

2022 Annual NCCMP Lawyers and Administrators Meeting

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Reception Immediately Following
March 22, 2022

National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

MODERATOR

Mariah Becker
Director of Research and Education, NCCMP
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AGENDA

	Topic
9:00 – 9:10	<i>Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks</i> Michael D. Scott Executive Director, NCCMP
9:10 – 9:15	<i>Chairman’s Remarks</i> Sean McGarvey Chairman of the Board, NCCMP President, NABTU
9:15 – 9:30	<i>Special Financial Assistance</i> This session will examine how this historic legislation came to be, and discuss the progress made with the program so far. The Honorable Gordon Hartogensis Director, PBGC
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Update from the NCCMP</i> Mr. Scott will provide an update on the legislative and regulatory work of the NCCMP on behalf of multiemployer pension and health and welfare plans. Michael D. Scott Executive Director, NCCMP
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Department of Labor’s Upcoming Regulatory Priorities</i> Mr. Khawar will discuss the Department of Labor’s regulatory priorities for the upcoming year, including final ESG regulations, capturing climate-related risk, and the Fiduciary Rule. Ali Khawar Acting Assistant Secretary for EBSA, DOL
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Break</i>

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Update on the Special Financial Assistance Program from PBGC

Mr. Donofrio and Ms. Cameron will discuss the implementation of the Special Financial Assistance Program today, including their observations and lessons learned.

Jim Donofrio

Director, Negotiations & Restructuring Actuarial Department, PBGC

Julie Cameron

Manager, PBGC

11:15 – 11:45

Other PBGC Regulatory Priorities

Mr. Ginsberg and Mr. Perlin will discuss the PBGC's regulatory priorities outside of the Special Financial Assistance Program, including withdrawal liability regulations, mergers, and SPILLS.

John Holland Ginsberg

Assistant General Counsel, PBGC

Bruce Perlin

Assistant Chief Counsel, PBGC

11:45 – 12:30

Pension Legislative and Regulatory Update

Mr. Kreps will provide his analysis of the upcoming legislative and regulatory items and their impact on multiemployer pension plans.

Michael Kreps

Principal, The Groom Law Group

12:30 – 1:15

Lunch

1:15 – 1:45

Update on the Department of Labor's Healthcare Priorities

Ms. Rivers will discuss the Department of Labor's healthcare priorities including the Department's recent report to Congress on their mental health parity audits, reimbursement of over-the-counter COVID-19 tests and the Department's continuing implementation of surprise billing and transparency legislation.

Amber Rivers

Director, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, DOL

1:45 – 2:45

Healthcare Legislative and Regulatory Update

Ms. Bakich and Ms. Smith will discuss current and upcoming legislative and regulatory items that will impact multiemployer health plans, as well as recent and pending court cases impacting the surprise billing regulations.

Kathryn Bakich

Senior Vice President and National Health Compliance Practice Leader, Segal

Carolyn Smith

Counsel, Alston and Bird LLP

2:45 – 3:00

Break

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Strategies and Challenges in Complying with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

While multiemployer health plans strongly support Congress and the Administration's focus on ensuring equity in availability and access to mental health services, implementation and compliance have not been without their challenges. This session will discuss strategies used by multiemployer plans to ensure they are in compliance with MHPAEA, as well as some areas where uncertainty still exists and additional guidance would be helpful.

Kathryn Bakich

Senior Vice President and National Health Compliance Practice Leader, Segal

Deepti Loharikar

Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness

3:45 – 4:30

Understanding Retirement Security Gaps by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

At the end of last year, the ERISA Advisory Council issued a report to Secretary Marty Walsh identifying a number of gaps in retirement security when retirement savings were considered on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender, as well as making a number of recommendations to address those gaps. Ms. Kyle will discuss the findings of the report, the recommendations, as well as things that multiemployer plans should consider as they consider retirement equity in their own funds.

Deva Kyle

Of Counsel, Cohen, Weiss, and Simon

4:30 – 5:00

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.

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Mariah Becker

Director of Research and Education, NCCMP

5:00

Closing and Adjournment

Michael D. Scott

Executive Director, NCCMP

5:00-7:00

Reception

Please join us for a cocktail reception immediately following the meeting.

First Amendment Lounge, National Press Club

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