

# Distribution Conference for Financial Services

*Opportunities Ahead*



2017

**March 1 - 3**

Ft. Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**PROGRAM**

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# 2017 DISTRIBUTION CONFERENCE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

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### DISTRIBUTION OF WORKSHOPS

Please use this as a reference to select one workshop from each time period.

	THURSDAY, March 2 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	THURSDAY, March 2 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.	THURSDAY, March 2 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.	FRIDAY, March 3 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
<b>Agency-Building</b>	3. Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Achievement (Salon V)	8. Leadership Development: A Competitive Advantage (Salon V)	13. Practice versus Business: Give Your Field the Winning Edge (Salon V)	18. Advisors 2.0 — Practices Powered by Technology (Salon I/II/III)
<b>MLEA</b>	4. Changing History One Life at a Time (Salon I/II/III)	9. Teaming Grows Up! Moving From Experiment to Core Business Strategy <b>(FMR WORKSHOP)</b> (Salon I/II/III)	14. The Rapid Evolution of the Advisor/Agent (Salon I/II/III)	18. Advisors 2.0 — Practices Powered by Technology (Salon I/II/III)
<b>Independent Producer</b>	5. Manage From the Playbook Not the Scoreboard (Salon IV)	10. Opportunities for Success in the Affluent Millennial Market (Salon IV)	15. Finding and Understanding Untapped Distribution (Salon IV)	19. Succession Planning — A Marathon Not a Sprint (Salon IV)
<b>Brokerage</b>	6. The Role of Reinsurance: From Anecdote to Fact (Salon VI)	11. The Changing Face of America (VII/VIII)	16. Wholesaling Insurance Into Institutions: Past, Present, or Future? (Salon VI)	20. Tackling Technology: Making It Work for Distribution (Salon V)
<b>Direct-to-Consumer</b>	7. In Line for Online: The Market for Internet Sales (Salon VII/VIII)	12. Online Options: Different Paths to Success (VII)	17. Casting a Wider Net: Attracting New Customers and Monetizing In-Force (Salon VII/VIII)	21. Prepping Your Contact Center to Stay Within the DOLines <b>CANCELLED</b>

## ◀ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 ▶

### VALUE-ADDED WORKSHOPS — 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

*Caribbean Ballroom, Salon V*

#### 1. Your Competition Is Not Who You Think It Is

**SARAH SCHMIDT**, Director, Product Management, Assessment and Development Solutions, LIMRA

*Caribbean Ballroom, Salon IV*

#### 2. Beyond Digital: Competing in a Connected World

**BETSY HUBBARD**, Founder, COO & President, Mindset Digital

### WOMEN LEADERS' RECEPTION — 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

*Miami, 2nd Floor*

Explore and exchange questions, ideas, and solutions with other women executives in the industry.

*For LIMRA members only.*

### HOSPITALITY RECEPTION — 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

*Lobby Bar*

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### LIMRA WELCOME RECEPTION — 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

*Ocean View Terrace*

## ◀ THURSDAY, MARCH 2 ▶

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST — 7:15 to 8:00 a.m.

*Grand Ballroom F, 3rd Floor*

### GENERAL SESSIONS — 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

*Grand Ballroom B/C, 3rd Floor*

#### *Explore the Opportunities Ahead*



**JAMES W. KERLEY, LLIF**  
Chief Membership Officer  
LIMRA, LOMA, and LL Global

#### *Industry's Challenges and Opportunities Ahead*



**BRIAN WINIKOFF**  
Senior Executive Director  
Head of AXA's US Life, Retirement and  
Wealth Management Businesses  
AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company

#### *Fiscal Debates: Economic Analysis of an Uncertain Future*



**TODD BUCHHOLZ**  
Former White House Director of Economic  
Policy and CNBC Regular

### REFRESHMENT BREAK — 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

*Grand Ballroom F, 3rd Floor*

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## CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon V

