

WGA Winter Meeting
November 30 – December 2, 2017
Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, AZ

Draft Agenda
(not for public distribution)
**subject to change*

Dress for meeting is business casual.

Thursday, November 30, 2017

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Staff Advisory Council Meeting <i>Lunch provided. Note: see separate agenda</i>
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Early Registration Open
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Governors' Reception with WGA Chairman and Platinum Sponsors and Staff Advisory Council <i>Governors, Spouses, Chairman/Platinum Sponsors and Staff</i>
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Governors' Private Dinner with Spouses <i>*No Staff</i>

Friday, December 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration Open
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Chairman Sponsor Breakfast with WGA Chair/Vice Chair <i>Note: one staff per Governor</i>
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Open Time for Governors to Schedule Private Meetings <i>Please email Sarah Olsen at solsen@westgov.org to arrange for a sidebar meeting room.</i>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Private Governors' Lunch <i>Note: one staff per Governor</i>
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Governors' Group Photo
1:45 – 2:15 p.m.	All Governors' Press Conference
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks Jim Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director

Governor Dennis Daugaard, WGA Chair

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Roundtable I: The Changing Face of the West

Invited experts will look at the data (Census, healthcare, labor, etc.) to illustrate how the people, jobs and cities of the West have changed in the past 25 years -- and where we might be going next.

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Keynote: Administration Official or Arizona Invitee

To be determined

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Roundtable II: Energy Panel

We will work to buildout a panel on energy issues other than those we have highlighted in the past, in all likelihood based on the energy resolution being developed.

5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

“Meet & Greet” with Governors & John Ratzenberger

Governors, Spouses have a meet and greet with the evening keynoter, actor John Ratzenberger

5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Private Reception with Governors, VIPs & WGA Sponsors

Governors, Spouses, VIP’s and all WGA Sponsors

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner Keynote with John Ratzenberger

Governors, Spouses, and all attendees

The *Cheers* star and outspoken advocate for American manufacturing and skilled labor, will address why exposing young students to the full array of career options is the best path for American to avoid what he calls “The Industrial Tsunami Heading Our Way.”

Saturday, December 2, 2017

7:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration Open

8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Breakfast - all attendees

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Roundtable III: Here Come the Robots

Whether they are taking over jobs in factories or mines – and don’t forget drones and Autonomous Vehicles – some say that robots threaten jobs and, in turn, tax bases. Others assert that robots will create other, better-paying jobs. Bill Gates suggests “taxing” the robots.” Our panel of experts tries to separate fact

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

from fiction to help us more clearly what will come next.

Keynote: Administration Official or Arizona Invitee

To be determined

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Governors' 2017 Policy Resolutions

Vice Chair Gov. David Ige will announce the latest resolutions adopted by the Western Governors. In addition, WGA will share updates on other ongoing Initiatives, including the inaugural WGA Spring Summit.

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Roundtable IV: The Long View of the State-Federal Relationship

Colorado historian Patty Limerick will lead a panel of historians examining the genesis of the state-federal relationship and how it has evolved over the years.

12:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks – Gov. Dennis Daugaard

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