#### Spokane Employees' Retirement System (SERS)

#### Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. October 31, 2018 City Hall - Conference Room Lobby, Tribal

#### **AGENDA**

- 1) Minutes of the September 26, 2018 Meeting
  - Motion
- 2) Director's Report
  - a) Retirements
    - Motion
  - b) Withdrawals
    - Motion
  - c) Vesting
    - Information
  - d) Deaths
    - Information
  - e) Expenditure Summary Report September 2018
    - Motion
  - f) Schedule of Investments September 2018
    - Information
  - g) Cash Reconciliation October 2018
    - Information
  - h) Other Business
- 3) Index Fund Primer
  - Presentation
- 4) 2019 Contribution Rate Resolution
  - Motion
- 5) 2019 Education Opportunities
  - Information
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Next Meeting Wednesday, December 5th at 12:00 p.m.

# Spokane Employees' Retirement System (SERS) Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2018

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Tribal Conference Room in the lobby at City Hall.

Present: Mike Coster, Candace Mumm, Jim Tieken, Mike Cavanaugh, and J. D.

Morscheck

**Absent:** Dean Kiefer and Brian Brill

**Staff:** Phill Tencick, Christine Shisler, Donald Brown, and Tim Szambelan

Guests: Glenn Grantz, Joe Cavanaugh, Natalie Hilderbrand, Joan Hamilton, Lee

Ann Reid, Richard Czernik, Adam Miles, and John Bjork

J. D. Morscheck arrived at 1:32 p.m.

#### **Dimensional Fund Associates Emerging Markets Equity Presentation**

Glenn Grantz from Dimensional Fund Advisors provided a presentation on the firm's Emerging Markets Core Equity strategy.

No action taken.

#### Minutes of the August 29, 2018 Meeting

Candace Mumm moved and Jim Tieken seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2018 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### <u>Director's Report</u> Service Retirements

Name	Age	Retirement Date	Years of Service	Option
Robert A. Durham	54	09/04/2018	25.8	C-20
Laurene L. Obenland	50	09/11/2018	12.1	ST
Jacqueline R. Faught	51	10/02/2018	15.1	ST
Michael B. Penkunis	53	09/29/2018	20.8	E
John R. Paikuli	71	10/06/2018	25.8	E
Nancy B. Wasley	65	01/05/2019	20.3	ST

Jim Tieken moved and Mike Cavanaugh seconded the motion to approve the service retirements as amended on the September Retirement Transaction Report. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Withdrawals for September 2018

Name	Years of Service	Termination Date
David N. McKenna	3.9	08/10/2018

Jim Tieken moved and Candace Mumm seconded the motion to approve the request for withdrawal as presented on the September Retirement Transaction Report. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Vesting

Name	Department	Years of Service
Arthur J. Carrano	Probation Services	13.8
Christopher W. Kuperstein	Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant	8.2

#### Deaths

Name	Date Retired	Age	Date of Death	Information
Aubrey L. Williams	04/06/1994	79	08/20/2018	E Option Continues
Larry W. Treffry	07/13/2002	79	08/30/2018	E Option Continues
Arthur E. Tatro	08/04/1991	86	09/08/2018	No Further Benefits
Helen A. Sanger	03/07/1998	84	09/10/2018	No Further Benefits
Stephen J. Higuera	03/03/1990	90	09/11/2018	E Option Continues

Vesting and Death information provided to the Board for review.

#### Expenditure Summary Report – August 2018

The Expenditure Summary Report was presented to the Board and discussed.

Mike Cavanaugh moved and Jim Tieken seconded the motion to approve the August 2018 Expenditure Summary Report. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Schedule of Investments – August 2018

The monthly investment report was presented to the Board for review. The estimated market value of the SERS portfolio on August 31, 2018 was \$310 million with an estimated rate of return of 0.4% for the month.

#### Monthly Cash Reconciliation

The monthly cash reconciliation report was presented to provide the Board with additional insight into the ongoing liquidity, transactions, and cash position of the plan.

