Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in December 2015. Those planning to attend should make hotel reservations at the Washington Marriott Hotel at 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and should send registration notices along with registration fees to the COGR office. There is a block of rooms reserved for COGR participants and must be booked by **Tuesday, February 2, 2016**. After this block fills, reservations will be accepted only on a space and rate available basis. There may still be rooms available at the hotel, but these would not have the COGR rate. For reservations already made, changes should be made by telephone to the hotel (202-872-1500) and by email to the COGR office at trusso@cogr.edu. Meeting registration cancellations must be received in writing, preferably via email to trusso@cogr.edu, **no later than Friday, February 19, 2016** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Thursday Morning Sessions** – There are three sessions on Thursday morning.

**Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (Common Rule)**

Dr. Jeffrey Botkin, Professor of Pediatrics, Chief, Division of Medical Ethics and Humanities, and Associate Vice President for Research, University of Utah, and Chair of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP), will join us by videoconference to discuss SACHRP’s response to the Common Rule NPRM and challenges to reforming the human subjects oversight system. Dr. David Strauss, Director, Psychiatric Research, New York State Psychiatric Institute, Vice Chairman for Research Administration, Ethics and Policy, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and a member of the Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) Board of Directors (Invited) will discuss PRIM&R’s response to the NPRM. Preliminary findings from COGR’s review of the Common Rule NPRM responses will be presented.

**NIH Update on Grant Closeout Policy and Other Costing Committee Issues.** Michelle Bulls and Tony Corio from NIH will provide an update on the FFR/FCTR/PMS requirements and challenges
under the new 120-day reporting deadline. As time permits, we will provide updates on other issues in which the Costing Committee is engaged.

Open Licensing: Wave of the Future?: On November 3 the Department of Education (Ed) proposed to require open licenses to the public for all copyrightable intellectual grant funds created under competitive Ed grants (except research grants awarded by the Institute of Education Sciences). COGR and other higher ed. associations objected to the proposed requirement as inconsistent with the goal of commercializing federally-funded IP and on quality control grounds (see comment letter on COGR website and http://www.edcentral.org/divideoveropen/ for criticism of the COGR position). Nevertheless, it appears other agencies may be considering or have issued similar policies as part of their Uniform Guidance implementation (on December 30 the Labor Dept. issued a policy requiring a Creative Commons Attribution License for all IP developed under competitive Federal awards). A panel including open licensing proponents from the Association of Research Libraries and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition will discuss their perspectives on open licensing and other open access issues and the concerns of various stakeholders. Fred Reinhart, current President of AUTM (and member of the COGR CIP Committee) will moderate the session.

- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker:** David Mader, Controller and Acting Deputy Director for the Office of Management and Budget

- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**

- 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – **University and Federal Agency Efforts to Reduce Administrative Burden.** This session will focus on how universities, both independently and in partnership with federal agencies, can reduce the administrative workload associated with federally funded research. Dr. Richard Buckius, Deputy Director, National Science Foundation, and Jean Feldman, Head of the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, NSF Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management (Invited) will discuss NSF’s efforts to reduce unnecessary administrative work. Members of COGR’s Research and Regulatory Reform Committee, Sara Bible (Stanford University), Lois Brako (University of Michigan) and Ara Tahmassian (Harvard) will discuss efforts at their institutions and others to reduce administrative work associated with human research/IRB, animal research/IACUC and pre- and post-award compliance.

- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Break**

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **Controlled Unclassified Information and the Cybersecurity Challenge.** Over the past several months the Department of Defense (DoD) has issued new rules for safeguarding covered defense information including controlled unclassified information (CUI) and reporting cyber incidents involving such information. The safeguarding rules implement the NIST SP 800-171 security standards as compliance requirements for DoD contracts while the reporting requirements apply more broadly to DoD funded awards. They have substantial compliance implications for COGR member institutions. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), which has overall government oversight responsibility for CUI, has published a CUI registry and is developing a FAR clause and
marking requirements for handling CUI government-wide. A panel including DoD and NARA representatives will discuss the new requirements and current plans. Many COGR members have expressed concerns about the implications; this session will offer the opportunity to hear and discuss firsthand these issues with government and other university representatives.

- 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Cocktail Reception & Buffet Dinner

Friday, February 26, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - Buffet Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. COGR Committee Reports
  
  Research Compliance and Administration  
  Contract and Intellectual Property  
  Costing Policies  
  Research & Regulatory Reform  
  (Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)

- 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. – Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act) Implementation and Section 5 Pilot. Karen Lee, Chief, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget and Mike Peckham, Director, Department of Health and Human Services DATA Act PMO, will provide an update on the implementation of the DATA Act. The session will include discussion on planned test models for data collection, such as standardizing notices of award and consolidating federal financial reports, and how universities have and can engage in planning, data collection and related activities.

- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Break

- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – COGR Committee Reports Continued

- 12:00 Noon – Adjournment