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October 2013 COGR Meeting Agenda

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PLEASE NOTE: The participation of Federal officials in the COGR meeting is contingent on resolution of the government shutdown.

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

October 24 and 25, 2013

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in July 2013. 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. Those planning to attend will want to make their travel and hotel reservations. There is a block of rooms reserved for COGR participants. After this block fills, reservations will be accepted only on a space and rate available basis.

The hotel has established Tuesday; October 8, 2013 as the cut-off date for receipt of reservations. 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 FAX to the COGR office (202-289-6698). Cancellations must be received in writing, via fax or mail, no later than Thursday, October 17, 2013 to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, October 24, 2013

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – **Thursday Morning Sessions** – There will be three concurrent sessions:
- **NSF New PAPPG** - In May, 2013, the National Science Foundation (NSF) announced its intent to publish a revised *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) effective January 2014. The usual process for the revision of the Guide includes a release of the revisions in October with a January effective date. The Federal government “funding lapse” (aka shutdown) that began on October 1 will delay any such release until after the shutdown but may not delay the effective date.

Jean Feldman, head of the NSF Policy Office, will join us to describe the revisions to the Guide and provide any additional timely updates, e.g., any needed adjustments to program deadlines occasioned by the shutdown, etc. We encourage members to prepare for the discussion by reviewing the new PPAG as soon as it is available. (Ms. Feldman’s participation will be contingent on the status of the Federal government’s operation.)

In commenting on the proposed revisions, COGR acknowledged the addition of process and procedures that have been previously announced, e.g., the use of the government's System for Award Management (SAM) for institutional registration, and new requirements, e.g., assessment of environmental impacts as appropriate to a project. We objected to modifications in financial conflicts of interest reporting and bemoaned the lack of F&A recovery on any portion of participants' costs.

- **Contracts and Intellectual Property Committee (CIP) Hot Topics** - Members of the CIP committee will discuss a number of current issues and concerns. These include the status of the export control reform initiative, the revised DOD/DFARS 7000 clause, attempts to legislatively fix the dysfunctional America Invents Act grace period for scientific publications, pending anti-patent troll legislation and the implications for research institutions, eligibility for micro-entity patent filing status, issues related to the Bayh-Dole Act (e.g. recent public criticisms, march-in requests to NIH), the TRANSFER Act recently introduced by Rep. Collins (R—NY) and similar initiatives and other current topics. COGR members are invited to suggest additional items for further discussion.
- **NIH Subaccounting/Close-out Policies and Other Costing Issues** - Pending availability of NIH/HHS staff per the Federal Government shutdown, this session will address the recent policy changes at NIH. In addition, we will present other issues currently being reviewed by the COGR Costing Policies Committee.
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker** – Nina Easton, Washington Columnist and Senior Editor-at-Large, FORTUNE Magazine and Co-chair, Fortune Most Powerful Women Summit. As FORTUNE's Washington columnist, Nina Easton excels at explaining the peculiarities of the capital's decision-making, and its impact on today's economy. The current gridlock in Washington DC makes her insight all the more valuable and of great interest to research institutions.
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. - **OMB Grants Reform and Perspectives from Other Stakeholders** - A panel representing other grant recipient communities will provide their perspectives on the OMB grants reform initiative and other issues related to managing federal grants. Invited guests include representatives from State Governments, Tribal Governments, and Nonprofits.
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Break**
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **Research Budget Outlook and other Legislation Impacting Research** - At some point, whether sooner or later, Congress and the President will agree on a budget (?) and no organization does a better job analyzing and explaining the science and research budget than the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and Matt Hourihan, the AAAS Director of the R&D Budget and Policy Program. Also, there are other non-budget related bills under consideration by Congress that would significantly impact all areas of research. Matt Owens, Vice President for Federal Relations at the Association of

American Universities, will take us through the proposed legislation and explain measures and positions being taken by the science community on these bills.

- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – **Reception**
- 6:30 p.m. - **Dinner**

Friday, October 25, 2013

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. - **Association Update** - Discussion of Research Universities and the Future of America: A National Convocation on Breakthrough Actions, held on October 10, 2013.
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **COGR Committee Reports**

**Research Compliance and Administration
Contract and Intellectual Property
Costing Policies**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – **COGR Committee Reports Continue**

(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning discussion to ataylor@cogr.edu)

- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**

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