

WCOA 28th Annual Conference

The **Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants (WCOA)** will hold its annual conference on Friday, May 10, 2019. at the American Family Center, Building A, 6000 American Family Parkway, Madison. Plan on joining us. Registration and coffee are from 8:00am -9:00am and the meeting runs from 9:00am-3:30pm. Renew relationships with former friends and colleagues and hear from an outstanding roster of speakers who will provide information about the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and other topics of interest. A list of the speakers and a brief description of what they will discuss are listed on the next page.

Registration in advance is required. Complete the form below and mail together with a check to the address provided. **Registration Deadline MAY 3!**

We look forward to seeing you on May 10th!

WCOA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (ONLY\$25 PER PERSON)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WRS Employer _____

Registration Deadline MAY 3!

Please make checks payable, \$25 per person, to Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants and mail to:

WCOA Treasurer, 5704 W. Beloit Road, West Allis, WI 53214-5318

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The outstanding speakers who will provide information about the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and other topics of interest to seniors at **Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants' (WCOA)** annual conference on Friday, May 10, 2019, are:

Robert Conlin, Secretary, Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF), will kick-off the conference and provide an update on the status of the WRS. He was appointed in January 2012. With over 25 years of public service, he previously served as ETF's Chief Operating Officer and ETF's Director of Legislation, Communications and Planning. Before joining the ETF, he worked for 13 years with the Wisconsin Legislative Council as a Senior Staff Attorney.

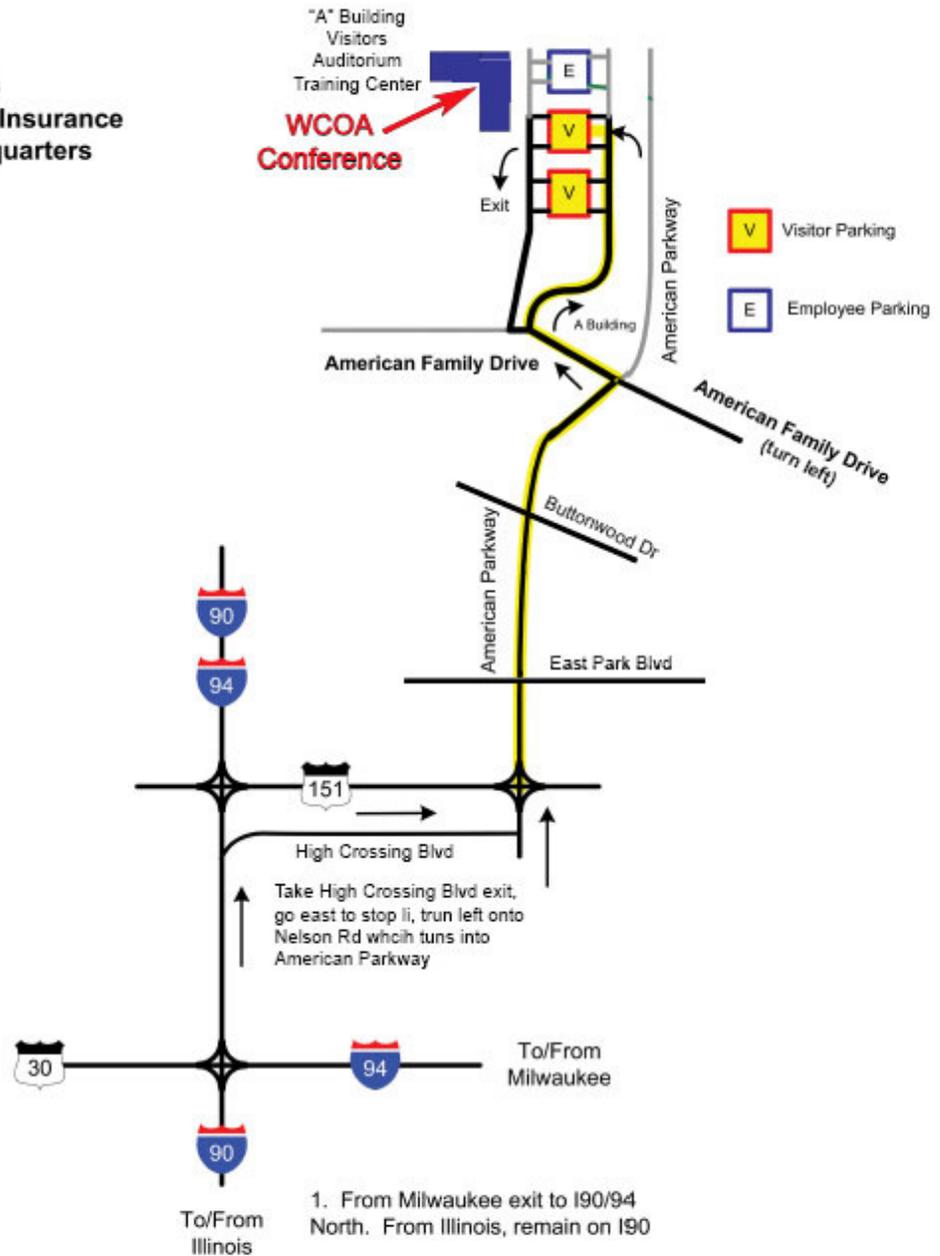
Providing an update on the financial markets and how the State of WI Investment Board (SWIB) is positioned to protect the WRS funds from turbulent markets while protecting the funds for today and tomorrow's retirees will be both **David Villa**, Executive Director, and **Rochelle Klaskin**, Assistant Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer, SWIB. **Villa** originally joined SWIB in 2006 as Chief Investment Officer and was promoted to his current position in 2018. He has 30+ years' experience in the financial industry with both public and private concerns. During his time as CIO, SWIB weathered the worst recession in nearly a century and total funds managed grew from \$88.4 billion to \$110.4 billion at the end of 2018. **Klaskin** joined SWIB as Chief Legal Counsel in 2015, became the Assistant Director in 2017 and was promoted to her present position in 2018. Prior to joining SWIB, Klaskin had 20+ years' experience advising businesses and service organizations. She is an attorney and was a partner at Godfrey & Kahn prior to joining SWIB.