#### Other Business

Mr. Tencick notified the Board that Hotchkis & Wiley Value Fund recently announced the departure of one of the senior managers. Hyas is currently evaluating the announcement and will provide any recommended actions at the next performance review in December.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**Phillip Tencick, Retirement Director** 

# SERS Retirement Transaction Report October 2018

#### Retirements

			Retirement	Years of			
	Name	Age	Date	Service	Department	Option	
1	William "Mike" Reinken	55	11/02/2018	19.1	Legal	Е	-
2	Christopher P. Galvin	62	12/04/2018	39.5	Water	E	
	Retirements YTD	65					
	2017 Total Retirements	62					

#### Withdrawals

	Years of			Termination		
	Name	Service	Department	Date		
1	George B. Stumph	1.9	Building Services	07/08/2010		
2	Edward L. Davis	0.4	Street	08/16/2011		
3	Devin J. Deatrich	1.5	Solid Waste Management	03/09/2018		
4	Sandra E. Burwell	2.1	Parks & Recreation	08/10/2018		

#### Vesting

	Name	Department	Years of Service
1	Omar A. Akkari	Planning Services	2.8 Portability
2	John H. Enquist	Solid Waste Management	22.1

#### Deaths

		Date			
	Name	Retired	Age	Date of Death	Information
1	Lantia Passmore	12/30/1995	85	09/20/2018	No Further Benefits
2	Orville J. Poole	12/27/1997	83	10/05/2018	No Further Benefits
3	Harold G. Piper	03/26/1983	92	10/13/2018	No Further Benefits

#### SPOKANE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 6100 2018 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

			SEPTEMBER	2018		
	2017	2018	ACTUAL	ACTUAL YTD		PERCENTAGE
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE	USED
OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
Departmental Salaries	272,809.13	290,564.00	21,288.00	201,737.18	88,826.82	69.4%
Departmental Benefits	78,628.12	86,250.00	6,662.17	61,984.57	24,265.43	71.9%
Reserve for Budget Adjustment	-	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	0.0%
Administrative Income	(19,374.47)	(10,000.00)	(5,316.31)	(17,378.84)	7,378.84	
Postage/Supplies/Other	4,680.88	9,950.00	476.77	1,915.39	8,034.61	19.3%
State Audit Charges	10,669.62	15,000.00	-	6,504.24	8,495.76	43.4%
Contractual Services	139,186.91	175,000.00	-	101,041.75	73,958.25	57.7%
Travel	10,968.76	15,000.00	3,798.66	6,513.81	8,486.19	43.4%
Registration/Schooling	15,980.00	15,000.00	185.00	8,575.00	6,425.00	57.2%
Other Dues/Subscriptions/Membership	1,886.00	2,500.00	310.00	566.00	1,934.00	22.6%
Other Miscellaneous Charges	708.66	1,300.00	55.00	499.48	800.52	38.4%
Amortization	17,649.00	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	533,792.61	610,564.00	27,459.29	371,958.58	238,605.42	60.9%
INTERFUND EXPENDITURES						
Interfund - Centralized Purchasing	_	378.00	_	283.50	94.50	75.0%
Interfund - Centralized Accounting	2,346.92	2,078.00	-	1,558.20	519.80	75.0%
Interfund - IT Phones	1,514.36	-	-	, -	-	
Interfund - Risk Management	760.00	790.00	-	592.50	197.50	75.0%
Interfund - Worker's Compensation	104.00	109.00	-	81.75	27.25	75.0%
Interfund - Reprographics	7,596.07	4,500.00	1,648.72	6,468.26	(1,968.26)	143.7%
Interfund - IT	13,756.33	16,171.00	1,350.64	10,813.24	5,357.76	66.9%
Interfund - IT Replacement	2,772.00	2,066.00	172.17	1,377.36	688.64	66.7%
Interfund - My Spokane	435.90	1,532.00	383.00	1,149.00	383.00	75.0%
TOTAL INTERFUND EXPENDITURES	29,285.58	27,624.00	3,554.53	22,323.81	5,300.19	80.8%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	563,078.19	638,188.00	31,013.82	394,282.39	243,905.61	61.8%

