



*Advancing Effective Research Policy*

## Virtual Membership Meeting

February 25-28, 2025

# Meeting Agenda

*Zoom links for each session will be sent the week prior to the meeting and again one day and one hour before each session. All times are EST.*

### Tuesday, February 25

**12:00 Noon – 1:15 pm**

**Opening Remarks: COGR Board Chair Naomi Schrag, Columbia University, and President Matt Owens**

**Featured Speaker: Dr. Marcia McNutt, President of the National Academy of Sciences**

**1:30 pm – 2:45 pm**

### **Category 1 and Category 2 Research: The DURC/PEPP Storm Coming to Your Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)**

*Panelists for this session include Michael Betteken, Compliance Manager: IBC, ESCRO, DURC, Hemp, Cornell University, Sherry Bohn, President of ABSA International and Executive Director, Environmental Health and Safety Operations, University of Maryland, Jessica Bourquin, Director of Biosafety and Biological Safety Officer, Texas A&M University, and Sepideh Sefidvash-Hockley, Director, Research Safety & Compliance, Pennsylvania State University. Panelists will discuss how their institutions are addressing the U.S. Government Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential (PEPP) with a focus on the recent NIH Guide Notice (NOT-OD-25-061) detailing NIH's implementation expectations.*

#### **Background Materials:**

- [Implementation Guidance for the US Government Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential](#)
- [COGR November Update: NIH's Implementation of OSTP DURC/PEPP Policy & January's NIH Notice NOT-OD-25-061](#)
- [COGR Letter to OSTP Regarding RFI on Potential Changes to the Policies for Oversight of DURC and P3CO Policy Framework \(October 2023\)](#)
- [COGR's February 2025 Update: NIH's Implementation of OSTP DURC/PEPP Policy \(pg.43\)](#)

**3:30 – 5:00 pm****Considering the Potential NIH 15% F&A Cost Reimbursement Rate and Its Institutional Impacts**

Panelists will include Caroline Beeman, Director, Maximus, [Robert Butera](#), Chief Research Operations Officer, Georgia Tech, [Mark Davis](#), Managing Partner and Attain Research Lead, Attain Partners, and [Wendy Meister](#), Managing Director, Huron. This session will be moderated by [Jeremy Forsberg](#), Associate Vice President for Research, University of Texas at Arlington and Chair of COGR's Costing and Financial Compliance Committee.

**Background Materials:**

- [NIH's Supplemental Guidance to the 2024 NIH Grants Policy Statement: Indirect Cost Rates](#)
- [COGR's Information & Resource Page on the NIH 15% Cap on Indirect Cost Reimbursement](#)
- [COGR's February Update: NIH Grants Policy Notice Reducing F&A Rate to 15% \(pg.16\)](#)

**Wednesday, February 26****12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm****What's Hot in Cybersecurity & Implications for Institutions**

Long-anticipated changes to the cybersecurity landscape are finally upon us. This past December, the expanded DOD CMMC (CMMC 2.0) requirements went into effect and HHS proposed significant updates to the HIPAA Security Rule. Last month, the FAR Council published its proposed CUI clause to establish a government-wide standard. Panelists [Melissa Bianchi](#), Partner, Hogan Lovells, and [Laura Raderman](#), Policy and Compliance Coordinator at Carnegie Mellon University will discuss what you need to know and the potential implications for your institution.

**Background Materials:**

- [COGR's Overview of DoD Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification 2.0-Effective December 16, 2024](#)
- COGR February 2025 Update:
  - [DOD Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification \(pg. 26\)](#)
  - [HHS NPRM – HIPAA Security Rule to Strengthen the Cybersecurity of Electronic Protected Health Information \(pg. 46\)](#)
  - [COGR FAR Controlled Unclassified Information Amendment \(pg. 19\)](#)

**2:30 pm- 3:30 pm****What's On the Horizon for Technology Transfer**

*This past year, the technology transfer community was mainly focused on NIST's March-In Rights Framework. Yet, there were a lot of other activities happening in Congress and the federal agencies that could have an impact on commercialization. In this session, join [Stephen Susalka](#), Chief Executive Officer, AUTM and [Walter Copan](#), Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, Colorado School of Mines who will look at regulatory and legislative issues impacting technology transfer and what may be on the horizon in the new administration.*

