

# Accounting & Auditing Institute

for Employee Benefit Plans

**June 15-17, 2026**

Hilton San Diego Bayfront  
San Diego, California

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*San Diego, California*

## **Sunday Preconference**

**June 14, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

The Leadership Mindset: Advancing  
Clarity, Connection and Courage

**Save \$400 when you bring a colleague!**

For more details, see page 2.

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Accountants and auditors working with benefit plans must stay current with evolving accounting standards, reporting and disclosure requirements, industry best practices and emerging trends in the employee benefits field.

Designed by industry experts, this conference will address the technical topics most relevant to today's accounting and auditing professionals. Gain practical insights; earn continuing professional education (CPE) credits; and engage with fellow professionals, trustees and administrators through complementary programs that encourage shared learning and discussion.

## Who Should Attend

The Accounting and Auditing Institute for Employee Benefit Plans is designed for internal and external accountants, including fund office and/or TPA accountants, who serve employee benefit plans.

## Benefits of Attending

- Get up-to-date information on plan disclosure requirements.
- Understand current issues that impact multiemployer pension and health and welfare plan audits.
- Network with your peers who face similar challenges and brainstorm workable solutions.
- Earn meaningful CPE credits.

## CPE

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of CPE on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: **[www.nasbaregistry.org](http://www.nasbaregistry.org)**.

This is a Group Live and Group Internet Based program. No prerequisites or advanced preparation are required. Except where noted, sessions are at the intermediate level. For more information regarding administrative policies such as complaint and refund, please contact our offices at (262) 786-6710, option 2.

## *Special Registration Discount*

**Pair Up With a Colleague**—Bring individuals from your firm or fund who have NOT previously attended the Institute, and they will receive a \$400 discount with your paid registration (at the regular rate). New attendees should enter code **NEWACCOUNTING26** when registering.

# SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

| SUNDAY   June 14, 2026    |                                                                                             |                                                                                |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.       | Preconference Session: The Leadership Mindset:<br>Advancing Clarity, Connection and Courage |                                                                                |
| MONDAY   June 15, 2026    |                                                                                             |                                                                                |
| 7:30-8:45 a.m.            | Economic Update*                                                                            |                                                                                |
| 9:00-10:15 a.m.           | DOL Update                                                                                  |                                                                                |
| 10:30-11:45 a.m.          | Compliance Essentials                                                                       |                                                                                |
| 1:15-2:30 p.m.            | Payroll Auditing—Understanding Collections                                                  |                                                                                |
| 2:45-4:00 p.m.            | Key Audit Considerations for Health and Welfare Plans                                       |                                                                                |
| TUESDAY   June 16, 2026   |                                                                                             |                                                                                |
| 7:30-8:45 a.m.            | Real World Insights—A Discussion With the DOL                                               |                                                                                |
| 9:00-10:15 a.m.           | Project Management 2.0                                                                      |                                                                                |
| 10:30-11:45 a.m.          | State of the Accounting Profession<br>for Principals, Partners and Managers                 | Preparing to Lead—Becoming a<br>Leader in the Accounting Profession            |
| 1:15-2:30 p.m.            | Addressing Industry Challenges:<br>Sharing Best Practices in the<br>Fund Office             | Addressing Industry Challenges:<br>Sharing Best Practices in the<br>Audit Firm |
| 2:45-4:00 p.m.            | Working Together: Bridge the Gap                                                            | How Robust Is Your<br>Cybersecurity Program?*                                  |
| WEDNESDAY   June 17, 2026 |                                                                                             |                                                                                |
| 7:30-8:45 a.m.            | Finding and Fighting Fraud in Benefits*                                                     |                                                                                |
| 9:00-10:15 a.m.           | Artificial Intelligence in Accounting: Practical Uses and Emerging Trends                   |                                                                                |
| 10:30-11:45 a.m.          | Guided Open Forum                                                                           |                                                                                |

(All times are listed in Pacific Standard Time.)

\*These are joint sessions with the Advanced Trustees and Administrators Institute.

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## Virtual Option

Participate live June 15-17, 2026 or on demand through July 17, 2026.

Select the virtual option when registering and receive all key content presented online. Attendees will have the flexibility of viewing each session live or for 30 days after the event. Certificates of Attendance will still be offered to those who participate virtually and meet the session requirements.

**To earn CPE credit, a session must be attended in full and live as it occurs, and all required polling questions must be answered. Viewing a recorded session will result in no CPE earned for that session.**

# Join Us in San Diego

San Diego is a destination that blends natural beauty, laid-back coastal culture, and year-round sunshine, making it an ideal place to visit for almost anyone. With its stunning beaches, like La Jolla and Coronado, visitors can enjoy everything from surfing and swimming to simply relaxing by the ocean. The city also offers world-class attractions such as the San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park's museums and gardens, and a vibrant dining scene influenced by fresh seafood and Mexican cuisine. Add in scenic harbor views, outdoor activities like hiking and kayaking, and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and San Diego becomes the perfect getaway for both adventure and relaxation during or after the conference.