#### SPOKANE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 6100 2018 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	SEPTEMBER ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2018 ACTUAL YTD EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE	PERCENTAGE USED
PENSIONS						
Pensions-Annuity Benefit Payments	24,852,639.62	27,000,000.00	2,221,195.78	19,505,579.34	7,494,420.66	72.2%
Pensions-Disability Payments	125,328.48	140,000.00	10,444.04	93,996.36	46,003.64	67.1%
Pensions-Survivor Annuity Benefits Payments	1,913,816.49	2,100,000.00	171,727.03	1,468,547.90	631,452.10	69.9%
TOTAL PENSIONS	26,891,784.59	29,240,000.00	2,403,366.85	21,068,123.60	8,171,876.40	72.1%
Refunds	551,908.36	1,000,000.00	16,635.59	326,680.38	673,319.62	32.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,006,771.14	30,878,188.00	2,451,016.26	21,789,086.37	9,089,101.63	70.6%
INVESTMENT EXPENSE* Advisory Technical Service	449,836.97	500,000.00	5,738.88	266,181.70	233,818.30	53.2%

<sup>\*</sup> investment expenses are netted against investment income in the statement of changes of plan net assets to arrive at a net investment income amount.

#### SERS Schedule of Cash and Investments September 30, 2018

	September 30, 2018				
10/25/2018			Δ	llocation	,
10/20/2010	Typo			Current	
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Cash Held by Treasurer	Cash	\$ 84,602			
US Bank	Short-term Inv	67,438			
Total Cash		152,040	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sterling Capital	Total Return	24,189,929			
Total Total Return		24,189,929	10.0%	7.7%	-2.3%
Hotchkis & Wiley	High Yield - Mutual Fund	12,474,087			
Total High Yield	g	12,474,087	5.0%	4.0%	-1.0%
Polar	LLC	6,831,972	J.0 /0	4.0 /0	1.0 /0
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American Beacon	Mutual Fund				
Castine Capital II	Ltd Partnership	8,147,613			
Post Limited Term High Yield	Ltd Partnership	6,113,467			
Rimrock Low Volatility	Ltd Partnership	9,933,368			
Total Absolute Return	·	31,026,420	8.0%	9.9%	1.9%
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Total Capital Preservation		67,842,476	23.0%	21.7%	-1.3%
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Hotchkis & Wiley	LC Value - Mutual Fund	16,689,908			
<del>-</del>	LC Growth - Mutual Fund				
Jackson Square		17,886,279			
MFS Heritage	LC Core	15,272,170			
Vanguard S&P 500 Index	LC Core - Mutual Fund	11,468,627			
Total US Large Cap		61,316,984	21.0%	19.6%	-1.4%
Sterling	MC Value	4,858,730			
Vanguard MC Growth	MC Growth - Mutual Fund	4,250,896			
Vanguard MC Index	MC Core - Mutual Fund	4,221,968			
Champlain	SC Core	6,850,417			
Phocas	SC Value - Mutual Fund	4,190,380			
Bridge City	SC Growth	5,887,526			
Vanguard SC Index	SC Core - Mutual Fund	955,769			
Total US Small/Mid Cap		31,215,686	11.0%	10.0%	-1.0%
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Total US Equities		92,532,670	32.0%	29.6%	-2.4%
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Artisan	SMID Value - Mutual Fund	21,346,573			
Euro Pacific	LC Blend - Mutual Fund	21,215,461			
		21,213,401			
Vanguard International	LC Index - Mutual Fund				
Total International Large Cap		42,562,034	15.0%	13.6%	-1.4%
Trivalent	SC Value - Mutual Fund	13,077,926			
Total International Small/Mid		13,077,926	4.0%	4.2%	0.2%
Vanguard EM Index	EM - Mutual Fund	1,136,661			
ABS Emerging Markets	Ltd Partnership	8,000,000			
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Berens Tatal Formania o Manhata	Ltd Partnership	936,212	0.00/	0.00/	0.00/
Total Emerging Markets		10,072,873	3.0%	3.2%	0.2%
Total International Equities		65,712,833	22.0%	21.0%	-1.0%
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Weatherlow Offshore	Ltd Partnership	16,282,330			
Royalty Opportunities I	Ltd Partnership	2,950,595			
Royalty Opportunities II	Ltd Partnership	3,140,966			
Total Long Biased		22,373,891	7.0%	7.2%	0.2%
Metropolitan Real Estate Partners	Ltd Partnership	208,881			
Morrison Street Fund IV	LLC	356,981			
Morrison Street Fund V	LLC	4,378,143			
Morrison Street Debt Opportunties	LP	4,367,764			
Morgan Stanley Prime	LLC	7,252,368			
Principal (REITs)	REITs	10,397,536			
Total Real Estate		26,961,673	9.0%	8.6%	-0.4%
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Contrarian Capital Fund I	Ltd Partnership	10,000,000			
Beach Point	Ltd Partnership	10,701,972			
Total Opportunistic Credit		20,701,972	7.0%	6.6%	-0.4%
Contrarian EM Credit	LLC	6,000,000			
OrbiMed II	Ltd Partnership	10,057,266			
Total Special Opportunities		16,057,266	0.0%	5.1%	5.1%
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Total Cash and Investments		\$ 312,182,781	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
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	Monthly Pension				
	As of August 31, 2018	\$ 310,183,565			
	Estimated Rate of Return	1.4%			
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Equity and Special Situations

