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Brent Godson, CFA, CPA, CMA
Brent has been the Director of Investments & Financial Management at Co-operative Superannuation Society Pension Plan (CSS Pension Plan) for the last 13 years. Brent is responsible for all aspects of the Plan's investment program including investment strategy, compliance, research, manager oversight, and administration. Pioneered in 1939, the CSS Pension Plan is one of the oldest and largest defined contribution (DC) pension plans in Canada serving over 340 independent member Co-operatives and Credit Unions and their 50,000 current and past employees. The $4.8 Billion Plan offers its members four daily unitized investment funds as well as 2 retirement income options- a fixed monthly pension, and a variable payment option. Brent has over 30 years' experience in the financial and accounting industry and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CMA), and CFA Charterholder.

GARY HUTCH. CMA
Executive Director, Investment Services
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Gary Hutch, CMA
Gary became the Director of Investment Services at the Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) in 2016. In his 11 years with PEBA, Gary has held several positions in Investment Services, including Investment Analyst, Manager, Assistant Director, and Acting Director. Prior to joining PEBA, Gary progressed through several roles at Crown Life, Canada Life and Great West Life giving him almost twenty years in the investment industry. Gary also worked as an accountant prior to moving into the investment industry.
As the Director, Gary has overall responsibility for the Investment Services area, focusing his time on the strategic vision for his two teams and the strategic investment structure and direction of the pension and benefit plans administrated by PEBA. This includes structure reviews of PEBA's largest pension plans, MEPP and PEPP, and leading service provider competitions and engagements, and facilitating any investment research, training and education, transitions, and budget and human resource considerations.
Gary has a Bachelor of Administration degree from the University of Regina and is a Certified Management Accountant (Saskatchewan), and has taken a number of industry courses such as the School of Pension Investment Management, the Humber College Pension Plan Administration Certificate, and the Institutional Limited Partners Association Private Equity Executive Education.

HELEN PARISONE
Manager, Pensions
Farm Credit Canada

Helen Parisone, B. Admin
Helen is the Manager, Pensions at Farm Credit Canada and has been with the organization for just under a year.
Prior to that, Helen was with Great West Life (now Canada Life) for a total of 18 years. She began her career in individual life insurance for both the US and Canadian division for approximately 8 years. She then transferred into the recordkeeping side, specializing in US employer sponsored retirement plans under the Empower Retirement brand. Helen specialized in 401(k), 403(b) and 457 plans while working for Empower and managed several operations teams locally in Regina and remotely in Denver and Kansas City.
Helen obtained her Bachelor of Administration degree at the University of Regina and is currently working towards completing her PPAC designation.

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Jeffrey King, CFA, Senior Consultant
Jeffrey King is a Senior Consultant in the Regina Office of Aon. Jeffrey delivers advice and guidance on all investment related items to institutional funds of all kinds in the prairies. Areas of Specialization - Working with clients ranging from workers compensation funds, public and private pension plans, public and private foundations, to multi-employer pension plans, Jeffrey has developed a broad array of experience and expertise. Jeffrey supports clients through strategic planning guidance, investment policy development, asset optimization modeling, asset liability modeling studies, manager reviews, manager searches, transition management projects, and performance monitoring and analysis. Jeffrey is registered as an associate advising representative and dealing representative (exempt market) with the Securities Division of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan. He has contributed to industry events sponsored by the Canadian Pension Benefits Institute and the Association of Canadian Pension Management. Jeffrey has been with Aon for 18 years, joining shortly after the completion of his Bachelor of Administration Degree at the University of Regina. Jeffrey received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 2004.

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