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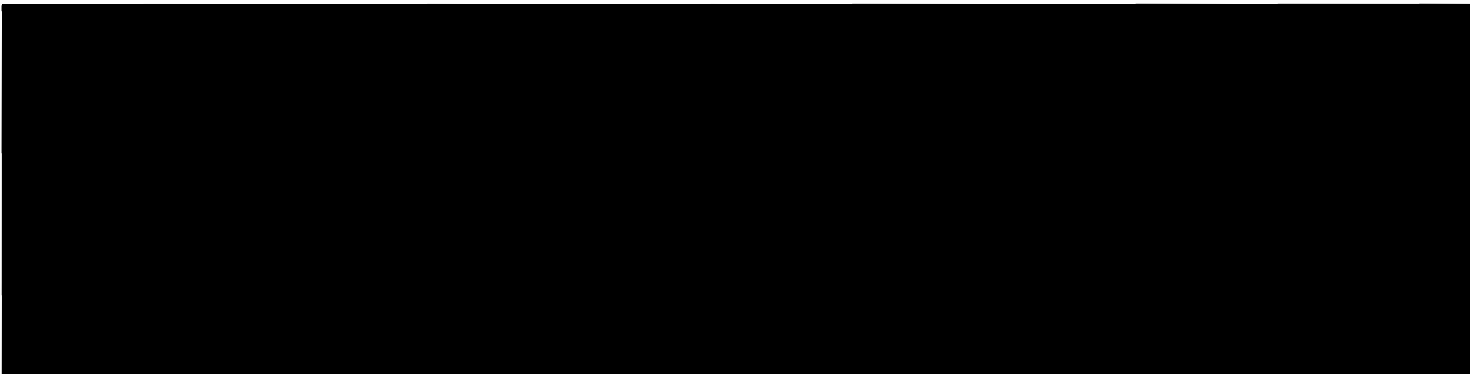
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## Business Agenda

Speakers and topics will be updated regularly. Please check back for updates and look for announcements on email!

### Saturday, August 12

- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **ERC Budget Committee Meeting (for members of the ERC Budget Committee Only)**
- 4:45 – 5: 45 pm **ERC Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**
- 6:00 pm **ERC Executive Committee & Corporate Contributors Dinner (by invitation only)**

### Sunday, August 13

- 8:30 – 9:30 am **ERC Annual Meeting Committee Breakfast Meeting**
- 10:00 am – 12:15 pm **ERC Executive Committee Meeting**
- ERC Executive Committee Luncheon**  
*Topic: The Future of Healthcare: Genome Based Medicine*  
Doctors' ability to diagnose disease is evolving quickly, but too often treatments are a best guess based on effectiveness over a general population. Precision medicine offers the potential to select the best treatment and dosage for individuals based on their genetic makeup. The Yale Center for Genomic Analysis is studying the genomic makeup of a large group of patients to track their health outcomes over time; this will be a major step forward in realizing the clinical potential of personalized medicine.
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
- 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Eastern Trade Council Board Meeting**
- Quad Caucus Meeting**  
**Climate Change and Communities of Color**  
As the federal government shifts its position on current environmental policy, states have become the primary policymakers addressing the question of climate change and its effects on communities of color. This Quad Caucus session will explore the ways in which states can engage communities of color using sustainable alternatives, including green collar jobs, to achieve environmental justice and reduce our carbon footprint.  
Presiding: Sen. Kevin Parker, New York  
**Speakers:**  
Charles D. Ellison, Washington Correspondent, *Philadelphia Tribune*  
Sen. Marvin Blyden, U.S. Virgin Islands  
Dr. Serpil Guran, Director, Rutgers EcoComplex  
Kerene Tayloe, Federal Policy Associate *WE ACT for Environmental Justice*
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **First-Time Attendee Welcome Reception**
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Opening Event at Mystic Seaport**

