



# THE PRESIDENTS' CIRCLE

**2014 Annual Meeting**  
Washington DC  
May 21-22, 2014  
*Agenda (as of April 16, 2014)*

## *Surprises Ahead*

### **Wednesday, May 21, 2014**

***The Fairfax at Embassy Row Hotel***  
*2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC*

4:30 p.m. Shuttles depart from The Fairfax Hotel for the NAS Building

***NAS Building***  
*2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC*

5:00 p.m. Presidents' Welcome Reception

6:00 p.m. Welcome from the Presidents

Ralph J. Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences

6:15 p.m. *Innovation in the Economy: Global Science & Technology*

C. D. Mote, President, National Academy of Engineering

6:50 p.m. Welcome

Toast to Drs. Fineberg & Wilson: Celebration of their time at IOM

Richard N. Foster, Co-Chair, The Presidents' Circle

Davis L. Masten, Co-Chair, The Presidents' Circle

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:30 p.m. Shuttles depart from the NAS Building for The Fairfax Hotel

9:00 p.m. Conversations continue at The Fairfax

**Thursday, May 22, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m. Shuttles depart from The Fairfax Hotel for the NAS Building
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. *Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Guests*
- Richard N. Foster, Co-Chair, The Presidents' Circle  
Davis L. Masten, Co-Chair, The Presidents' Circle
- 9:00 a.m. *Challenges to the Nation and the Academies Response: Reflections from the Presidents*
- Ralph J. Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences  
C. D. Mote, President, National Academy of Engineering  
Harvey V. Fineberg, President, Institute of Medicine
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. *National Research Council in Action*
- Introduction by:  
Bruce Darling, Executive Officer, National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council
- Speakers:  
Lauren Alexander Augustine, Director, Program on Risk, Resilience, and Extreme Events, Policy and Global Affairs Division  
Clyde Behney, Acting Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer, Institute of Medicine  
Peter D. Blair, Executive Director, Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences  
Chris Elfring, Executive Director, Gulf Research Program  
Robert M. Hauser, Executive Director, Division on Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Education  
Robert E. Skinner, Executive Director, Transportation Research Board  
Gregory Symmes, Executive Director, Division on Earth and Life Sciences
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. *The Accelerating Universe*
- Adam G. Riess, Astronomer, Space Telescope Science Institute; Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Johns Hopkins University (*confirmed*)
- 1:30 p.m. *A View from Inside: Insight from Washington Insiders*
- Speakers (*to be announced*)

- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. *Surprises in Big Data*  
Jack Dangermond, Founder and President, ESRI, Inc. (*confirmed*)
- 4:15 p.m. Table Top Discussions  
Tables will include:  
Lauren Alexander Augustine, Director, Program on Risk, Resilience, and Extreme Events, Policy and Global Affairs Division  
Clyde Behney, Acting Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer, Institute of Medicine  
Peter D. Blair, Executive Director, Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences  
Robert M. Hauser, Executive Director, Division on Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Education  
Robert E. Skinner, Executive Director, Transportation Research Board  
Gregory Symmes, Executive Director, Division on Earth and Life Sciences
- 5:00 p.m. Wrap-up  
Bruce Darling, Executive Officer, National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council
- 5:15 p.m. Closing Reception
- 6:00 p.m. *Unexpected Outcomes*  
Introduction by:  
Ralph J. Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences  
Speakers:  
Neil deGrasse Tyson, Director, Hayden Planetarium and Astrophysicist, American Museum of Natural History and Host, *Cosmos: A Space-Time Odyssey (confirmed)*  
Seth MacFarlane, Co-Producer, *Cosmos: A Space-Time Odyssey (invited)*
- 6:45 p.m. Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. Presentation of Einstein Statuettes to new Einstein Society Members
- 8:15 p.m. Shuttles depart from the NAS Building for The Fairfax Hotel
- 8:45 p.m. Conversations continue at The Fairfax