



THE 30th ANNUAL TEXPERS CONFERENCE
Hilton Austin
Austin, TEXAS
April 7th – 10th, 2019

Building Strong Foundations for Secure Futures

DRAFT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, April 6th, 2019

- 8:00 – 4:00 pm [Basic Trustee Training](#)
- 9:30 am – 2:30 pm [Advanced Trustee Training](#)

SUNDAY, April 7th, 2019

- 7:30 – 1:00 p.m. Golf Tournament
Falconhead Golf Club
15201 Falcon Head Blvd
- 10:00 am – Noon Pre-Conference Workshop
Presiding with Confidence
Kay Crews, President, American Institute of Parliamentarians
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES
- 3:30 p.m. ANNUAL MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING
- Immediately following TEXPERS Board Meeting
- 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Member Dinner Party**
Broken Spoke
South Lamar St, Austin

MONDAY, April 8th, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
- 7:00-7:45 a.m. **BREAKFAST**
- 8:00-8:30 a.m. General Session
- OPENING CEREMONY**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Opening Keynote
Navigating a Troop of Gorillas: What Investors Should Do As QE Unwinds
Brian Singer
William Blair
- 9:05-9:30 a.m. Listed Infrastructure and Real Asset Securities: Strong Relative Value
Versus Private Alternatives
Darin Turner
Invesco
- 9:35-10:00 a.m. Topic TBD
Tony Gelderman
Bernstein, Litowitz, Berger & Grossman
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. **BREAK**
Grand Ballroom Foyer
- DOOR PRIZE DRAWING**
(System Members/Groups only –Must be present to win)
- 10:20-10:45 a.m. China’s Consumption Story: The A-Share Opportunity
Tom Harvey
Aberdeen Asset Management
- 10:50-11:15 a.m. Topic TBD
Shawn Reynolds, Van Eck
- 11:20-11:45 a.m. Credit Markets In Asia
Paul Heffner, Adamas Asset Management
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm Keynote Luncheon Speaker
Elite Teams: How They’re Formed and Why They Survive
JJ Parma
EntrustPermal

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

- 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. *Breakout A*
Private Equity and Diversifiers
Moderator: Jeff Blazek, Cambridge Associates LLC
Meredith Rerisi, Abbott Capital
Ted Brooks, CenterSquare Investment Management
Erin Carney, Thornburg Investment Management
- Breakout B*
Using Social Media to Engage Your Members
Jeff Pabst. Missouri Local Government Employees’ Retirement System

3:00 – 3:50 p.m. *Breakout Session A*
All About Real Estate
Moderator: Meredith Despins, NAREIT
Brian Cordes, Cohen & Steers Capital Management Inc.
Peter Palandjian, Intercontinental Real Estate Corp.
Will McIntosh, USAA Real Estate Co.

Breakout Session B
Investing in Diversity
Speaker TBD
Northern Trust

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. *Breakout A*
Puerto Rico Financial Crisis
Moderator: Robert Longfield, Gavion
Elias Sanchez, Wolf Popper
Additional panelists TBD

Breakout B
Recognizing Depression and PTSD in First Responders
Sean Riley
Safe Call Now

4:50 – 5:50 p.m. **Reception**

TUESDAY, April 9th, 2019

7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

7:30-8:15 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

8:30-9:00 a.m. Opening Keynote
Global Market Perspectives
Speaker TBD
MFS Investment Management

9:05 – 9:50 a.m. The Rise of the Working Class Shareholder
David Webber
Boston University School of Law

9:50 – 10:10 a.m. **BREAK 3**

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING
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10:15 – 10:40 a.m. TEXPERS Asset Allocation Study Report
James Perry, Maples Financial Services

10:45-11:30 a.m. The Case for IPS Review: An In-Depth Look at the Employees Retirement System of Texas
Moderator: Dr. Jim Kee, South Texas Money Management
Employee Retirement System of Texas panelists:
Craig Hester, Board Chair
Porter Wilson, Executive Director
Sharmila Kassam, Deputy CIO

11:35 am to 12:10 pm Using Technology to Simplify the RFP Process
Albert Reiter, e-Fund Research/InvestRFP.com

12:15 – 1:15 pm. Lunch

1:15 – 2:00 pm Rethinking Investment Fees
Moderator: James Perry, Maples Financial Services
Sam Austin, NEPC, LLC
Scott Whalen, Veras
Sharmila Kassam, Employees Retirement System of Texas

Concurrent Sessions

2:20 – 3:10 p.m. *Breakout Session A*
Cash-Flow Focused Real Estate Strategies
Michael Chesser, Apartment Income Investors Inc.
Speaker TBD, DWS Distributors

Breakout Session B
Infrastructure as an Asset Class and Portfolio Diversifier
Nicholas Moller
J.P. Morgan Asset Management

3:20 – 4:10 p.m. *Breakout Session A*
Fixed Income Insights
Douglas Gimple, Diamond Hill Capital Management
Add'l panelists TBD

Breakout Session B:
Delivering More Than Factor Exposure—Unearthing Excess Return in a Low-Growth World
Kurt Umbarger
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.

4:20 – 5:10 p.m. *Breakout Session A*
Aircraft Leasing
Moderator, TBD
John Morabito, Entrust
Speaker TBD, Corrum Capital

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Breakout Session B

Credit Panel

Moderator: Aaron Lally, Meketa Investment Group Inc.

Speaker TBD, Crestline Investors Inc.

Justin Slatky, Shenkman Capital

5:10 – 6:10 p.m.

RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY, April 10th, 2019

7:30 - 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:10 am

A conversation with Josh McGee

Moderator: Joe Gimenez9:15

9:15 – 10 am

Legislative Update

Eddie Solis, HillCo