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#### Cash Recon - Oct 18

Date	Transactions	Sources	Uses	Balance
9/20/2018 B	eginning Balance			1,766,069.46
9/26/2018	Rebalancing - Hotchkis & Wiley High Yield Sale	10,000,000.00		11,766,069.46
9/26/2018	Rebalancing - ABS EM Initial Funding	, ,	(8,000,000.00)	3,766,069.46
9/26/2018	Distribution - OrbiMed Royalty Opps	249,305.06	, , ,	4,015,374.52
9/27/2018	Rebalancing - Vanguard Mid Cap Growth Sale	1,000,000.00		5,015,374.52
9/27/2018	Rebalancing - Vanguard Emerging Markets Sale	6,069,960.00		11,085,334.52
9/28/2018	Rebalancing - Bridge City Small Cap Equity Sale	1,500,000.00		12,585,334.52
9/28/2018	Rebalancing - MFS Large Cap Equity Sale	4,500,000.00		17,085,334.52
9/28/2018	Rebalancing - Contrarian Capital Initial Funding		(10,000,000.00)	7,085,334.52
9/28/2018	Rebalancing - Contrarian EM Initial Funding		(6,000,000.00)	1,085,334.52
9/28/2018	Rebalancing - Sterling Mid Cap Value Sale	1,400,000.00		2,485,334.52
9/28/2018	September Pension Payments		(2,420,002.44)	65,332.08
10/1/2018	Quarterly Interest - Morgan Stanley Prime	70,691.71		136,023.79
10/1/2018	Payroll Contributions	702,743.68		838,767.47
10/1/2018	Interest	2,106.37		840,873.84
10/9/2018	Purchase - Sterling Core Fixed Income		(800,000.00)	40,873.84
10/15/2018	Payroll Contributions	699,900.84		740,774.68
10/17/2018	Redeposit Pension Check	1,237.12		742,011.80
10/17/2018	Reissue Pension Check		(824.75)	741,187.05
10/24/2018 E	nding Balance	26,195,944.78	(27,220,827.19)	741,187.05
<u>U</u>	pcoming			
10/25/2018	Distribution - Morrison Street Fund V	62,772.87		
10/29/2018	Payroll Contributions	700,000.00		
10/31/2018	October Pension Payments		(2,438,701.02)	

