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Hi there and a warm welcome to our second meeting of 2015. At the time of writing the election result is unknown – as is the initial impact of the new “freedom & choice” measures effective from 6th April. The future of our Pensions Minister remains uncertain – but what seems certain is that there will be plenty of material for future Network meetings. In the meantime I’m delighted to provide details of our June meeting – once again I think there’s something for everyone whatever your specialism with a great mix of speakers too. The March meeting was well attended but we did have a number of “opt-outs” who were busy working on the April changes. No such excuses this time and with the line-up below I fully expect the meeting to be fully subscribed – so book early if you want to be sure of your place.

Thursday, 17.35 - 19.00



Emma Watkins
Director
Scottish Widows

“Medically underwritten bulk annuities – a helpful development?”

Our first speaker needs no introduction. Emma Watkins is a long-standing member of the Network and also a member of our management board. Currently Emma is Partner and Head of Insurance De-risking Business Development at Lane, Clark & Peacock but she’s shortly to join Scottish Widows – I’ll leave her to share the details of this exciting new role. Emma has over 16 years’ experience in the pension industry, the last 7 years of which have been in the bulk annuity market. She has worked as both a consultant and an insurer and has acted as lead consultant on a large number of buy-in and buy-out transactions. Emma has been recognised as one of the top 100 women in finance by Financial New. This is a fascinating and growing part of the market – definitely a talk not to miss.

Thursday, after dinner



Iain Anderson
Director & Chief Corporate Counsel
Cicero Group

“Our New Government and its impact on Pensions”

I’m absolutely delighted that Iain Anderson from Cicero is able to join us for the after dinner “slot” to share his thoughts on the post-election landscape and what it could mean for the Pensions Industry. Iain was part of the founding team at Cicero Group and focuses on public policy and corporate communications strategy in Europe and North America. He is an expert in global public policy issues affecting financial services. Iain has over 20 years’ experience in communications, initially as a business journalist and then as a founding shareholder at Incisive Media. Again this is definitely one not to miss – it should be a lively session.

Friday, 08.35 – 09:40



Steve Groves
CEO
Partnership

“The post-April 2015 pensions landscape”

To get our brain cells into gear early on Friday I’m really pleased to welcome Steve Groves CEO of Partnership to give his perspective on the post-April 2015 pensions landscape. Appointed CEO in 2008 Steve has led partnership’s development and growth into one of the major players in the at and post-retirement market – and recently has had to cope with the collapse of the traditional annuity market. An actuary, Steve’s previous roles have included senior positions at Swiss Re and Britannic retirement Solutions. Obviously this is a hugely topical subject and we can’t have anyone better to lead this session.



David Taylor
Director of Strategy and Legal Affairs
PPF

“10 Years of the PPF”

Moving away from the April pension changes our second speaker on the Friday morning is David Taylor from PPF. The PPF has evolved significantly since it was set up in 2005 as the lifeboat for the underfunded retirement schemes of insolvent employers. It now has over 200,000 members and has paid out a total of £1.6bn in compensation, to date. David led the development of the PPF’s 2015-18 strategic plan which in the coming year “includes developments in PPF’s approach to customer experience, levy payments and finance operations.” Again this should be a really interesting talk on a very topical subject –and it will be the first time that anyone from the PPF has spoken at TPNW.



Adrian Boulding
Pensions Strategy Director
Legal & General

“Savings & annuity products in the new pensions world”

Adrian Boulding really needs no introduction. A staunch supporter of TPNW and member of our management board Adrian spoke at the very first TPNW meeting in Hurley in June 2006. His subject then was “The future of the pensions market post A-day”. Roll forward nine years and we have even more dramatic changes and Adrian will give his views on the likely impact. Adrian is a passionate believer in good quality workplace pensions, and is Chairman of Pension Quality Mark, the standard that recognises high quality DC pension schemes. Adrian leaves Legal & General in August after many years and so this will be a kind of swansong – definitely a talk to look forward to.



Janice Turner
Co-Chair
Association of Member Nominated
Trustees

“The AMNT & redline voting”

Our final speaker comes from a slightly different background and will be talking on a subject about which I suspect many of us will know very little. Janice is founding co-chair of the AMNT. She helped to found AMNT because she felt the voices of ordinary member nominated trustees were not being heard. Janice is employed at BECTU the film and broadcasting union where she’s the editor of the union’s journal Stage Screen & Radio magazine and is also the union’s award winning diversity officer. Janice’s pensions background has been in the DB sphere having been a member-nominated trustee of the BECTU Staff Retirement Scheme for about 16 years. Janice will be talking about the role of AMNT & one of their most recent campaigns. It should be an illuminating and very interesting session to end the meeting.

Places are bound to go quickly so book early via enquiries@the-net-work-meetings.com

Patricia and I look forward to seeing you at Wokefield Park Manor in June.

John Moret.
Chair

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