March 6, 2017

Dear Fellow Pension Fund Auditors:

I am pleased to announce our Spring 2017 Professional Development Conference will be held May 7-10 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Over the past several years, Little Rock has undergone a major transformation and has received numerous accolades including being:

- named one the "Five Secret Foodie Cities" by Forbes Travel guide in 2014;
- ranked #3 by USA Today in its "most Travel-Worthy State Capitals" readers' poll in 2015; and,
- named one of the country's "Best Value Cities for Travel" by Trivago.com in both 2015 and 2016.

As Arkansas's capital city and cultural core, Little Rock offers an array of museums, historic landmarks, and performing arts venues, including the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and the Heifer International Village. In the River Market area, you can enjoy an abundance of excellent dining and entertainment options as you watch the River Lights in the Rock, three LED-illuminated bridges in downtown that features nightly light shows on the hour. If you are feeling adventurous, embark on a hiking or biking expedition along the River Trail, 17 miles of river view along the north and south banks of the Arkansas River which includes the Big Dam Bridge, the longest bridge in North America built specifically for pedestrian and bicycle use.

As always, the Conference will offer a wide range of topics designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of all members who attend such as Fraud, OFAC Compliance, Operational Risk Due Diligence, Big Data, and a round table discussion about peer review examinations. We’ll also have Walt Coleman, successful business man, NFL referee, and well-known motivational speaker, to provide inspirational words to help those who attend to reach their desired goals and perform at the highest level. Of course, an APPFA Conference would not be complete without the ever-popular "Roll Call of the States" session.

The registration fee continues to be a bargain at $375 per attendee for 17 hours of CPE. The registration fee includes the Sunday night welcome reception, breakfasts, lunches, and breaks. The price also includes a historical and educational dining experience Monday night at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum near the Arkansas River. As always, you are welcome to bring guests to the dinner for an additional $50. Lunch costs for guests are $15 each. Please send a personal check for guest meals to Dave McKnight, APPFA Treasurer, at the APPFA P.O. Box below prior to the conference.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Presidential. Please make your room reservations before 5 PM CST on Friday, April 14, 2017, to take advantage of the APPFA group rate of $93. 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 (501)-235-5617 or through the personalized website for our group please click here.

The Holiday Inn Presidential is conveniently located just 6 miles from the Clinton National Airport (LIT). There are various modes of transportation available to and from the airport. Please see the From the Airport section of the conference brochure for details on transportation options.

Please complete the registration form online and, if possible, pay online by Friday, April 7, 2017. Please 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 Friday, April 7, 2017 to:

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If you need additional information or assistance, please contact our conference host Shane Benbrook at (501)-682-3590/shaneb@artrs.gov or Teresa Snedigar our Vice President at (317)-234-5681/Tsnedigar@perf.in.gov.

Further information on Little Rock tourism is available at: http://www.littlerock.com/

I am looking forward to seeing you in “The Rock”!

Sincerely,

Matt Priestas, APPFA President