# INDEX FUND INVESTING PRIMER

October 31, 2018



## What is an index fund?

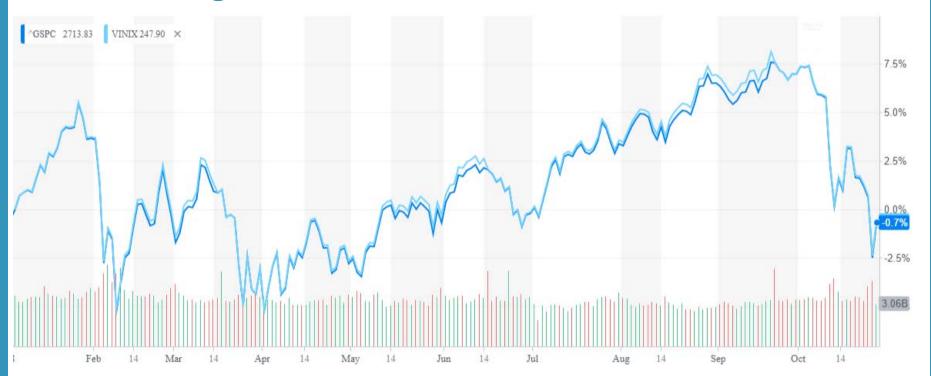
An index fund is a type of mutual fund with a portfolio constructed to match or track the components of a market index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500). An index mutual fund is said to provide broad market exposure, low operating expenses and low portfolio turnover. These funds adhere to specific rules or standards (e.g. efficient tax management or reducing tracking errors) that stay in place no matter the state of the markets.

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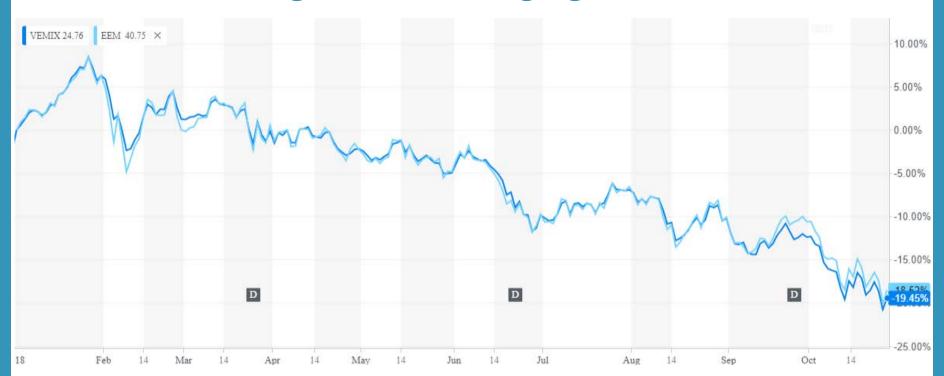
## •Vanguard vs. S&P 500





# Easy...Right?

### Vanguard vs. Emerging Markets





## Fees and Costs

# **FEES**

Trading Administration

Securities
Lending Commissions

Deal Flow

Data

## Implementation Issues

- Index Selection
  - What market are you trying to replicate?
  - Which index best represents that market?
  - Is the index currently investible?
  - Will the index be investible in the future?
  - What is the expected implementation shortfall?

Investment	Manager Benchmark	Allocation Benchmark
Vanguard S&P 500 Index	S&P 500	S&P 500
Vanguard Mid Cap Index	Vanguard Custom Mid Cap Index	Russell Mid Cap
Vanguard Small Cap Index	Vanguard Custom Small Cap Index	Russell 2000
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index	Vanguard Custom Emerging Index	MSCI EM



## Implementation Issues

- Replication
  - Availability
  - Liquidity
  - Measurement Point
- Fair Value Pricing
- Trading strategies
- Reconstitution



## Performance Measurement

- Tracking Error
- Primary vs. Secondary Benchmarking
- Implementation Shortfall
- Attribution
  - Manager meeting their goals? → Selection Effect
  - Investment providing the desired outcome? → Allocation Effect

Investment	Selection Effect	+/-	Allocation Effect	+/-
Vanguard S&P 500 Index	S&P 500	-0.03	S&P 500	
Vanguard Mid Cap Index	Vanguard Custom Index	-0.05	Russell Mid Cap	+0.13
Vanguard Small Cap Index	Vanguard Custom Index	+0.02	Russell 2000	-0.07
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index	Vanguard Custom Index	0.0	MSCI EM	-0.49



## Other Considerations

- Governance
  - Proxy Voting Policy
  - Management Interaction
- Market Structure
  - Active vs. Passive Balance
  - ETF Impact
  - Liquidity Providers
- •Indexer Scale
- Transparency
- Reporting



#### RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_\_\_

A Resolution approving the Spokane Employees' Retirement System (SERS) Board's change in the employee and employer contribution rates in accordance with Spokane Municipal Code 4.14.070

