

# 2019 Annual NCCMP Lawyers and Administrators Meeting

9:00 am to 5:15 pm  
April 11, 2019

Almas Shrine Temple  
1315 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

## MODERATOR

### **Mariah Becker**

Director of Research and Education, NCCMP  
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## AGENDA

	<b>Topic</b>
9:00 – 9:30	<b><i>Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks</i></b> <b>Michael D. Scott</b> Executive Director, NCCMP
9:30 – 10:00	<b><i>Update from Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</i></b> Mr. Perlin and Mr. French will discuss the PBGC's recent regulations on mergers and transfers, new proposed rules on withdrawal liability, as well as other projects underway that may impact multiemployer plans. <b>Bruce Perlin</b> Assistant General Counsel, PBGC <b>Darren French</b> Actuary, PBGC
10:00 – 10:30	<b><i>Update from the Department of Labor</i></b> Ms. Klinefelter Wilson will provide an update on the Department's current efforts impacting multiemployer plans. <b>Jeanne Klinefelter Wilson</b> Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Employee Benefits Security Administration
10:30 – 11:00	<b><i>Update from the Department of the Treasury</i></b> Ms. Norris will provide an update on the Department's work with applications for benefit suspensions under MPRA <b>Danielle Norris</b> MPRA Director, U.S. Department of the Treasury
11:00 – 11:15	<b><i>Break</i></b>

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11:15 – 11:45

*After the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans—  
What happened? And what happens next?*

The Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans was established in February of last year to address the impending insolvency of a small subset of multiemployer plans and the projected insolvency of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's multiemployer fund. However, their focus expanded considerably to include issues affecting all multiemployer plans. Mr. Miller and Mr. Kreps will discuss the Joint Select Committee's process, the outcome of their work, and the process going forward.

**The Honorable George Miller**

CEO, GM Strategies, LLC, Former Congressman (D-CA)

**Michael Kreps**

Principal, The Groom Law Group

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11:45 – 12:15

*Views from the Hill—Multiemployer Solvency and Reform in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*

Key staff on the House and Senate Committees with jurisdiction over multiemployer pension issues discuss the likely direction and considerations for multiemployer pension reforms during 2019.

**Chris Allen**

Senior Adviser, Benefits and Exempt Organizations, Senate Committee on Finance

**Andy Banducci**

Labor and Pensions Policy Director, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

**Kendra Isaacson**

Senior Counsel, Pensions, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

**Kevin McDermott**

Senior Adviser, Labor Policy, House Committee on Education and Labor

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12:15 – 1:15

**Lunch**

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1:15 – 2:00

### *What's New with Withdrawal Liability?*

Ms. Dixon, Mr., Pazamickas, and Mr. Green will discuss new trends in withdrawal liability, recent experience in developing and implementing alternative allocation methods including the two-pool method, and practical implications of PBGC's recent proposed rules with regard to treatment of contributions and benefit suspension following funding improvement, rehabilitation, or suspension programs. Finally, the panel will give an update on the recent litigation involving the assumptions used to determine the amount of an employer's withdrawal liability.

#### **Tammy Dixon**

Vice President and Actuary, Segal Consulting

#### **Dave Pazamickas**

Consulting Actuary, Horizon Actuarial

#### **Paul Green**

Attorney, Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch P.C

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2:00 – 2:30

### *Views from the Hill—Healthcare in the 116th Congress*

Key staff from the Senate and House of Representatives will discuss efforts to repeal of the 40% excise tax, as well as other healthcare issues that the Committees are likely to prioritize this year.

#### **Facilitator:**

#### **Carolyn Smith**

Counsel, Alston and Bird LLP

#### **Josh Jorgensen**

Legislative Aide, Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD)

#### **Maria Costigan**

Legislative Assistant, Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT)

#### **Melanie Egorin**

Majority Staff, House Subcommittee on Health

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2:30 – 3:15

### *Managing Prescription Drug Costs*

Mr. Betts and Ms. Bakich will discuss efforts to control prescription costs for multiemployer plans, including the Administration's recent efforts.

#### **Kathryn Bakich**

Senior Vice President and National Health Compliance Practice Leader, The Segal Group

#### **Robert Betts**

Executive Director, National Elevator Industry Pension Plan

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3:15 – 3:30

*Break*

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### *Healthcare Update*

This panel will consider current issues affecting multiemployer health plans, including recent enforcement activities and paid leave proposals, as well as updates on HRA proposed rules, and the recent request for information on Grandfathered plans. The panel will also consider recent ACA litigation and Medicare for all proposals, and the Administration's expected release of new principles on healthcare.

#### **Kathryn Bakich**

Senior Vice President and National Health Compliance Practice Leader, The Segal Group

#### **Carolyn Smith**

Counsel, Alston and Bird LLP

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4:15 – 4:45

### *Zooming in on ZIP codes—Mapping Longevity to Strengthen Liability Management*

At a state level, the US league table of longevity is headed up by Hawaii, with West Virginia propping up the bottom. But what happens when you turn up the magnification to zoom in on ZIP codes? Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pickett will explain how ZIP codes reveal insightful patterns of longevity diversity, how mapping the variation in retirees' lifespans increases confidence in managing plan liabilities and how ZIP code data can be processed safely without hurting the interests of any participants.

#### **Douglas Anderson**

Founder, Club Vita

#### **Erik Pickett**

Longevity Consultant, Club Vita

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4:45 – 5:15

### *Open Forum*

This time is set aside for issues you would like the group to discuss, but which did not appear on the formal agenda.

#### **Moderator:**

#### **Mariah Becker**

Director of Research and Education, NCCMP

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5:15

### *Closing and Adjournment*

#### **Michael D. Scott**

Executive Director, NCCMP

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