



October 17, 2017

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL
OCTOBER 26-27, 2017

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 Friday, October 6, 2017**. 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, October 20, 2017** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, October 26, 2017

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

Thursday Morning Concurrent Sessions

- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Research Compliance & Administration Current Issues & Priorities. Members of the Research Compliance and Administration (RCA) Committee will provide updates to topic areas covered within the committee, including but not limited to an update on current conundrums with Public Access initiatives, survey results regarding PMS and Treasury's ASAP systems, and an update on subaward initiatives.

Meet the Costing Committee

This session will cover current issues in which the Costing Committee is engaged, including potential issues which could be applicable over the next year. In addition, we will introduce the full Committee and reinforce the importance for the Membership to be empowered to reach out to the Costing Committee and raise issues that are applicable to your institution.

- 10:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Contracts & Intellectual Property Current Issues & Priorities. Members of the COGR Contracts and Intellectual Property Committee (CIP) will discuss current issues and priorities, including dealing with controlled unclassified information; challenges in technology transfer including march-in requests, drug pricing issues, and calls for greater returns on federal R&D investments; the Department of Education open licensing requirement; and challenges in relationships with foundations (also the subject of a panel session later in the day).

Research Quality and Reproducibility

Research and Regulatory Reform committee member Naomi Schrag, Vice President for Research Compliance, Training, and Policy, Columbia University, will moderate this session on research quality and reproducibility. Panelists will include Bob Finkelstein, Director, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Ross McKinney, Chief Scientific Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges; and Rebecca Osthus, Science Policy Analyst, American Physiological Society.

- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
New(ish) COGR Meeting Attendees – Join COGR President Anthony DeCrappeo in the West End Room to learn more about COGR!
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker Nina Easton.** Nina Easton is Chair, Fortune Most Powerful Women International, Co-Chair, Fortune Global Forum; Principal, Sellers Easton Media and Fox News Analyst. From 2005-2016 Nina was a senior editor and award-winning columnist at Fortune magazine. For nearly two decades, she was a regular TV commentator, providing inside analysis on U.S. elections, Washington politics, foreign affairs, and the economy for top national news shows. She was a prime-time panelist on Fox News Special Report and Fox News Sunday, and also provided commentary on such programs as NBC's Meet the Press, CBS's Face the Nation.
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - **Advancing the Partnership between Foundations and Research Institutions.** The role of Foundations in supporting research is critical to the performance of diverse scientific endeavors, discovery of new treatments and cures for serious and often fatal diseases, and the support and establishment of early career investigators. A panel comprising representatives from Foundations, University and Nonprofit Research Institutions will share perspectives on the partnership and new opportunities to address issues of mutual interest.
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. - **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – **Update on Challenges to Facilities and Administrative Costs.** We will provide the latest information on the Administration and Congressional actions with respect to F&A rates and costs, including a House of Representatives hearing that is scheduled for October 24th at 10 a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **Alternatives to Effort Reporting.** This session will provide an update by the “Cohort for Alternatives to Effort Reporting” organization on their recent activities and next steps. Paul Coleman, a former NSF fraud investigator, and representatives from the SUNY System will join a panel to share expertise, experience and perspective on alternatives to effort reporting. A new system implemented in early 2017 at SUNY Buffalo, which was reviewed by the institution's single auditors, will be used as a case study.
- 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - **Reception & Buffet Dinner**

Friday, October 27, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **The Federal Budget and Legislative Outlook for Research.** Jennifer Zeitzer, Director, Office of Legislative Relations, and Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, and Matt Owens, Vice President for Federal Relations and Administration, Association of American Universities, will discuss the federal budget outlook for research and other legislative initiatives that could impact the research community.
- 9:30 a.m.—10:15 a.m. – **Animal Research Regulatory Reform.** Research and Regulatory Reform committee members J.R. Haywood, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Michigan State University, and Ara

Tahmassian, Chief Research Compliance Officer, Harvard University, will discuss the release and roll-out of the FASEB-AAMC-COGR-NABR report and recommendations on reducing regulatory burden for federally funded research involving the use of animals.

- 10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. – **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. –12:00 Noon – **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 Friday morning’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)**
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**