### Monday, August 14

- 7:30 – 8:30 am **General Breakfast (open to all attendees)**
- ERC Concurrent Policy Committee Breakfast Meetings (open to all Annual Meeting delegates)**
- **Agriculture & Rural Development**  
Topics: State Updates, Update from Washington  
The Trump administration has brought with it a whirlwind of activity and changes. This panel will update participants on the new administration's agricultural policies and their impact on the Northeastern states.
  - **Canada-U.S. Relations**  
Topics: Trump, Travel, and Trade: Navigating the Canada-U.S. Relationship Under a New Administration  
Trump, Travel, and Trade: Navigating the U.S.–Canada Relationship under a New Administration  
CSG/ERC members have a strong interest in the impact the policies of the Trump administration may have on the U.S.–Canada relationship, especially as those policies relate to travel and trade. These policy

issues raise concerns about trade disputes, the future of NAFTA, procurement policies, border adjustment fees, and passenger and cargo preclearance programs. Participants will examine the status of these issues in the context of the first year of the Trump administration.

**Speakers:**

Sarah Goldfeder, Principal, Earncliffe Strategy Group  
James D. Phillips, President and CEO, Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance  
Leslie Blakey, NAFTANext

• **Energy & Environment**

**Topic: The Offshore wind Opportunity in the Northeast**

The first U.S. offshore wind pilot project is now in full operation off the coast of Block Island and plans are underway to develop several larger, utility-scale projects up and down the Eastern Seaboard. This panel will examine what the U.S. offshore wind pipeline will look like in the next five years, and the dramatic potential ocean energy offers for job growth and economic development in the ERC region.

**Moderator:** Sen. Marc Pacheco, Senate President Pro Tempore, Massachusetts

**Speakers:**

James Bennett, Chief, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Dr. Stephanie McClellan, Director, Special Initiative on Offshore Wind, University of Delaware  
Stephen Pike, CEO, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center  
Clint Plummer, Vice President, Deepwater Wind  
Fred Zalcman, Head of Market Development and U.S. Government Affairs, DONG Energy  
Erich Stephens, CEO, Vineyard Wind

• **Military & Veterans Affairs Committee**

**Topic: Veterans Mental Health 2.0**

The challenges of veterans' mental health have pushed their way to the forefront of state conversations driving the need for better outcomes. This meeting continues as a follow-up CSG/ERC's veterans mental health policy seminar held last April. It will provide members with a discussion forum centered on alternative treatment for PTSD and substance misuse in the region. The meeting also will encourage ideas to bridge federal-state funding and treatment gaps in order to strengthen constituent services at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Presiding:** Rep. Earl Jaques Jr., Delaware

**Speakers:**

Karen Dalton, Executive Director, Dare to Dream Ranch, Inc.  
Dennis O. Romero, Administrator Region II, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

• **Transportation**

**Topic: Emerging Transportation Issues, status of potential federal infrastructure authorization, and an update on safety issues**

New issues—such as potential legislation addressing federal infrastructure funding, autonomous vehicles, and safety issues—are emerging as areas of concern in transportation policy for state governments. These issues, as well as a summary overview of the CSG-ERC Transportation Policy Seminar "Funding Strategies and Making the Case for Transportation" held in April 2017, will provide for a lively discussion by participants. The committee also will hold a roundtable discussion on funding and financing at the state and provincial level, giving members an opportunity to discuss initiatives underway in their respective jurisdictions.

**Presiding:**

Asm. John Wisniewski, Deputy Speaker, New Jersey; Chair, ERC Transportation Policy Committee  
Rep. Pat Brennan, Vermont; Vice Chair, ERC Transportation Policy Committee

**Speakers:**

Jeff Davis, Eno Foundation  
Steve Blackstone, State and Local Liaison, National Transportation Safety Board  
Rep. Devin Carney, Connecticut  
Amy Parmenter, Manager, Public and Government Affairs, Greater Hartford AAA Alliance Group  
Matt Powers, General Manager, Uber Technologies