### 3. Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Achievement (AB)

**PAMELA BLALOCK**, Senior Vice President, Career Distribution, National Life Financial Advisors; **WILLIAM PIENIAS**, Senior Vice President, Foresters Financial Services; *Moderator: STEVE REEVES, LUTCF, LLIF*, Vice President of Sales, Western & Southern Financial Group

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon I/II/III

### 4. Changing History One Life at a Time (MLEA)

**LUCAS WEY**, Regional Associate Manager, Farm Bureau Insurance Company of Michigan; **KRISTEL WOMBLES**, Manager, Agency Services, State Farm; **KRISTI ZIMMERMAN**, Manager Field Sales Recruiting, COUNTRY Financial; *Moderator: VICTOR J. VERCHEREAU, LUTCF, LLIF*, Vice President, Marketing, Farm Bureau Insurance Company of Michigan

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon IV

### 5. Manage From the Playbook Not the Scoreboard (IP)

**MICHAEL COX**, Sale Vice President, Midland National; **TODD REIMERS, CLU, LLIF**, Senior Vice President, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Assurity Life Insurance Company; **ANTHONY VOSSENBERG**, Consultant; *Moderator: JERRY BLAIR, LLIF, ChFC*, Vice President, Chief Distribution and Sales Officer, Midland National

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon VI

### 6. The Role of Reinsurance: From Anecdote to Fact (BR)

**SUSAN GHALILI**, Vice President & Chief Underwriter, John Hancock; **WILLIAM MOORE**, Vice President, Underwriting & Medical, Munich Re; **DAVID WHEELER**, Executive Vice President, Head of U.S. Mortality Markets, RGA; *Moderator: GARTH GARLOCK*, Senior Vice President, Chief Distribution Officer, North American Company

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon VII/VIII

### 7. In Line on Online: The Market for Internet Sales (DC)

**JENNIFER DOUGLAS**, Research Director, Developmental Research, LIMRA; **PATRICK LEARY, LLIF**, Corporate Vice President, Distribution Research, LIMRA

## LUNCHEON — 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom F, 3rd Floor

## CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS — 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon V

### 8. Leadership Development: A Competitive Advantage (AB)

**MATT MCDOWELL**, Director of Targeted Office Support, Northwestern Mutual; **NIKKI SORUM, MBA**, Divisional Vice President, Thrivent Financial; *Moderator: JESSICA MADIGAN, CLU*, Director, Leadership Development, Securian Financial Group

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon I/II/III

### 9. Teaming Grows Up! Moving From Experiment to Core Business Strategy (MLEA/FMR)

**SHARON KELLY**, Vice President, Field Programs & Recognition, Prudential; **JOE O'CONNOR, FSA, MAAA**, Assistant Vice President, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company; *Moderator: ELENA OCHIANI*, Director, Field Compensation, Thrivent

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon IV

### 10. Opportunities for Success in the Affluent Millennial Market (IP)

**DAVID FINE**, Director Customer Experience Strategy, Pacific Life Insurance Company; **DARIA LEE SHARMAN**, Assistant Vice President Strategy and Applied Analytics, Pacific Life Insurance Company; *Moderator: GREG REBER*, Vice President, Independent Producer Network, Pacific Life Insurance Company

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon VII/VIII

### 11. The Changing Face of America (BR)

**TARIQ KHAN**, CEO, Global Diversity Marketing; **VINCE VITIELLO**, President, Global Diversity Marketing; *Moderator: NICHOLAS B. JASA*, Vice President, Individual Sales, Assurity Life

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon VI

### 12. Online Options: Different Paths to Success (DC)

**JEFF HACKETT**, Vice President, Online Sales & Marketing, Protective Life Insurance Company; *Moderator: LAUREN MCCALLUM*, Client Relations Manager, LIMRA

## REFRESHMENT BREAK — 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

Beverages in Caribbean Foyer

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## CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS — 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

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### 13. Practice versus Business: Give Your Field the Winning Edge (AB)

