**National Association for Securities Professionals
Diverse & Emerging Manager Forum Agenda**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, Chicago**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm** Registration Open for DEMF

**1:30pm -1:50pm** Introduction of NASP President & CEO Ron Parker & DEMF Welcome/Overview

**1:55pm - 2:15pm** Welcome from State Senator and Chair of Illinois Pension Committee: Iris Martinez

**2:20pm - 2:45pm** Remarks from Chicago Treasurer, Melissa Conyears-Ervin: Women & Minorities in Financial Services

**2:50pm - 3:40pm Update on Diversity & Inclusion in the Foundations and Endowments Space**

***During the 2019 NASP Diverse and Emerging Manager Forum in Baltimore, MD, we heard from high level foundation and endowment professionals about diversity and inclusion trends in that space. This year, we’ll get an update on last year’s discussion and get some additional perspectives.***

John Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, Ariel Investments

Lerry Knox, Chief Executive Officer, Unplugged Capital and Chair, Woods Fund of Chicago

Moderator: Graham Grady, Partner, Taft Stettinius & Hollister

**3:40pm - 3:55pm** Afternoon Break (Coffee/Snacks)

**3:55pm - 4:45pm** **CIOs Speak: Updates and Perspectives on State Pension Plans**

***This panel will convene top CIOs from Illinois state pension plans to discuss the state of Illinois’ legislation regarding minority firms’ participation in managing pension plan funds. They will also discuss the future of this legislation in Illinois and how it could be replicated in other states***

Johara Farhadieh, Executive Director/Chief Investment Officer, State of Illinois

Angela Miller-May, Chief Investment Officer, Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund

Steve Yoon, Investment Officer, Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago

Moderator: Brian F. Collins, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

**4:55pm - 5:50pm** **Managers Speak: What will the 2020s bring?**

***With continuing news of strategy changes, mergers, and lingering bias within the asset management industry, how are minority-owned asset management firms faring at the dawn of the 2020s? Hear from NASP member firms as they delve into the current state of minority owned firms, their relationship with consultants and what they would like to see this decade.***

McCullough Williams, Chief Operations Officer, FIS Group

Rendel Solomon, Managing Director, Muller & Monroe Asset Management, LLC

Leslie Bond, Chief Executive Officer, Attucks Asset Management

Erik Hall, Executive Director, GCM Grosvenor

Moderator: Gwen Butler, Vice-President and Chief Investment Officer, Capri Global

**5:50pm - 6:00pm** DEMF Wrap-Up

**6:00pm - 8:00pm** 2020 Pension and Financial Services ConferenceKick-Off Reception