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## August Board of Trustees Meeting

The TMRS Board of Trustees met in Austin on Thursday, August 22. The Board:

- Appointed Board Vice Chair David Landis to serve as Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee and appointed Board member Jesús Garza to serve as Chair of the Technology Committee with Board member Jim Jeffers as Vice Chair. See the [Board page](#) on the TMRS website for a complete list of Board committees and members.
- Heard a presentation by actuarial consultant GRS on [Asset Liability Modeling](#) (ALM) results. The ALM study is the first part of a process that will be conducted over the next few Board meetings. See the article on page 6 of the recent issue of [Main Street](#) for more information.
- Discussed [governance issues](#), including [Board officer](#) rotation and terms, investment beliefs, and possible alternative Board processes related to selection of [investment managers](#).
- Heard an update by governance consultant, Mosaic Governance Advisors, on the RFI process for selecting an executive search firm for the Executive Director position.
- Heard a [quarterly report](#) for June 30, 2019 from investment consultant RVK.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 26 and 27 at TMRS headquarters in Austin.

## TMRS Annual Seminar Coming in Early November

Sign up now for the 2019 TMRS Annual Seminar, “Retirement Roundup.” The two-and-a-half day event will be held from the evening of November 3 through noon of November 5 at the [JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa](#), 23808 Resort Parkway, San Antonio.

In addition to a great lineup of expert speakers, you’ll get updates on legislation, investments, actuarial, and member service issues. The [event website](#) has the schedule, registration page, bios of speakers, and other details. Our Monday night dinner and outing is a visit to the Knibbe Ranch – get ready for all kinds of western entertainment!

Register today! We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues in November!



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## Attend a City Correspondent Certification Course

If you help employees with their benefits, you know there are endless possible questions about TMRS. One of the best ways to increase your expertise is to earn your TMRS Certified Benefits Administrator certificate at a [City Correspondent Certification Course](#). This training is provided in a classroom setting that promotes discussion and takes you through the careers of three fictional TMRS members. Whether you are new to working with TMRS or a veteran administrator, you will benefit from this course.

[Register](#) for an upcoming City Correspondent Certification Course now.

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## Administrative Reminders

- **Cybersecurity** – Please contact TMRS as early as possible if your city experiences any type of data breach. Recently, several local government entities in Texas were attacked by ransomware. If your city was affected and you have not notified us, please do so right away. In general, any time your city experiences a cyberattack that may compromise employee information, we appreciate being notified so we can monitor your employees’ TMRS accounts for suspicious activity. See more details on how to prevent phishing and ransomware attacks on page 4 of the most recent issue of [Main Street](#).
- **Address Changes** – Whenever employees change their address with your city, it is important that they also change their address with TMRS so that we have the most up-to-date information. Please let your employees know they can do it online through MyTMRS®. If they are not yet on MyTMRS, please encourage them to sign up so they can take advantage of its new features and keep their information current.
- **Employee Meetings and Benefit Fairs** – This time of year is extremely busy with open enrollment and member benefit fairs. The [TMRS Travel Team](#) attends these types of meetings “on demand,” so please put in your request as early as possible. In 2018, the team visited with approximately 37,000 members and city administrators across Texas. If your city would like TMRS to attend your next event, email the [Communications Department](#).
- **Payroll Special Offer** – Don’t forget! If your city has not been using the City Portal to upload your monthly payroll to TMRS and you begin using it between now and October, we will waive the \$125 registration fee for the TMRS Annual Seminar in San Antonio, November 3-5! (see item above). For information, contact [Jennifer Andrews](#), Member Services Manager.
- **Authorized City Contacts** – Please notify TMRS immediately if there are any changes in your city’s authorized contact list. Authorized contacts have access to the [City Portal](#) for self-service features and confidential information. Email [cityportal@tmrs.com](mailto:cityportal@tmrs.com) to let us know of these important staff changes. If the person designated as your City Portal Administrator has changed, your city will need to sign a new [City Portal Use Agreement](#).

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## Employee Education

### Providing Much-Needed Information for Retirement

Please encourage your employees who are within five years of retiring to attend a free [Regional Pre-Retirement Conference](#) to help them understand their TMRS benefits and make plans for the future. The program also includes a presentation by a Social Security expert. Employees self-register through Eventbrite using the link for the date/location they want to attend. The remaining Regional Conferences for 2019 are:

- **November 19** – [Nacogdoches](#)
- **December 11** – [Grapevine](#)

### Expanding Mid-Career Employees' Minds

TMRS offers a new presentation (upon city request) for employees who are vested with TMRS but several years away from retirement. If you are interested in bringing a Mid-Career Member Meeting to your city, contact the TMRS [Travel Team](#). To review the topics covered in this meeting, view the presentation, [Understanding the Value of Your Benefit](#).

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