8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Eastern Trade Council Board Meeting
9:45 – 10:05 am	Opening Ceremony
10:05 – 10:15 am	Welcome and Introductions

	<p><b>Governor's Panel on Criminal Justice Issues</b>  <b>Face to Face: Informing Criminal Justice Policy Through Personal Connections</b>  Fifteen years ago, the idea of a governor or state legislator visiting with incarcerated people would have been politically damaging. Today, an increasing number of state policymakers have chosen to connect to the issues of corrections more personally; those interactions have greatly informed their decisions on criminal justice policy. This panel will explore that trend, as well as the progression of criminal justice reform over the last decade and a half, through the perspectives of policymakers and the people closest to corrections issues.  Moderator: Kevin Johnson, National Reporter, <i>USA Today</i>  Speaker: Gov. Dannel Malloy, Connecticut  Panelists:  Scott Semple, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Corrections  Jeff Dion, Deputy Executive Director, National Center for Victims of Crime  Glenn E. Martin, President and Founder, JustLeadershipUSA</p>
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	
	<p><b>Luncheon Plenary</b>  <b>Charting the Course Through Demographic Change</b>  Speaker: Ken Gronbach, president of KGC Direct LLC, author and demographer  An exploration of the common sense, but very counterintuitive and fascinating realm of demography. Gronbach will help attendees understand how simple math demographics shapes political, economic, commercial, and cultural phenomena.</p>
12:30 – 2:00 pm	
	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <p><b>States of Democracy: Building Engagement &amp; Confidence in the Era of Hacks &amp; Voter Purges</b>  New England secretaries of state will discuss ways states can build engagement and confidence in an era of hacks and voter purges. Speakers will explore other topics important to the central tenets of voting in the U.S. democracy.  Moderator: David Becker, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research  Speakers:  Denise Merrill, Secretary of State, Connecticut  Matt Dunlap, Secretary of State, Maine  Jim Condos, Secretary of State, Vermont</p> <p><b>Round Table: Education Inequality in the States</b>  Has education inequality grown over the years or are the gaps in achievement for underrepresented student populations shrinking? What are some strategies that have worked to address education inequality? What strategies have not worked? How does school choice factor into the education inequality equation? Debate on these questions will be followed by a roundtable discussion on education inequality and new approaches to improve student outcomes.  Moderator: Rep. Pam Staneski, Connecticut</p> <p><b>Farm Bill Discussion</b>  With the deadline for renewal of the federal Farm Bill looming (September 2018), policymakers in the ERC states will get an update from an expert in Washington, D.C., on what to expect and other issues important to the region. Participants also will discuss issues that are important to the region, and how to strengthen our voice in Washington to impact the changes that will best benefit the Northeast.  Speaker: Julian Baer, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry</p> <p><b>Professional Development: Facing the Media</b>  Public officials are faced daily with opportunities to share information with constituents and other stakeholders. In situations where the messenger is the message, the impressions you leave as a presenter is more important than ever. Participants will learn a common-sense approach to defusing hostile questions and giving positive, simple and memorable information whether you're speaking to a large crowd, a TV camera, or one skeptical person. This session will help participants acquire the skills necessary to communicate with confidence, passion, and authenticity.  Speaker: Seth Pendleton, KNP Communications</p>
4:30 – 5:30 pm	<p>ELA &amp; Toll Fellows Reception (for ELA and Toll Fellow graduates)</p>
5:30 – 6:30 pm	<p>Meet the Members Reception sponsored by SGAC</p> <p>Dinner on your own</p>