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## OR Join Us Virtually!

Want to avoid the travel hassle and cost? Join us virtually! When you select the virtual option, you have the flexibility of participating in the live sessions as they are scheduled or watching them on demand in the 30 days following the conference. Virtual attendees are also eligible to receive a Certificate of Attendance, provided they meet the same participation requirements as those attending in person.

NASBA CPA continuing education credit is available for licensed CPAs who attend a session in full and live as it occurs and answer all required polling questions as required by NASBA regulations. No credit will be earned for viewing a recorded session. Continuing education credit for other professional licenses/designations/certifications is only available for those who attend in person.

**Learn more at**  
**[www.ifebp.org/virtual-accounting](http://www.ifebp.org/virtual-accounting)**

## One-Day Preconference Workshop

# The Leadership Mindset: Advancing Clarity, Connection and Courage

Sunday, June 14, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Many people in formal leadership roles do not provide solid leadership for their teams, and many people who do not have formal leadership titles exhibit the traits of courageous, high-capacity leadership. True leadership is not about a title; it's about effective thinking, emotional responsiveness and values-based decision making. It's about maximizing your own potential to serve others and call them to greatness.

Whatever your title, developing a leadership mindset will enhance your own individual performance in the workplace, contribute to the betterment of your team, and allow you and your team to more fully support your organization's mission. Developing a leadership mindset also enhances personal and professional relationships and makes work—and life—so much more fulfilling.

This session is designed to support anyone in any professional role as they enhance their leadership mindset and capacity through:

- Increased self-awareness and effective thinking
- Improved working relationships and team communication
- Enhanced ability to resolve differences and conflicts with others
- Greater ability to operate in alignment with purpose and values
- Using intentional listening and powerful questions to foster connection, trust and mutual understanding
- Implementing intentional self-development and team-building strategies to cultivate and sustain a thriving workplace culture.



**Rebecca S. Johnson, M.S., CHWC**

Co-Founder and Chief Integrator  
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## SUNDAY | June 14, 2026

4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Registration/Exhibit Hall Open/Welcome Reception**

*(Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.)*

## MONDAY | June 15, 2026

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6:30-7:30 a.m.

### **Continental Breakfast/Exhibit Hall Open**

6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **Registration/Information**

7:30-8:45 a.m.

### **Economic Update\***

Understanding where the economy is and what might be coming down the road is key to your success in overseeing your pension and health and welfare assets, managing your work and workers, and planning for the future. This session will give you insights on key economic indicators and how they might impact the interest rate environment and investment opportunities around the globe. Topics include:

- The health of the U.S. economy
- The path for inflation
- The labor market
- The Federal Reserve and interest rates
- AI and equity market valuations.

*\*This session is a joint session with the Advanced Trustees and Administrators Institute.  
NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Economics*

9:00-10:15 a.m.

### **DOL Update**

A representative of the United States Department of Labor (DOL) has been invited to address agency topics, including:

- Enforcement priorities
- Projects
- Important issues.

*NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Auditing*

10:30-11:45 a.m.

### **Compliance Essentials**

This session has been designed to review the essential compliance policies by sharing best practices for maintaining and following them as well as outlining key risk concepts to help reduce exposure and strengthen operations.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Accounting*

*All times are listed in Pacific Standard Time (PST).*

## MONDAY | June 15, 2026 *(continued)*

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11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

### **Lunch/Exhibit Hall Open**

1:15-2:30 p.m.

### **Payroll Auditing—Understanding Collections**

This session highlights best practices for payroll audit policies and procedures, with an emphasis on coordination between auditors and the fund office. It covers payroll audit approaches ranging from routine reviews to alternate procedures when records are limited, helping strengthen compliance and consistency.

*NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Auditing*

2:45-4:00 p.m.

### **Key Audit Considerations for Health and Welfare Plans**

Auditing health and welfare claims is complex. This session will review key elements, such as:

- Designing a test of claims
- Unique considerations for HRA claims testing
- Different types of audits in a health and welfare plan
- Rx pricing
  - Reimbursement arrangements
- SOC-1 reports and user controls.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Auditing*

4:00-5:00 p.m.

### **Networking Reception/Exhibit Hall Open**

*(Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.)*

## TUESDAY | June 16, 2026

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6:30-7:30 a.m.

### **Continental Breakfast/Exhibit Hall Open**

6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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7:30-8:45 a.m.

## **Real World Insights—A Discussion With the DOL**

Join this open, facilitated discussion featuring industry professionals sharing real-world experiences, challenges and lessons learned. Practical examples and candid insights offer applicable takeaways that can be applied directly to daily operations and decision making.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Specialized Knowledge*

9:00-10:15 a.m.

