



New Appointments to GIPS Executive Committee

[CFA Institute announces the appointment of two new members to the Global Investment Performance Standards \(GIPS®\) Executive Committee, the decision-making body for the GIPS standards.](#) Andrew Bragg and John Meier, CFA have been elected and appointed, respectively, for four year terms.

The nine-member GIPS Executive Committee is composed of a diverse group of investment professionals who develop and promote the adoption and implementation of the GIPS standards as the single, global standard for calculating and presenting investment performance. The two new members replace outgoing members Collin Morrison and Trevor Persaud.

Andrew Bragg, Senior Policy Manager with the Financial Services Council in Sydney with broad experience in representative leadership in the financial services industry was elected chair of the Asia Pacific Regional Investment Performance Subcommittee (RIPS) and will serve on the GIPS Executive Committee beginning 1 September 2013. Mr. Bragg has served as the GIPS Australia Country Sponsor representative.

“Transparency and strong governance in the financial services industry is critical to the sustainability of our industry – the GIPS standards deliver a critical avenue for achieving both,” Bragg stated.

John Meier, Managing Director, of Strategic Investment Solutions in San Francisco with 25 years of experience in the investment performance and consulting field, has been appointed by the CFA Institute Board of Governors as the GIPS Investor/Consultant Subcommittee Chair and will serve on the GIPS Executive Committee beginning 1 September 2013. Mr. Meier served as the first Chair of the CIPM Advisory Council and is a member of the CIPM Advisory Council.

“The GIPS standards have made significant progress towards providing a transparent and comparable basis for all performance reporting,” Meier said. “I look forward to my role on the GIPS Executive Committee supporting efforts to expand the applicability and acceptance of the GIPS standards to all investors but particularly asset owners and consultants.”

Jonathan Boersma, CFA, executive director of the GIPS standards at CFA Institute states, “I am pleased to welcome Andrew and John to the GIPS Executive Committee. They both bring a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience and are very well suited to carry on the important work of the Executive Committee.”

Public Comment Period Extended

The public comment period for the exposure draft of the [Guidance Statement on the Application of the GIPS Standards to Pension Funds, Endowments, Foundations, and Other Similar Entities](#) has been extended through 1 August 2013. Please also look at the [Guidance Statement Exposure Draft Summary](#) document.

Volunteer Opportunities

The GIPS Verification/Practitioner Subcommittee is currently seeking volunteers. The Verification/Practitioner Subcommittee acts as a forum for verifiers and practitioners and assists with understanding issues related to verification. For more information or to apply for the Verification/Practitioner Subcommittee opening, please send us an [e-mail](#) and include your resume by 15 July 2013.

New Q&As Added to GIPS Q&A Database

We have added 13 Q&As to the GIPS Q&A database on Alternative Investments. These Q&As were included in the updated version of the Guidance Statement on Alternative Investment Structures and Strategies. You can find all of these Q&As by searching the GIPS Q&A Database under the new category "Alternative Investments."

We have added 3 new Q&As on Verification and 2 new Q&As on Performance Examinations. These Q&As can be found by searching the GIPS Q&A Database under the "Verification" and "Performance Examination" categories for entries updated on or after May 2013.

Please note that we are updating the Q&A database to include the new and revised Q&As that were added to the 3rd edition of the GIPS Handbook as well as revisions to Q&As due to changes in the 2010 edition of the GIPS standards. Thank you for your patience while we make these updates.

Registration Now Open

The [GIPS Standards Annual Conference](#) is scheduled for 19-20 September 2013 in Boston. Last year's conference sold out and space is limited, so register early. The GIPS Standards Annual Conference is the only conference of its kind focused on the implementation and application of the GIPS standards. Subject matter experts share best practices and speak to the key issues and major developments in performance measurement, making this conference essential for any performance or compliance professional. Gain an understanding of investment performance standards, learn about recent or proposed changes to the GIPS standards, understand how to ensure that your firm maintains compliance, and meet other performance specialists from around the world.

A [GIPS Standards Interactive Workshop](#) is scheduled for 18 September 2013 in Boston. The workshop will help participants master the requirements of the GIPS standards, including composite construction, performance calculation, and the creation of a compliant presentation. This interactive training session is ideal for those who are new to the GIPS standards as well as those who want to refresh their skills.

The [Fundamentals of Performance Measurement and Attribution Workshop](#) is also scheduled for 18 September 2013 and will provide skills immediately useful in your work and offers a thorough understanding of the fundamentals of performance measurement with practical lessons for beginners and experienced analysts alike. Following a highly interactive small-group format, participants will be guided through a wide range of frequently used attribution, risk, and benchmark-analysis methods and reinforce them with live calculation exercises.

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standards conferences. Curious to know what is being said about the GIPS standards? Check out the GIPS standards' website for the [GIPS in the News](#) section which features related news articles.

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