

of the Pacific Pension & Investment Institute



Dear Friends and Members:

I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report of the Pacific Pension & Investment Institute (PPI). This report highlights PPI's dedication, creativity, and perseverance through another challenging year. I am immensely grateful for the steadfast support of PPI's members, who stood by us during a difficult period and embraced our adoption of new technology in service of our mission. Your commitment to our community is deeply appreciated, and we strive daily to earn that support and justify your faith in our efforts.

While this Annual Report is a retrospective of a year fraught with challenges, we also made great strides in 2021 to establish a foundation for future growth. The PPI network is a vibrant ecosystem for exchanging ideas, where members continuously learn from one another through open and honest dialogue. Our community grew even stronger over the past year, anchored by a shared commitment to this central purpose.

Our collective influence is derived from a broad range of perspectives. They can result in a powerful impact that extends beyond the investment world and into our society. As we continue to navigate a challenging operating environment, I look forward to working with you to expand our reach and to make positive contributions to the communities in which we operate.

In 2021 we lost our beloved Founder, Larry Hull. I know that he is smiling down upon us, gratified that we carry on in the institutional spirit and culture he created and nurtured. Please join me in thanking PPI's Management Team, which met this moment with courage and a pioneering spirit. They are unique and dedicated professionals, and it is an honor to serve with them to advance the critical work that lies ahead.



https://www.apowerfulperspective.org/ tribute-to-larry-hull

Sincerely yours,

Lionel C. Johnson President

PROGRAMS

PPI introduced a hybrid convening model in 2021, blazing yet another trail as we have throughout the pandemic. While most organizations opted for an either-or experience, the inclusive nature of the virtual option proved invaluable for an organization with many members located in places with varying restrictions on travel.

PPI delivered a range of programs in 2021 that included two virtual roundtables, several salons, and our inaugural hybrid convening in Pasadena, California. As the pandemic progressed into its second year, the PPI Community continued to convene regularly. It addressed several pressing concerns and trends for institutional investors, such as inflation, the commodity supercycle, supply chain bottlenecks, central bank digital currencies, the global energy crunch, the impact of net-zero initiatives in developing economies, diverse and inclusive human capital, opportunities versus risks of doing business in China, and Asia's multipolarity.

Our innovations in 2021 included an expanded suite of programs, the launch of a leadership development series to engage a cohort of future executives within our membership, and the incorporation of next-generation perspectives into our roundtable sessions. Convening virtually allowed us to recruit a broader range of speakers worldwide, and technology remained key to bridging our members remotely. This was particularly evident at our Asia Pacific Roundtable in October. We delivered a first-in-class hybrid program experience with opportunities for physical and virtual attendees to interact meaningfully.

2021 PROGRAMS RETROSPECTIVE







https://www.ppi.institute/2021programs-retrospective

MEMBERSHIP

It is clear how much our members value PPI and all we offer. Members regularly stress the importance of knowledge sharing and the importance of a culture that invites interaction and builds community. The tribulations of the past two years have borne out this value, and our membership is poised to propel us to new heights in 2022.

PPI ended 2021 with 103 member organizations, including 51 asset owner/allocator members and 52 asset manager/advisor members. We will resume a smart-growth approach to membership in 2022, balancing the diversity of voices in the room alongside the number of organizations in the fold. Our members provide the intellectual capital PPI thrives on and the financial resources we depend on. PPI's members are the lifeblood of our mission, our primary source of revenue, and our raison d'être.

Asset Owners and Allocators on December 31, 2021

Alaska Permanent Fund Alberta Investment Management Corporation Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund AustralianSuper **BCI** British Airways Pension Investment Management Ltd. British Columbia Pension Corporation **CAAT Pension Plan** California Public Employees' Retirement System California State Teachers' Retirement System Carnegie Corporation of New York Cascade Asset Management Company Cbus Citizen Investment Trust, Nepal CN Investment Division

Columbia Investment Management

Employees Provident Fund, Nepal

First Swedish National Pension

Development Bank of Japan

Company, LLC

Fund - AP1

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Florida State Board of Administration FM Global Fremont Group **Future Fund** GIC Private Limited **Government Pension Investment** Fund - GPIF Hassana Investment Company Hong Kong Monetary Authority Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies Minnesota State Board of Investment Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan National Council for Social Security Fund, People's Republic of China National Pension and Provident Fund, Bhutan National Railroad Retirement **Investment Trust** New Zealand Super Fund NewYork-Presbyterian Hospitals Investment Office NIIF Limited