**4:00 pm – 5:30 pm****Getting Ready: Institutional Benchmarking Covering Topics of Interest in Research Security (including training, NIST 800-171, and more)**

*Join COGR member and ERI pilot institutions for an engaging discussion on research security. This session will explore institutional approaches to research security training, cybersecurity, and genomic data security requirements. Through live polling, attendees will gain insights into institutional approaches to these critical topics. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with our panelists: [Thomas Burns](#), Vice Provost for Research Affairs at Johns Hopkins University, [Tam Dao](#), Assistant Vice President for Research Security, Rice University, [Allen DiPalma](#), Executive Director, Office of Research Security & Trade Compliance, University of Pittsburgh, and [Jennifer Donais](#), Assistant Vice President of Research Integrity and Compliance, Chapman University.*

**Background Materials:**

- [COGR November Update – DOE's Financial Assistance Letter, Research Security Training Requirements for all R&D Financial Assistance Awards](#)
- [Updated Summary of Recent Updates to the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy](#)
- [COGR's Quick Reference Table of Current & Upcoming Federal Research Security Requirements](#)
- [COGR's Matrix of Science & Security Laws, Regulations, and Policies](#)

**Thursday, February 27****11:30 am – 1:00 pm****An Overview of the Executive Orders (EOs) and Agency Responses: Implications for Institutions**

*Panelists will include [Michael Vernick](#), Partner, Akin & Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP, [Deborah Motton](#), Executive Director, Research Policy Analysis & Coordination, University of California President's Office, and [Elizabeth Peloso](#), Senior Associate Vice Provost/Sr. Associate Vice President for Research, University of Pennsylvania. Panelists will discuss the legal and institutional implications of the Trump Administration's Executive Orders with a focus on the order regarding DEI, gender ideology, foreign aid, and putting "America First."*

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**Background Materials:**

- [COGR's Resource Page on 2025 Administration Actions](#)
- [COGR's Summary Tracker of Executive Orders](#)
- [COGR Letters to Trump Administration on Reducing Red Tape Affecting Research](#)
- [Executive Order Tracker \(Akin\) & Executive Order Overview \(Akin\)](#)
- [COGR's February 2025 Update \(starts on pg.8\)](#)

**1:45 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Explain Facilities & Administrative Costs. You Have Thirty Seconds**

*If you know what F&A costs are and how research institutions are reimbursed for them, you possess uncommon knowledge. Despite hundreds of pages of explanations, analogies, graphics and other devices at our fingertips, we struggle to find the right message at the right time to inform the right people. In this session, join [Kelvin Droegemeier](#), Professor and Special Advisor to the Chancellor for Science and Policy at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and [Jeremy Forsberg](#), Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at Arlington to discuss identifying the audiences that matter most and the right messages and communication tools to effectively illuminate the truth about F&A costs and their reimbursement.*

**Background Materials:**

- [F&A Cost Reimbursement Educational Materials](#)

**Friday, February 28**

**12 Noon – 1:30 pm**

**Legislative Update and Outlook**

*[Meredith Asbury](#), Assistant Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy, Association of American Universities (AAU), and [Craig Lindwarm](#), Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU), and [Tannaz Rasouli](#), Senior Director for Public Policy & Strategic Outreach at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) will discuss with COGR President [Matt Owens](#) the latest legislative developments and outlook this year for federal higher education and research policy and funding. Among the issues to be discussed: FY25 and FY26 appropriations for higher education and research programs, federal budget reconciliation, research security, facilities and administrative costs reimbursement, and more.*

**2:00 pm – 3:30 pm****Committee Reports & Hot Topics**

*COGR Committee Chairs will provide important updates on Committee initiatives and issues they're closely engaged in, with a focus on hot topics. Speakers include [Jeremy Forsberg](#), Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at Arlington and Costing and Financial Compliance (CFC) Chair, [Lisa Mosley](#), Executive Director, Office of Sponsored Projects, Yale University and Contracts & Grants Administration (CGA) Chair, [Deborah Motton](#), Executive Director, Research Policy Analysis & Coordination, University of California President's Office and Research Ethics & Compliance (REC) Chair, [Jennifer Ponting](#), Associate Vice President for Research Administration, University of Chicago and Research Security & Intellectual Property (RSIP) Chair. In addition, COGR Research Ethics & Compliance Director Kristin West will present on the results of COGR's Transition Impact Survey.*