#### **Membership Categories**

#### **Participating Members**

Any public pension plan in the State of Pennsylvania; or public agency, authority, board or commission whose office has significant regulatory supervision, oversight or administrative responsibility for public pension funds in Pennsylvania. **Participating Membership Fee is \$150** (\$125 early bird rate if paid by 3/31)

#### Affiliate Members

Any public or private corporation, partnership, organization, or individual that regularly provides consulting services, exclusive of investment management and legal work, to public pension plans. Affiliate Membership Fee is \$750

#### Associate Members

Any public or private corporation, partnership, organization, or individual that regularly provides investment management and/or legal service to public pension plans. Associate Membership Fee is \$1,500

#### **Sustaining Members**

Individual membership open <u>only</u> to those persons with an interest in public pensions but <u>not</u> affiliated with an organization which qualifies for group membership in any other category above. **Sustaining Membership Fee is \$75** 

A current PAPERS membership is required to attend PAPERS conferences, subject to the individual registration fees for each event. PA Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems

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### Learning About the



Pennsylvania Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems



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Leadership in Trustee Education



#### The mission of the Pennsylvania Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems

(PAPERS) is to encourage and facilitate the education of its membership in all matters related to their duties as fiduciaries overseeing the assets of the pension funds with which they have been entrusted.

## The primary purpose of

**PAPERS** is to offer educational conferences and training opportunities that provide the basis for improved financial and operational performance of the public employee retirement systems in the State.

# PAPERS functions as a central resource for public

pension education purposes and acts as a networking agent for public plan staff, board members and the various firms providing service to the public pension community.

# Educational Opportunities

**The PAPERS Forum**, held each spring for two days in Harrisburg, brings together up to 200 persons working in PA's public pension plans. These Forums feature outstanding state and national pension experts speaking in numerous seminars.

#### The PAPERS Fall Workshop

alternates between the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas to provide pension plans in other parts of the state the chance to attend an educational conference close-by.

Both conferences provide ample social activities to facilitate networking.

#### **Certification Program** provides

public pension trustees, administrators, staff, and industry professionals exposure to a diverse comprehensive educational curriculum of pension topics leading to the *Certified PA Public Retirement Plan Professional* designation.

**Newsletters** are published intermittently by PAPERS on timely and pertinent pension topics. Many issues feature articles written by nationally recognized investment and pension experts. PAPERS, founded in 2005, has grown to include a diverse group

of **Participating Members** representing approximately \$100 billion in pension fund assets and serving over half a million members. Many corporate organizations providing services to public pension plans provide support as **Associate** and **Affiliate Members**.

# **PAPERS** Governance

**The Board of Directors** of up to nine persons is selected from among the **Participating Members** to serve as PAPERS' official governing body.

The Corporate Advisory Committee of up to eight persons is selected from among the Affiliate and Associate Members to act as the liaison with the corporate community.

Typically the Board and Corporate Advisory Committee meet together 3-4 times each year to determine the direction for all aspects of PAPERS' work. Only Board members have voting privileges on matters of official business.

Currently PAPERS employs two staff members to assist with implementing and marketing its activities/purposes.