Ontario Power Generation

Oregon State Treasury PKA Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho QIC San Francisco Employees' **Retirement System** San Jose Retirement System Seattle City Employees' Retirement South Dakota Investment Council State of Wisconsin Investment Board Teacher Retirement System of Texas Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois The City of New York Office of the Comptroller Third Swedish National Pension Fund - AP3 Washington State Investment Board West Virginia Investment

Management Board

Asset Manager and Advisors on December 31, 2021

Actis

Affinity Equity Partners Afina International AllianceBernstein Angelo, Gordon & Co.

Antler

Apollo Global Management Ascendent Capital Partners Asia Alternatives Management

B Capital Group

Barings

Bridge Investment Group Bridgewater Associates

Brookfield Asset Management

Campbell Lutyens & Co.

Capital Group

Cartica Management CDH Investments

China International Capital

Corporation, US

Equilibrium Capital Group

Federated Hermes

FountainVest Partners (Asia)

Franklin Templeton

Goldman Sachs Asset Management

GroveStreet

Guggenheim Partners Hamilton Lane Advisors Hayfin Capital Management

Hillhouse Capital

IFC Asset Management Company Institutional Real Estate, Inc.

Jasper Ridge Partners

Joy Capital

JP Morgan Asset Management

Meridiam

Mitsubishi Corporation

Morgan Stanley

Nikko Asset Management

Ortec Finance

PGIM

Power Sustainable Quantum Advisors

RockCreek

Sagard Holdings

Siguler Guff & Company Silicon Valley Bank Capital Sit Investment Associates, Inc. Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset

Management Sustainalytics

Synergy Fund Management Group Tokio Marine Asset Management

Co.

Unison Capital

Wellington Management Company

William Blair

Lifetime Members on December 31, 2021

Ronald E. Bornstein

John Campbell OBE

Margaret Carpenter

Ambassador Chas W. Freeman Jr.

Ta-lin Hsu

Takeshi Kadota

Doug Pearce

Shelley I. Smith

Theresa J. Whitmarsh

Ambassador Linda Tsao Yang

Friends of PPI on December 31, 2021

Oliver Bolitho

Derek Brodersen

Howard Chao Barry Gonder

Sandra Haas

Geoffrey A. Hirt

Howard L. Hull III

Takajiro Ishikawa Shigeki Kimura Joseph Konzelmann Wayne Kozun Arthur Mitchell

Ambassador Clark T. Randt

Angela Rodell Catherine Savage

Kazuo Seki

John D. Skjervem

Ambassador Paul W. Speltz

Peter H. Sullivan James Timmins Conrad Yan Yuelin T. Yang

LEADERSHIP

There has been a noticeable strengthening of PPI over the past two years. As we explored a variety of platforms and virtual venues together, the notion of convening became more intentional, and members seized opportunities to connect in ways previously unimagined. "Community time" became a staple of the PPI experience, and it was tightly integrated into our enhanced and expanded programming. It all required a higher level of commitment, one our members were all too willing to provide. With their support and your guidance, PPI thrived.

The support provided by PPI's Board is rivaled only by the stability and continuity of our management team. Our governance structure is enviable and speaks to each director and team member's commitment to PPI. This structure was tested again in 2021 in previously unimaginable ways. The results were impressive, emblematic of a community that draws from the best and brightest and a board reflective of that membership.

PPI leaders on December 31, 2021

Board of Directors

Gordon Bajnai Kevin Bong Derek Brodersen Jeb Burns Ajit Dayal Mark Delaney Ted Eliopoulos Marcie Frost Robert Maynard Laura Nashman Sheila Patel Marlene Puffer Angela Rodell Catherine Savage John D. Skjervem Allyson Tucker Osamu Yamamoto Conrad Yan

Officers

Angela Rodell, Chair
Jeb Burns, Immediate Past
Chair
Mark Delaney, Vice Chair
Conrad Yan, Secretary
Derek Brodersen, Treasurer
Lionel C. Johnson, President

