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## **NH Retirement System Director of Investments Tapped for CCA Board**

*Lawrence Johansen nominated for Conference of Consulting Actuaries Board of Directors*

Lawrence Johansen, Director of Investments for the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS, the System), has been nominated to serve on the Conference of Consulting Actuaries (CCA) Board of Directors.

Founded in 1950, CCA has over 1,200 members in the United States and Canada providing services in the life, health, casualty, and pension fields. The Conference's mission is to advance the practice of actuarial consulting. Actuaries use a combination of statistics, financial theory, and mathematical theories of probability to study uncertain future events, especially those of concern to insurance and pension programs. Mr. Johansen's nomination to the CCA board will be voted on at the organization's annual meeting in October.

In his position as Director of Investments, Mr. Johansen is responsible for providing expert investment counsel to the NHRS Board of Trustees and Independent Investment Committee. He serves as the primary staff liaison on investment matters and directs all aspects of the System's investments for its \$4.9 billion trust fund. Mr. Johansen joined NHRS in January. He has more than 30 years of experience in investment management and actuarial practice, including senior level investment and actuary positions for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), one of the largest public retirement systems in the country.

Mr. Johansen holds numerous actuarial credentials and a degree in mathematics and economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has been a member of the Pension Task Force of the Governmental Accounting and Standards Board, and he served in multiple leadership roles including president of the American Academy of Actuaries.

The New Hampshire Retirement System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to its eligible members and their beneficiaries. The State of New Hampshire and more than 475 local government employers participate in NHRS for their employees, teachers, firefighters, and police officers. NHRS has approximately 51,000 active

members and 24,500 pension recipients. NHRS administers a defined benefit plan qualified as a tax-exempt entity under section 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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