

American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries

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Dobrow New ASPPA President, Four Join Board

Washington, D.C. – The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) recently installed Stephen L. Dobrow as its new president and seated four new members of its board of directors. All five joined the ASPPA leadership at its annual conference in Washington in October. Donna Brewster, of Mentor, Ohio, Mark A. Davis, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Norman Levinrad, of Eugene, Ore., and Lynn M. Young, of Scottsdale, Ariz., joined the ASPPA board of directors.

Stephen L. Dobrow, a San Francisco native, is president of Primark Benefits, and a frequent speaker and teacher. He began a career in the retirement industry in 1976 and has led Primark Benefits since 1990. He served as a chapter officer for the National Institute of Pension Administrators and is active in the Western Pension & Benefits Conference. Dobrow became an ASPPA volunteer in 1994 and has served on and chaired several committees ever since. He worked on the ASPPA Conferences Committee for many years and oversaw the dramatic expansion undertaken in this area. He also served as treasurer at ASPPA, member of the Board of Directors as well as a member of the ASPPA Executive Committee. He holds a degree in management from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

Donna Brewster, who is president and an owner of Brewster & Brewster, Inc., earned her accounting degree from Cleveland State University and the Qualified Pension Administrator (QPA) credential from ASPPA. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Professional Women. She currently co-chairs the ASPPA Benefits Councils Committee and co-chairs the Women Business Leaders Forum Committee. Brewster has worked in the retirement plan field for 19 years and often speaks to accountants and investment advisors regarding employee benefits.

Mark A. Davis is a 17-year veteran of the defined contribution industry. He is a registered investment advisor who works with more than \$1.3 billion in qualified retirement plan assets. A partner with Kravitz Davis Sansone in Los Angeles, he earned the qualified plan financial consultant credential from ASPPA as well as the accredited investment fiduciary designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies. Mark is a frequent speaker at national conferences about retirement investment and educational issues and he serves as host and panelist on the national webcast program series “Plugged In,” which is sponsored by PlanSponsor.com. His career has included work as a professional actor, and serving on the faculties of Amherst and Mt. Holyoke colleges. He has a B.A. (cum laude) degree from Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., and an MFA degree in acting from the University of Minnesota.

Norman Levinrad, born and raised in South Africa, immigrated to the United States in 1980. He earned a degree in applied mathematics from the University of California Los Angeles. Levinrad became an enrolled actuary and then a fellow of the American Society of Pension Actuaries (ASPPA). He is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and is a member of the Leadership Council for the ASPPA College of Pension Actuaries. He is a speaker at conferences about a variety of pension topics and is author of articles about those topics. Levinrad is president and chief actuary of Summit Benefit & Actuarial Services, Inc in Eugene, Ore.

Lynn M. Young is an enrolled actuary with Coble Pension Group, LLC, a pension and consulting firm in Scottsdale, Ariz. In her role as managing actuary, Young is responsible for the technical and legal compliance for Coble Pension Group as well as daily operations. She has more than 20 years of experience in consulting and administration of qualified defined benefit and defined contribution plans. She has been active with the ASPPA Membership Committee for seven years and currently serves as its co-chairperson. Young earned a B.S. in mathematics from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill.

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Seated (left to right): Barry Max Levy, Marcy Supovitz, Thomas J. Finnegan, Sheldon H. Smith, Sal Tripodi, Stephen L. Dobrow, Brian H. Graff, Robert M. Richter, and Laura S. Moskwa. Standing (left to right): Mark A. Davis, Chris Stroud, Robert L. Long, Lynn M. Young, Donna Brewster, Martella Joseph, Renee J. Conner, and Ilene H. Ferenczy. Rear (left to right): David M. Lipkin, Adam C. Pozek, Richard A. Hochman, and Mark K. Dunbar.

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