Management Team

Lionel C. Johnson, President
James F. Apostol, Vice President &
Chief Operating Officer
Gwen Bough, Executive Assistant
Sabina Ong Gotuaco, Finance &
Administration Director
Piin-Fen Kok, Senior Program
Director
Shu Li, Program Director
Evie Fong, Program Manager
Mark Conrad Mancao, Chief of Staff

OPERATIONS

Various terms have emerged over the years to describe businesses comprised primarily of knowledge workers that do not conform to the traditional office model. We commonly call them fully or partially "remote" or "distributed" teams. These terms connote a situation with members detached from their core, adrift in isolation. Yet, many such teams are successful and achieve benefits that cannot be derived from a collocated model. The members of these teams are empowered to shine wherever they may be working. Rather than resemble a traditional hub-and-spoke diagram, these teams look more like constellations of stars with interconnected clusters and nodes.

It is toward this constellatory model that the PPI Management Team transitioned in 2021. The constellation metaphor speaks to our commitment to empowering us to shine wherever we are and ensure that the threads that connect the team are distinctly PPI (our culture).

FINANCE

PPI outperformed financial expectations and achieved a net surplus of \$160,458 in 2021. The favorable variance is due to several factors, including a second grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), diligent member-retention and recruitment efforts, and relentless expense monitoring. However, the timely determination of PPI's eligibility for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Employee Retention Tax Credit tipped the scales well in our favor. PPI earned a \$183,149 credit that refunded our share of Social Security tax on qualified wages in 2020 and 2021.

Meanwhile, the investments we made in technology continue to pay dividends, dwarfed only by those reaped from our reinvestment in our fantastic management team. We will rely heavily on both this year and beyond, cultivating dynamic and compelling programmatic content and fostering the PPI culture for our members. Our financial performance mirrored the resourcefulness displayed by our team and our members during a challenging year.

The following Statement of Activities reflects total Revenue and Support of \$2,613,081, a decrease of \$953 or almost at par from the prior year. Total Expenses were \$2,432,623 a decrease of \$106,279 or 4% from the prior year. The total change in 2021 net assets is \$160,458.

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021 With Comparative Totals (USD) for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	2021	2020	Hover over the charts to view the percentages
REVENUE			2021 Revenue Sources
Membership Dues	2,092,400	2,075,450	
Roundtable Registration	113,991	175,786	
Executive Seminar Registration	-		
Investment Income	(6,679)	36,098	
Total Revenue	2,199,712	2,287,334	
SUPPORT			Membership DuesGrantMeeting RegistrationContribution
Grant	383,369	226,700	■ Investment Income
Contributions		70,000	
In-Kind Donations	30,000	30,000	2021 Expense
Total Support	413,369	326,700	Allocation
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	2,613,081	2,614,034	
EXPENSES			
Program Services	1,685,852	1,777,748	
Support Services	746,771	761,145	
Total Expenses	2,432,623	2,538,893	■ Program Services
Loss on refunded contribution	(20,000)		General & Administrative
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	160,458	75,141	
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year	2,267,297	2,192,156	
Net assets with donor restrictions, end of year		75,141	
Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year	2,427,755	2,267,297	

The financial information presented is from the audited financial statements. Interested parties can obtain a complete copy of the audited financial statements by contacting our office.

Our Statement of Beliefs on

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Pacific Pension & Investment Institute (PPI) is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within our organization and in the global institutional investor community. We believe that DEI strengthens organizations, and PPI benefits from a diverse and inclusive management team, board, and membership. Likewise, our member institutions are strengthened when they are more representative and inclusive.

Diversification goes beyond portfolios. For institutional investors, diversifying portfolios is a given. The same principle applies to diversifying teams. DEI enhances the stewardship of capital. As controllers of large pools of capital, our members can influence meaningful improvement in DEI.

Actions matter more than words. For this reason, PPI encourages the exchange of actionable ideas. And there is value in a global conversation. PPI helps our international community to consider DEI in the context of different parts of the world, reflecting the global nature of the asset management industry and the institutional investor community. We believe that PPI can play a unique role in facilitating discussions and inspiring actionable ideas for promoting this critical set of issues.

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Once again, we thank you, our loyal members and friends, for your steadfast support of PPI and our important mission, throughout 2021!

