the enlightened promises of our 18th-century founding documents with our 21st-century views on racial and gender equality. This fireside chat with Melody Hobson, Co-CEO of Ariel Investments and one of the country’s most successful business leaders, will be a frank conversation on diversity as a source of excellence that pension leaders should actively seek.

SPEAKER: Melody Hobson, Ariel Investments

MODERATOR: Sam Austin, NEPC

12:00PM – 12:30PM NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK

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12:30PM – 1:30PM PANDEMIC ECONOMY:
A PERSPECTIVE LOOKING FORWARD

This panel of two distinguished economists and strategists, moderated by Sam Austin from NEPC, will discuss the current state of US and Global economy/markets as well as forward looking expectations. Topics likely to be covered include:

- » Earnings expectations and impact of prolonged Covid virus?
- » Digital transformation and drivers of growth by region?
- » View on China / US relations and impact on supply chain?
- » Decoupling of regional economies and implications?
- » Central Bank policy and implications?
- » Impact of US election?
- » Positioning for the next 3-5 years?

SPEAKERS: Dr. Richard Jerram, Special Economic Advisor to Bank of Singapore and Chief Economist for Top Down Macro and Bob Doll, Senior Portfolio Manager and Chief Equity Strategist, Nuveen

MODERATOR: Frank Mottek

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1:45PM – 2:45PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 1ST TRACK

■ **CONCURRENT SESSION A – Take the Bull by the Horns in your Farmland and Real Estate Debt investments**

Commercial real estate has been unevenly impacted by Covid-19. Secular trends underway before the pandemic have accelerated, causing some property types to perform well in the current environment and challenging others. This period of uncertainty is creating unique investment opportunities in real estate debt supported by a priority claim on property cash flow and value.

SPEAKERS: Steve Rosen – Real Estate Debt PM; Bill Maclay Real Estate Debt PM; and Andy Rubin – Real Estate Debt IPM, Fidelity Institutional Asset Management

■ **CONCURRENT SESSION B – Aging in America - current realities and how do we plan for the future?**

Aging adults, especially those with dementia and other disabilities - how are we addressing this? Local impacts, national, solutions, demographics, politics, potential investment opportunities?

SPEAKER: Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging

■ **CONCURRENT SESSION C – Operations/Benefits**

2:45AM – 3:00PM NETWORKING BREAK

3:00PM – 4:00PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 2ND TRACK

■ **CONCURRENT SESSION A – Renewable Energy and Sustainable Infrastructure An Overview of Project Financing**

We invite you to join us for a webinar where we will help investors understand how lending in the construction/operation stage of project development can potentially lead to attractive, equity like returns with consistent cash flow and an attractive risk/reward profile.

SPEAKER: Tom Emmons, Co-Head of Direct Infrastructure and Ed Levin, Co-Head of Direct Infrastructure, Voya Investment Management

■ **CONCURRENT SESSION B – The Impact of Pension Dollars in Rural Counties**

This session would highlight the findings of a new NIRS report on the economic impact of pension dollars in rural counties, particularly on California counties.

SPEAKER: Tyler Bond, National Institute on Retirement Security

■ **CONCURRENT SESSION C – SACRS 2020 Legislative Update**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00AM – 10:00AM SACRS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SPEAKERS: SACRS Board of Directors