

## Prospective Training Topics for Investment Committee

### Conning Asset Management

- **Fixed income markets and portfolio management**  
Basic principles of portfolio construction and investment risk parameters.
- **Duration management and yield curve mechanics\***  
A look at what drives interest rate changes and yield curve reshaping, and how duration management is implemented in a liability-driven portfolio context.

\* This topic has been presented previously to State Fund's Board of Directors

### New England Asset Management

- **Bond Math**  
This is a presentation for clients and boards. It is helpful, in that it explains not only the calculations behind duration and convexity, but what those numbers mean in terms of a reflection of the overall portfolio.
- **Challenges of reaching for yield in the current market**  
A presentation outlining the challenges of reaching for yield in the current market based on the current economic policy, ongoing situation in the Eurozone/Asia, and the difficulties facing the consumers contribution to the economy.