



February 7, 2018

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL
FEBRUARY 22-23, 2018

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in August 2017. 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, January 30, 2018**. 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 not at 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 16, 2018** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**

Thursday Morning Session

- 10: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Working Through Frenzy in Washington.** The session will cover a host of issues including the status of the federal and research budget, immigration reform, free speech on campus, implications of tax reform, and other topics that are drawing significant attention in the Nation’s Capital. Some of the discussion will be prospective, some retrospective, and all discussion will be around the common theme of how Washington currently is functioning and what to expect for the rest of 2018.
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – **Panel on Industrial Hemp/Medical Marijuana Research.** COGR will convene a panel to discuss issues associated with conducting medical marijuana research and industrial hemp research. The discussion will begin with the current climate, recently introduced legislation, issues at the federal level pursuant to differences under the Farm Bill and the Controlled Substances Act. We’ll hear from our panel experts on state specific issues (e.g., California, Colorado, and Washington State) and close with next steps for COGR advocacy and taking questions from the audience.
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. - **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – **NSF Office of Inspector General Audits and Reports.** National Science Foundation Assistant Inspector General for Audit Mark Bell, and Deputy Assistant Marie Maguire, will speak about ongoing changes to how the OIG assesses risk and conducts audits, including updates to the OIG’s risk matrix, greater use of internal auditors, enhanced flexibility with external audit contracts, addressing issues consistently identified in audit,

and early communication with NSF staff on the merit of potential findings. Recent reports, including the OIG's report on responsible conduct of research, ongoing or recently completed audits, including reviews of single audit and subrecipient monitoring, and planned audits that impact grantees will be discussed.

- 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – **HHS OHRP Update on the Common Rule.** Health and Human Services Office for Human Research Protections Director Dr. Jerry Menikoff will discuss the Common Rule, including the recent delay in the effective date, request for comments, and an additional proposed delay, and will take your questions.
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - **Break**
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **COGR Committee Reports**
Research Compliance and Administration
Contracts and Intellectual Property
Costing Policies
Research & Regulatory Reform
(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Thursday afternoon's discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)
- 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - **Cocktails and Buffet Dinner**

Friday, February 23, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Guest Speaker Dr. Jeannette Wing – Director, Data Science Institute at Columbia University, former Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Research, and Former Director of the NSF Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering.** Dr. Wing has a unique perspective and ability to assess the status of the Government – University-Industry relationship, and also how computer and information science is crucial to efforts to develop useful “Big Data” sets and systems to achieve the goals envisioned for open science.
- 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. –**Update on IRIS.** Dr. Jason Owen-Smith will present the latest developments on the efforts of the Institute for Research on Innovation and Science (IRIS) to develop metrics on the economic value of research at multiple levels across the country.
- 10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m. – **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. –12:00 Noon – **The State of U.S. Science.** A member of the National Science Board and/or NSF staff will discuss the recent release of the Board's biennial report Science and Engineering Indicators. Hear the latest data on U.S. investments in science and engineering research and development, foreign investments in R&D and other key indicators.
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**