THE 29th ANNUAL TEXPERS CONFERENCE
South Padre Island Convention Center & Isla Grand Hotel
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS
April 15 – 18, 2018

DRAFT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, April 14th, 2018

All classes and meetings are at the Isla Grand

9:30 – 2:30 pm	**Advanced Trustee Training (two hours)** **Ethical Decision Making Workshop** **Michael McMillan** **CFA Institute** **Deep Dive into Stocks and Bonds** **CFAs of Texas**

SUNDAY, April 15TH, 2019

Registration, lunch, meetings are at the Isla Grand. The welcome reception will be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center.

7:30 – 1:00 pm	Golf Tournament with Continental Breakfast South Padre Island Golf Club - Ocelot Trail Rd, Laguna Vista
10 a.m. - Noon	Running Better Board Meetings Kay Crews, CPP, PRP President, American Institute of Parliamentarians
Noon to 2:00 pm	Lunch Buffet
12:30 – 2:30 pm	Advanced Media Training (TEXPERS Board & Large Plans invited) Deborah Ward Buks Ward & OnwardU
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES
3:30 p.m.	ANNUAL MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING
	Exhibitor Set Up (SPI Convention Center)
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	**WELCOMING RECEPTION** **(Immediately Following Annual Members Business Meeting)**

MONDAY, April 16th, 2018

Padre Island Convention Center

7:00 a.m.	**REGISTRATION**
7:00-7:45 a.m.	**BREAKFAST**
8:00-8:30 a.m.	**OPENING CEREMONY**
8:45-9:30 a.m.	Navigating the Changing Tides in Global Growth: Opportunities and Challenges Brian Levitt, OFI Global Asset Management

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

9: 40 – 10:30 am	Breakout Session A: Large Funds – ESG Panel Moderator: TBD Dara Friedman, Bentall Kennedy Chris McKnett, State Street Global Advisors Mamadou-Abou Sarr, Northern Trust Breakout Session B Real Assets (other than real estate) Moderator: James Perry, Maples Financial Services Panelists TBD Breakout Session C: Media Training Workshop Deborah Ward Buks Ward & OnwardU
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	**BREAK**
10:50 – 11:40 am.	Breakout Session A: Large Funds Practices of Empowering Leaders for Large Fund Directors and Managers Kent Hutchison C.J. Baxter Group Breakout Session B: Small/Medium Funds To Staff or Not To Staff: A roundtable on fund staffing and getting it all done Moderator: Lisa Ivie-Miller, Southwest Texas Money Management Panelists TBD

	Breakout Session C Hot Topics in Corporate Governance Moderator: Ken Bertsch, Council of Institutional Investors Panelists TBD
11:50 am – 12:40 pm	Breakout Session A: Cyber Security Concerns for Pensions Speaker TBD, Pension Technology Group Tyler Grossman, El Paso Fire & Police Pension Fund Additional panelists TBD
	Breakout Session B: Media Training Workshop Deborah Ward Buks Ward & OnwardU
	Breakout Session C: Minimizing the cost of DROPs Moderator: Max Patterson, TEXPERS Eric Atwater, Aon Hewitt Jim Smith, San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund
12:40 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch & Speaker 24 Hours Inside the President's Bunker, 9/11/01: The White House Lt. Col. Robert J. Darling, USMC (Ret.)
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Asset Allocation Study James Perry, Maples Financial Services

Afternoon free to explore SPI

6:00-9:00 p.m.	**Members Beach Party**.

TUESDAY, April 17th, 2018

Padre Island Convention Center

7:00 a.m.	**REGISTRATION**
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	**BREAKFAST**
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	**General Session** **Keynote Speaker** Global Economic Outlook Markus Schomer, PineBridge Investments

Concurrent General Sessions

9:10 10:00 a.m.	Breakout Session A Alternative Credit Moderator: Robert Longfield, Gavion Jason Jarjosa, Bloomfield Capital Speaker TBD, Beach Point Capital Jeff Springer, Symphony Asset Management Breakout Session B Global Fixed Income Moderator: Mary Kathryn Campion, Champion Capital Research Holger Mertens, Niko Asset Management Tom Goggins, Manulife Asset Management Speaker TBD, MFS Investment Management Breakout Session C: Real Estate Outlook Moderator: TBD Joe Gorin, Goldman Sachs Bert Crouch, Invesco Will McIntosh, USAA Real Estate
10:00 – 10:20 am	**BREAK**
10:20 – 11:10 am	Breakout Session A Private Equity Portfolio Construction Steve Costabile, PineBridge Breakout Session B: Diversifying Your Real Assets Allocation beyond Real Estate – Understanding Infrastructure and Transport Investments Pulkit Sharma J.P. Morgan Asset Management Breakout Session C Minimizing the cost of DROPs Moderator: Max Patterson, TEXPERS Eric Atwater, Aon Hewitt Jim Smith, San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund
11:20 – 12:10 pm	Breakout Session A Global Macro, Industry and Regional Trends: Structural or Cyclical? Chris Neill, Rex Mathew & Doug Jackman, Thomas White International

Breakout Session B

Active vs. Passive: The Real Debate
Moderator: Leandro Festino, Meketa Investment Group
Marina Gross, Natixis Investment Managers
Mark Astley, Millennium Global Investments
Hitesh Patel, PNC Institutional Asset Management

Breakout Session C: Finding Returns in a Tough Environment
Moderator: TBD
Speaker TBD, Baillie Gifford International (multi-asset investing)
Bernard McGuire, 57 Stars
Speaker TBD, Abbott Capital

12:10 – 1:10 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon free to explore SPI

5:30 – 6:30 pm. RECEPTION
At Isla Grand

WEDNESDAY, April 18th, 2016

Isla Grand

7:30 - 8:30 am Code Talkers: The IRS Code after Tax Reform
Gary Lawson & Sarah Ivy, Fisher Broyles

8:30 – 10:30 am Brunch and Speakers

Legislative Update
Eddie Solis, HillCo

The Honorable Eddie Lucio III (invited)
Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Rene Oliveira (invited)
Texas Senate