Tuesday, August 15

- 7:30 – 8:30 am      **General Breakfast (open to all attendees)**  
**ERC Concurrent Policy Committee Breakfast Meetings (open to all delegates)**
- **Agriculture & Rural Development:**  
**Topics: The Food Safety Modernization Act and Agricultural Trade Between the U.S. and Canada**  
**The Food Safety Modernization Act. This act is bringing with it sweeping changes and responsibilities for our farmers and our states. New York Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball, chair of NEASDA, will brief participants on the implementation and enforcement of Food Safety Modernization Act rules and how individual states are complying with those rules.**  
**U.S.-Canada Trade. Agricultural trade between the United States and Canada is critically important to both countries. Trade experts from each country will review and discuss proposed changes to our trade agreements, as well as other issues affecting cross border trade.**
  - **Education:**  
**Topic: The Every Student Succeeds Act: Looking at State Plans**  
**State officials are closely watching as the U.S. Department of Education releases more information on what the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) changes in accountability system requirements and funding mechanisms. As states grapple with the upcoming changes to federal requirements, state and local policymakers need to know about the increased flexibility. This session will explore what the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act means for state leaders, with a focus on accountability systems and data policy.**  
**Moderator: Rep. Earl Jaques Jr., Delaware**  
**Speakers:**  
**Sen. Carl Marcellino, New York**
  - **Energy & Environment**  
**Topic: Creating a Sustainable Energy Future in the Northeast**  
**Several Northeastern states have established aggressive carbon-reduction and renewable energy goals, and face the challenge of meeting their objectives while maintaining an affordable, reliable energy supply. Participants will discuss the broad forces in the national energy marketplace that have contributed to decarbonization in recent years, how they may be affected by shifting federal priorities on energy issues, and the opportunities for regional efforts, and international collaborations, within this changed context.**  
**Moderator: Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, Deputy Majority Leader, New Jersey**  
**Speakers:**  
**Dan Esty, Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy, Yale University**  
**Marie-Claude Francoeur, Québec Delegate to New England**  
**Responder Panel:**  
**Rep. Lonnie Reed, Co- Chair, Energy and Technology Committee, Connecticut**  
**Sen. Paul Formica, Co-Chair, Energy and Technology Committee, Connecticut**  
**Sen. Christopher Pearson, Member, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, Vermont**  
**Asm. Steven Englebright, Chair, Committee on Environmental Conservation, New York**  
**Jake Smeltz, Chief of Staff to Senator Ryan Aument, Pennsylvania**
  - **Health**  
**Topic: The Future of the State-Federal Partnership on Health**  
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**Ongoing uncertainty about federal health care policies is having an impact on ERC states' ability to continue successful health system reforms and to plan for the future. Efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, shift more Medicaid financial responsibility onto states, combined with more flexibility and an effort to ease insurance affordability protections are testing the long-standing state-federal partnership. Hear the latest on federal proposals and how they would impact ERC states and residents.**  
**Speakers:**  
**Christopher Koller, President, Millbank Memorial Fund**  
**Mitchell Stein, Health Policy Consultant**

9:00 – 9:45 am      **ERC Nominations Committee Breakfast Meeting**

- 10:00 – 11:30 am      • **State Efforts to Address Retirement Security**

Retirement security is a national crisis. Approximately 55 million employees across the United States have no access to a retirement savings plan at work. Fewer than 10 percent of those workers without access to a plan actually create their own retirement savings account outside of work. The panel's speakers will discuss what states are doing to address this crisis, the proposals that have been proposed by the states, what market analysis and employee surveys on these proposed state programs have shown, how the states are successfully passing legislation to set up retirement programs, as well as the related legal implications of such plans.

Moderator: Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller, Connecticut

Panelists:

Michael P. Kreps, Principal, Groom Law Group, Washington, D.C.

Beth Pearce, Treasurer, State of Vermont

Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher, Research Economist, Center for Retirement Research, Boston College

- Overseas Voting Initiative

Members of the U.S. military and their dependents stationed overseas have long experienced problems in the voting process, including registering, requesting and receiving absentee ballots, and returning ballots. State and local election administrators face challenges to maintain accurate registration rolls for a highly mobile and transient population. East Coast election administrators and policymakers will share experiences and perspectives on voting for U.S. military and their dependents, and will discuss the need for policy solutions at the state level so that ballots legitimately cast are counted. This session will also address how CSG, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program, is helping to improve the U.S. military and overseas voting process through the CSG Overseas Voting Initiative.

