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President's Message | FALL 2018 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

September 5, 2018

Dear Fellow Pension Fund Auditors:

I am pleased to announce our **Fall 2018 Professional Development Conference** will be held **November 4-7** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Situated in the heart of historic Old City Philadelphia, our conference location conveniently places guests within a bustling city of history and commercialism. Guests can meander down Market Street and come face-to-face with icons of our nation's past, such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Betsy Ross House, while being only minutes from Benjamin Franklin's grave and the U.S. Mint.

The 2018 fall conference guarantees to bring great insights from retirement system experts, panel discussions with peers, and networking opportunities. The conference assembles nearly 20 experts to share best practices and discuss audit programs and audit techniques unique to our environment. Conference speakers include the executive directors from two retirement systems in Pennsylvania, the Public School Employees' Retirement System and the State Employees' Retirement System. Topics covered include investment forensic risk, using SOC reports, audit relationships with ERM and the Inspector General, cyber risk management, and much more.

The registration fee continues to be a bargain at \$425 per attendee for 20 hours of CPE. The registration fee includes the Sunday night welcome reception, breakfasts, lunches and breaks. The price also includes a culinary experience at the historic City Tavern, featuring the customs and foods of 18th Century Colonial America. As always, you are welcome to bring guests to the dinner for an additional \$50. Guests that wish to have lunch at the hotel on Monday or Tuesday will be charged \$20 per day. Sunday night reception is free for guests. Please send a personal check for guest meals to the APPFA Treasurer, at the APPFA address below prior to the conference.

The conference will be held at the *Wyndham Historic District Hotel*. Make your room reservations before 5 PM CDT on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**, to take advantage of the APPFA group rate of \$159. This rate will also be available three days before and three days after the Conference. Please note room rates do not include applicable state and local taxes. Remember to mention that you are affiliated with the Pension Fund Auditors/APPFA conference when making your reservation with the hotel by telephone at (877) 999-3223 or through the Wyndham website for our group please [click here](#). **Enter Group Code: 11046843AP under "Special Rates" to obtain the group rate of \$159**

Complete the registration form at the Appfa.org site and, if possible, pay online by **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**. Use **"appfa1"** as the Registration Code when filling out the on-line registration. If you are unable to pay online, please mail your payment by **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** to:

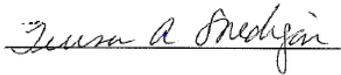
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If you need additional information or assistance, contact our Mid-Atlantic Conference Coordinator Ken Kasper, at (518) 447-2827 kenneth.kasper@nystrs.org ; your Pennsylvania Conference Host Alicia James at (717) 720-4628 alijames@pa.gov ;or, Nick Ballard, our Vice President, at (512) 542-6853 nick.ballard@trs.texas.gov

Ben Franklin once said “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Join us in Philadelphia to gain that knowledge at another outstanding APPFA conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa A. Snedigar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Teresa Snedigar, APPFA President