WHEREAS, SERS contribution rates are negotiated items that are agreed upon by the City of Spokane and the various bargaining units representing employee members, and

WHEREAS, SERS contribution rates are to be reviewed and adjusted annually to meet the Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate, and

WHEREAS, the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) Rate was determined to be of 18.49%, as calculated by the Plan's actuary as of December 31, 2017, which will continue to improve the Plan's fiduciary position, and

WHEREAS, contributions will be increased from 9.00% of eligible compensation for both the employee and City of Spokane (18.0% total) to 9.25% of eligible compensation for both the employee and City of Spokane (18.5% total), and

WHEREAS, the Board has a fiduciary duty to assure the health of the Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Board met on April 25, 2018 and voted to approve the increased contribution rates, and

WHEREAS, the increased contributions will increase the City of Spokane's personnel costs by approximately \$260,000 per year, with an equivalent reduction in take home pay for employees, and

WHEREAS, the increased contributions are included in the budgets submitted by the City of Spokane and SERS, and

WHEREAS, the increased contribution rates will take effect with the pay period beginning December 16, 2018, with the first contributions paid from the payday on January 4, 2018, and

WHEREAS, SMC 4.14.070 allows the Board to change the contribution rates with the approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane City Council approves the increase of the contribution rate from 9.00% to 9.25% of eligible compensation for both SERS participants and the City of Spokane.

Passed by the City Council this _	day of	, 2018.
	City Clerk	
Approved as to form:		
Assistant City Attorney		

Organization	Program	Location	Dates	Cost	Travel	#	Membership	Notes
<u>IFEBP</u>	<u>Investment Institute</u>	Phoenix, AZ	4/8/2019 - 4/10/2019	\$1,515	\$1,250			
	Advanced Investments							
IFEBP/Wharton	<u>Management</u>	Philadelphia, PA	4/29/2019 - 5/2/2019	\$5,495	\$1,500			Refresher workshop 4/28
CFA Institute	Annual Conference	London, UK	5/12/2019 - 5/15/2019	£1,090	\$3,500			Price increase after Dec 1
NCPERS	Trustee Education Summit	Austin, TX	5/18/2019 - 5/19/2019	\$400	\$500			Optional with conference
<u>NCPERS</u>	Annual Conference	Austin, TX	5/19/2019 - 5/22/2019	\$800	\$1,500		\$250	
Plan Sponsor	Annual Conference	Washington, DC	6/14/2018 - 6/19/2018	\$0	\$2,000			Estimated Dates
	<b>International and Emerging Market</b>	<u>:</u>						
IFEBP/Wharton	Investing	San Francisco, CA	7/22/2019 - 7/24/2019	\$4,155	\$1,250			\$300 more after 6/10/19
<u>NCPERS</u>	Public Pension Funding Forum	Cambridge, MA	9/17/2019 - 9/19/2019	\$800	\$1,250		\$250	
	Annual Employee Benefits							
<u>IFEBP</u>	<u>Conference</u>	San Diego, CA	10/15/2019 - 10/18/2019	\$1,595	\$1,500			
<u>P2F2</u>	Annual Conference	Salt Lake City, UT	10/20/2019 - 10/23/2019	\$425	\$1,500	1		Christine attending
NSIIP	Annual Conference	Dallas, TX	11/13/2018 - 11/14/2018	\$300	\$1,000			Includes Trustee Training
NSIIP	Annual Conference	Denver, CO	Feb-19 - Feb-19	\$300	\$1,000			

 2018 Total
 \$8,575
 \$6,514

 2018 Budget
 \$15,000
 \$15,000

 2018 Difference
 (\$6,425)
 (\$8,486)

 2019 Total
 \$ 425
 \$ 1,500

 2019 Budget
 \$15,000
 \$15,000

 2019 Difference
 (\$14,575)
 (\$13,500)

Additional Resources		
Benefits Link	Comprehensive Calendar	Online
<u>IFEBP</u>	Education Calendar	Online
Savvy Investor	Conference Calendar	Online
CFA Institute Courses	Primer for Investment Trustees	Online