Speakers:

Michelle M. Shafer, Senior Research Adviser, Elections Technology, Overseas Voting Initiative, The Council of State Governments

Meghan Kelly, State Legislative Affairs Analyst, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), U.S. Department of Defense

Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections, Okaloosa County, Florida

Thomas Connolly, Deputy Director of Public Information, New York State Board of Elections

Justus Wendland, Administrator, Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

- Canada Ups its Game

With Canada relying on the United States for 70 percent of its trade, federal and provincial leaders in Canada have come together to try to blunt some of the nationalist and protectionist policies of the Trump administration. The panel will analyze Canadian efforts to actively engage the states on matters from trade to the environment, and whether relations that were previously at the federal level can now be successfully done with the states.

Speakers:

Daniel D. Ujcz, Of Counsel, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Columbus, Ohio

Lawrence L. Herman, Herman & Associates, Toronto

Jeremy Wilson-Simerman, Policy Officer, Ontario Office, Washington, D.C.

Luncheon Plenary Session (priority seating for meeting delegates):

Topic: Government's Cybersecurity Challenge: Protecting U.S.

Elections Systems from Hacking

Government's Cybersecurity Challenge: Protecting U.S. Elections Systems from Hacking

Elections systems across the United States remain vulnerable to cyberattack and infiltration from foreign and domestic enemies. Federal and state government have been unwilling to commit the substantial funding to plug major holes necessary to protect the systems. Political barriers have stalled further action, and Congress has shown little enthusiasm for financial support to state and local election offices to protect their voting processes. The sprawling multi-level election apparatus across the country often relies on local personnel with little to no advanced knowledge or appropriate resources to digitally secure electoral systems. Much needs to be done. This panel will explore state approaches to decreasing vulnerabilities to hacking elections to avoid the risk of a repeat of 2016.

Moderator: Chris C. Demchak, Co-Director, Center for Cyber Conflict Studies, Strategic and Operational Research Department, U.S. Naval War College

Speakers:

11:45 – 1:15 pm

David Mussington, Director, Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise, University of Maryland School of Public Policy  
Ryan Harkins, Director of State Affairs and Public Policy, U.S. Government Affairs, Microsoft

1:30 – 5:00 pm

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2:00 – 4:00 pm

Fiscal Roundtable/Budget & Tax Chairs Committee *by invitation only*

**Bio-Science Incubators and Economic Development**  
Universities and independent research organizations play an important role in stimulating commercial innovation that improves health care, creates jobs, and expands economic opportunity. The bioscience industry, backed by private investors, is a leading engine in realizing the gains in improved health and economic growth. Yet bridging the gap between promising new discoveries and viable products is difficult, lengthy, and prone to failure. Hear about successful state initiatives that are bridging that gap and growing jobs, as well as the outlook for private investment.

2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Speakers:**

Mostafa Analoui, PhD, Executive Director, UConn Venture Development  
Mike Hyde, Vice President, External Affairs, The Jackson Laboratory  
Peter Schulam, MD, Professor of Urology, Yale School of Medicine

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Friends of Canada Reception

7:00 -10:00 pm

Connecticut State Dinner

**Wednesday, August 16**

7:30 – 8:30 am

ERC Executive Committee Closing Business Session

**Farewell Breakfast:**

**Famous Cases Revisited**

Dr. Henry Lee is one of the world's foremost forensic scientists, renowned for his work in many of the most challenging criminal cases of the last 50 years. He was the driving force in establishing a modern state police communication system, community based police services, sex offender and DNA databanks, major crime investigation concepts, and advanced forensic science services in Connecticut. Join us for this breakfast discussion with Dr. Lee as he discusses forensic science in law enforcement.

8:30 – 10:00 am

Dr. Henry C. Lee, Director of Forensic Research and Training Center, University of New Haven  
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