



Pension Investment  
Association of Canada

Association canadienne des  
gestionnaires de caisses de retraite

## MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

**SINCE 1977** the Pension Investment Association of Canada has been the voice of Canada's pension funds. It is the leading provider of education and best practices for the pension sector. The membership includes plans in all jurisdictions in both the private and public sectors as well as DB, DC and hybrid plans.

PIAC's positions on public policy reflect the fiduciary framework in which member funds operate and its commitment to work in the best interests of plan members. PIAC is a forum in which Member pension funds share information and knowledge. Educational events are non-commercial and are designed By Members, For Members.

PIAC prides itself on the high level of participation and information sharing amongst members.

**PIAC represents over  
130 pension funds that  
manage total assets in  
excess of \$2.5 trillion on  
behalf of millions of  
Canadians.**



### Areas of activity include:

#### SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCES

- PIAC's conferences are designed "By Members For Members". Member participation in sessions provides insights from peers combined with the opportunity to share your valuable experience and knowledge. To provide outside expertise and a different perspective on issues faced every day, some sessions include presentations from industry experts. Other sessions are designed to be for "Members Only", which provide a unique environment for exchanging views. Unlike other industry conferences, there are no trade shows, no sponsors and no sales pitches.

#### NETWORKING WITH PEERS

- **PIAC Exchange** – This is what PIAC calls its online forum for members to share information and knowledge through the posting and answering of questions on a wide array of pension related topics.

It is meant to increase the opportunities for members to network with one another and to assist in building a body of knowledge.

- **Member Directory** – One of the greatest benefits of PIAC membership is the ability to share ideas and best practices with investment professionals like yourself. Use the Member Directory to find any PIAC Member using a variety of search criteria.
- **Opportunity to get involved** – An excellent opportunity to learn is by contributing to PIAC and to the advancement of the industry through participating on a committee. Network with like-minded peers from across Canada, and develop new business skills.



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## CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

- A key benefit of membership is access to highly sensitive and confidential information that is only available to PIAC members. Annually member funds are required to share the details of their assets portfolio and returns with other members.

## REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE COMMENTARY AND ADVOCACY

- PIAC's Government Relations Committee monitors regulatory and legislative developments in all jurisdictions across Canada and actively promotes the interests of members.

## INVESTMENT RESOURCES

- **Articles and Reports** – Members have access to valuable and insightful investment tools, commentary on regulatory issues, research and educational material, and templates and questionnaires to ensure they stay on top of best practices, trends, and regulatory developments within the pension sector.
- **Communiqué Newsletter** – Distributed quarterly, each issue is packed with in-depth articles discussing current topics of interest to pension professionals. Communiqué is also a great way to stay informed of upcoming PIAC events and conferences and recently released PIAC resources and submissions to government.
- **PIAC e-news** – Members receive regular emails regarding recent submissions to government, PIAC membership benefits and information on upcoming events.

## PIAC MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Canadian pension funds and their sponsor organizations are eligible for membership in PIAC. Employees who are responsible for the investment direction or administration of their pension fund, or serve in other management areas such as actuarial, accounting, communications, corporate governance, legal, responsible investment, risk management, tax, etc. serve as the participating representatives in PIAC.

Service providers, vendors, marketing and/or sales individuals (of products or other investment vehicles) or independent consultants for more than one pension fund are not eligible for membership.

Visit [piacweb.org](http://piacweb.org) to fill out an online application form. Members receive access to the Members' Only section of the website, which contains links to hundreds of resources, plus the full Asset & Returns Survey reports, the newsletter, the member directory and Exchange chat forum. You can also login to register for upcoming conferences and events.

## PIAC Vision

PIAC is the pre-eminent voice on pension investment issues that supports a strong and secure retirement income system in Canada.

## PIAC Mission

The mission of PIAC is to promote sound investment practices and good governance for the benefit of pension plan sponsors and beneficiaries.

## PIAC Goals

**Investment Best Practices:** We evaluate and promote prudent investment standards and practices.

**Knowledge Sharing:** We facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices to promote a high level of professional awareness and competence.

**Advocacy:** We proactively monitor and evaluate government policies and legislation and advocate appropriate changes.

**Good Governance:** We evaluate and promote sound pension and corporate governance standards and practices.