Timothy Smeeding, professor of public affairs and economics at the La Follette School of Public Affairs, UW-Madison, will share his recent work about the extreme inequality of income, consumption, wealth and poverty and the effect they are having on our children and grandchildren.

Helen Marks Dicks, State Issues Advocacy Director for AARP Wisconsin, will talk about some key issues before the State Legislature that will affect seniors – particularly a tax credit for family members or friends who are providing caregiving services to a loved one. A graduate of the UW Law School, Ms. Dicks has a long history of community involvement and advocating for elder law issues. She has been in her current position for eight years and advocates on all state issues that may affect state residents who are 50 plus.

Douglas Poland, attorney with the law firm of Rathje Woodward, will provide an update on an issue of importance to all Wisconsin residents – our right to vote for the candidates of our choice rather than candidates picking their voters. Poland is the co-lead trial counsel for plaintiffs who are challenging the Wisconsin Assembly legislative districts that were determined after the 2010 census. He will update us on the current status of the case – *Gill vs. Whitford* – and how it may impact the 2020 redistricting.

Directions
**American Family Insurance
National Headquarters**



From Milwaukee - 90 to 90/94/39 North (Wisconsin Dells) to Exit 135C (High Crossing). right on High Crossing to stop light, left on Nelson Road which becomes American Parkway, left on American Family Drive, right to visitor parking, left into surface parking lots. Walk to left of employee parking ramp, cross street to Bldg A, registration left side of lobby.

From the South - Exit 1350 (High Crossing), right on High Crossing to stop light, left on Nelson Road which becomes American Parkway, left on American Family Drive, right to visitor parking, left into surface parking lots. Walk to left of employee parking ramp, cross street to Bldg A, registration left side of lobby.

From the North - Exit 135B (Sun Prairie, 1-lwy 151), turn right Nelson Road which becomes American Parkway, left on American Family Drive, right to visitor parking, left into surface parking lots. Walk to left of employee parking ramp, cross street to Bldg A, registration left side of lobby.

From the East on 151 - Exit 98B (American Parkway), left on American Family Drive, right to visitor parking, left into surface parking lots. Walk to left of employee parking ramp, cross street to Bldg A, registration left side of lobby.

From the West (Madison) on 151 - after driving under 90/94/39 turn right Nelson Road which becomes American Parkway, left on American Family Drive, right to visitor parking, left into surface parking lots. Walk to left of employee parking ramp, cross street to Bldg A, registration left side of lobby.