**ROBERT CLEMENTS, J.D., SCEC**, Co-founder, Co-owner, Marketing Director, Benchmark Business Group, LLC; Moderator: **SHELLY MEIGHAN, CLU, MBA**, Assistant Vice President, Principal Advisor Network

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon I/II/III

### 14. The Rapid Evolution of the Advisor/Agent (MLEA)

**ELLEN KUGEL**, Director, New Agent Development, MetLife; **SETH REDIGER**, Sales District Leader, American Family; Moderator: **ROB QUESNEL**, Director, Talent Development, American Family

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon IV

### 15. Finding and Understanding Untapped Distribution (IP)

**RICH BRUGGER**, Vice President, National Accounts, Prudential; **CARLO MULVENNA, CLU**, Vice President, Domestic Group Business, Pan-American US Group; Moderator: **LUKE COSME**, Senior Vice President, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon VI

### 16. Wholesaling Insurance Into Institutions: Past, Present, or Future? (BR)

**DAVID BRAUN**, Senior Vice President, Institutional Distribution, Highland Capital Brokerage; **CLARK SMITH**, Senior Vice President, Head of Insurance and Annuity Sales, Sun Trust Private Wealth Management; Moderator: **JOHN KNOWLES**, Vice President, Senior Account Director, Lincoln Financial

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon VII/VIII

### 17. Casting a Wider Net: Attracting New Customers and Monetizing In-Force (DC)

**JAMES GALLI**, EVP, Business Strategy & Innovation, Legal & General America; **GLENN ROTHENBERG**, Head of Marketing, Farmers Life Insurance; Moderator: **STEVE GAERTNER**, SVP, Distribution Strategies, ReMark USA

## REFRESHMENT BREAK — 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Grand Ballroom F, 3rd Floor

## GENERAL SESSION — 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Grand Ballroom B/C, 3rd Floor

### FLIP: Proven Strategies for Turning Challenge Into Opportunity and Change Into Competitive Advantage



#### PETER SHEAHAN

Business Trends Expert; Best-Selling Author; Founder and CEO  
Karrikins Group

## HOSPITALITY RECEPTION — 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Caribbean Ballroom, Salon I/II/III

### 18. Advisors 2.0 — Practices Powered by Technology (AB/MLEA)

**FIONA CUDDY**, Assistant Vice President, Distribution Operations Support, Great West Life; **FANETTE SINGER**, Senior Vice President Marketing, Country Financial; Moderator: **ROBERT "ROB" POPAZZI, CLU, CHS, BA**, Assistant Vice President, Sales Force Growth and Development, Sun Life Financial Distributors

Caribbean Ballroom, Salon IV

### 19. Succession Planning — A Marathon Not a Sprint (IP)

**LAURA MURACH, ACS, FLMI**, Associate Research Director, LIMRA; **JAMES WONG**, President, Partners Advantage Insurance Services; Moderator: **BECKY CUMMINGS, MBA, CIC, LUTCF, LLIF, CPIW**, National Sales Manager, US Life & Annuities, Foresters Financial

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### 20. Tackling Technology: Making It Work for Distribution (BR)

**CHAD FERRELL**, Senior Vice President, Marketing, American National Insurance; **PAUL KLIMEK**, CEO, Apptical Corp.; **GEORGE "CHIP" VAN DUESEN, IV**, President, Diversified Brokerage Services, Inc.; *Moderator:* **DAVID SHERIDAN**, Vice President, Managing Director, Brokerage, Protective

### REFRESHMENT BREAK AND EXHIBITOR PRIZE

**DRAWING** — 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

*Grand Ballroom F, 3rd Floor*

### GENERAL SESSIONS — 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

*Grand Ballroom B/C, 3rd Floor*

### *Riding the Experience Business Wave: How to Harness the Power of Digital to Improve Customer Experiences*



**CHRISTOPHER YOUNG**

*Director of Industry Strategy for Financial Services  
Adobe*

### *DOL: The Silver Lining*



**DAVID MACCHIA**

*Founder and CEO  
Wealth2k*



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- Always retain your right to make an independent judgment on behalf of your company.

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