## **Project Management 2.0**

With real-world examples of practical implementation, explore how project management principles are being applied to audits to drive efficiency through stronger planning, budgeting and streamlined workflows. Learn how these structured approaches support staff development by improving accountability, building skills and creating consistent practices across teams.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Specialized Knowledge*

10:30-11:45 a.m. | concurrent sessions

## **State of the Accounting Profession for Principals, Partners and Managers**

As an organizational leader, you have the essential duty to stay informed on the profession's evolving landscape. This session will focus on key leadership topics, including:

- Coaching for growth
- Exercising professional judgement
- Shaping organizational culture
- Strategies for attracting and retaining talent
- Working across generations
- Workplace wellness.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Specialized Knowledge*

## **Preparing to Lead—Becoming a Leader in the Accounting Profession**

This session will help working professionals develop the skills they need to become the next generation of leaders. Insights into the following will be discussed.

- How to interact with the board of trustees and other plan professionals
- How to add value beyond the audit
- Using professional judgement
- Navigating organizational culture
- Working across generations.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Specialized Knowledge*

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

## **Lunch/Exhibit Hall Open**

## TUESDAY | June 16, 2026 *(continued)*

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1:15-2:30 p.m. | concurrent sessions

### **Addressing Industry Challenges: Sharing Best Practices in the Fund Office**

Join a facilitated discussion on today's key industry challenges, wherein a panel of your peers will share best practices in key areas of the profession, including:

- Internal controls
- Large office vs. small office
- Responsibilities—administrator vs. auditor
- Competing priorities
- Policies and procedures.

*NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Auditing*

### **Addressing Industry Challenges: Sharing Best Practices in the Audit Firm**

Join a facilitated discussion on industry challenges, wherein a panel of your peers will share best practices in key areas of the profession, including:

- Audit quality and standards
  - Quality management standard
- Large firm vs. small firm
- Competing priorities
- Sampling techniques.

*NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Auditing*

2:45-4:00 p.m. | concurrent sessions

### **Working Together: Bridge the Gap**

This session will focus on strengthening communication to address common challenges and improve collaboration. Explore best practices for timely and complete information sharing, maintaining open dialogue and developing clear timelines to support smoother audits and outcomes.

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Specialized Knowledge*

### **How Robust Is Your Cybersecurity Program?\***

Given the volume of daily cyberattacks, protecting your assets is a never-ending task. Benchmark your cybersecurity program as you learn about:

- DOL guidance
- Training employers and participants
- Unique issues for pension, health and apprenticeship funds
- Penetration testing.

*\*This session is a joint session with the Advanced Trustees and Administrators Institute.*

*NASBA Subject Area: 1.5 CPE credit for Information Technology*

## WEDNESDAY | June 17, 2026

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6:30-7:30 a.m.

### **Continental Breakfast**

6:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### **Registration/Information**

7:30-8:45 a.m.

### **Finding and Fighting Fraud in Benefits\***

Your funds have a lot of money, which makes them a target for fraudsters. Learn about the latest techniques and revisit the more common methods that fraudsters are using to make your fund a victim. Take away an understanding of:

- Types of fraud
- Internal controls
- How to find fraud
- What to do when you find fraud.

*\*This session is a joint session with the Advanced Trustees and Administrators Institute.  
NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Auditing*

9:00-10:15 a.m.

### **Artificial Intelligence in Accounting: Practical Uses and Emerging Trends**

Join this overview of how artificial intelligence can be utilized in accounting, with a focus on practical, real-world applications across key processes. The discussion highlights current uses, benefits, risks and emerging trends shaping the profession.

*NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Information Technology*

10:30-11:45 a.m.

### **Guided Open Forum**

This session will feature a panel of professionals who will address topics submitted by the audience throughout the first two days of the conference, plus a few additional topics of significance.

*NASBA Subject Area: .75 CPE credit for Accounting and .75 CPE credit for Auditing*

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## Webcast

# Better Communication Makes for a Better Audit

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | 12:00 noon CT

Effective audits don't happen by chance—They're built on clear, timely and collaborative communication. Join our speakers as they share how strong communication between auditors and fund offices can streamline the audit process, reduce last-minute stress and lead to higher quality outcomes for everyone involved.

### By the end of this webcast, participants will be able to:

- Strengthen communication between the auditor and fund office
- Recognize why timing and completeness matter for auditor requests
- Maintain an open and ongoing dialogue throughout the audit
- Develop and use a realistic audit time line.

This webcast is ideal for audit professionals, fund administrators and anyone involved in the audit process who wants to improve efficiency, collaboration and outcomes through better communication.

**Join us for a preview** of the Accounting and Auditing Institute—style content you can expect at this year's conference.  
[www.ifebp.org/audit-communication](http://www.ifebp.org/audit-communication)

### Speakers



**Ann M. Kellen**  
Finance Manager  
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**Patrick C. Stines**  
Partner  
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# Resources for Accounting Professionals



## Certificate in Multiemployer Plan Auditing

The online, self-paced **Certificate in Multiemployer Plan Auditing** certificate includes two courses that will help you understand how to work with multiemployer plans and their financial requirements. First, you will familiarize yourself with what multiemployer plans are, how they are meant to function and where legal problems can occur. Then, you will learn about accounting and auditing guidelines for multiemployer plans, including tax forms, financial processes, required financial statements and common multiemployer reporting issues. Register today at [www.ifebp.org/multi-audit](http://www.ifebp.org/multi-audit).



## 72nd Annual Employee Benefits Conference

Discover proven solutions and thoughtful resources for the critical and upcoming trends in your role. The **72nd Annual Employee Benefits Conference**, held October 25-28, 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana, is your source for objective, timely and relevant education on all matters relating to employee benefits. By following a designated track for accounting professionals, you will walk away with actionable takeaways for your firm and connect with peers who understand your day-to-day challenges. Register today at [www.ifebp.org/usannual](http://www.ifebp.org/usannual).



## Foundation Membership

Membership with the International Foundation helps you learn more! We provide objective education, research and information to the employee benefits community. More than 31,000 members rely on the Foundation to provide comprehensive health care, pension, fiduciary responsibility, investment, retirement security and other benefits education. With resources such as free webcasts, personalized research services and benchmarking survey reports, membership will help you and your team stay up to date on the latest in the employee benefits space. Learn more at [www.ifebp.org/membership](http://www.ifebp.org/membership).

# Hotel Information

## Hilton San Diego Bayfront San Diego, California

**Reservation Deadline:** May 11, 2026

**Rates:** \$319 single/double occupancy

**Hotel Accommodations:** You will be charged a \$450 deposit upon registration. Please specify your hotel requirements on the registration form.

**Hotel Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations within 48 hours of the scheduled arrival date will incur a cancellation fee equal to the entire stay of the reservation booked.

For additional hotel information, visit our Hotel/Travel tab at [www.ifebp.org/accounting-hotel](http://www.ifebp.org/accounting-hotel).

*\*Note: Hotel room availability is not guaranteed outside of scheduled program dates.*



## Hotel Details

Hilton San Diego Bayfront is recognized as an AAA Four Diamond hotel with beautiful views of the bay and the San Diego skyline. The hotel is within walking distance of the popular Gaslamp Quarter, as well as Petco Park, home of the Padres. Work out in the 24-hour fitness room or take a swim under the palm trees in the beautiful outdoor pool. Enjoy a variety of beauty and spa treatments at Eforea Spa or dine at one of the many restaurants at the hotel. Hilton San Diego Bayfront is also recognized as a recipient of the 2017 Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence.

## REGISTRATION

Register today at [www.ifebp.org/accountants](http://www.ifebp.org/accountants).

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

#### *Attend in person or virtually.*

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| Through May 4, 2026 | After May 4, 2026  |
| Member: \$1,795     | Member: \$2,095    |
| Nonmember: \$2,125  | Nonmember: \$2,425 |

**Save \$300 when you register before May 4!**

#### *Separate registration for the preconference is required.*

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| Through May 4, 2026 | After May 4, 2026 |
| Member: \$560       | Member: \$710     |
| Nonmember: \$670    | Nonmember: \$820  |

## POLICIES

Cancel and transfer fees are based on registration fee paid: 60+ days before meeting is 10%; 31-59 days before meeting is 25%; within 30 days of meeting is 50%. Hotel deposit is forfeited for cancellations/transfers received within three days of arrival. Registration fee is forfeited once program commences. For details and the current policy, see [www.ifebp.org/policies](http://www.ifebp.org/policies).

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Continuing education (CE) credit for professions and designations MAY be available for attendance at live sessions. You must request CE credit on your program registration at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the program so that the Foundation can seek preapproval from the governing agency. More information is available at [www.ifebp.org/ce](http://www.ifebp.org/ce).

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Educational sessions at this program can qualify for self-reported CEBS® Compliance credit. Visit [www.cebs.org/compliance](http://www.cebs.org/compliance) for additional information.

## INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MISSION

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans is the premier educational organization dedicated to providing the diverse employee benefits community with objective, solution-oriented education, research and information to ensure the health and financial security of plan beneficiaries worldwide.



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## Sessions Include:

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- Preparing to Lead—Becoming a Leader in the Accounting Profession
- Addressing Industry Challenges: Sharing Best Practices in the Fund Office and Audit Firm
- Finding and Fighting Fraud in Benefits
- Artificial Intelligence in Accounting
- Guided Open Forum

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