

Government Relations Update

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September UEC Meeting
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Changing Faces

- With the new year of the UEC we will be transitioning the leadership of the Government Relations Subcommittee
- We owe Louise a huge thank you for last years great success and providing us a strong basis to build upon this next year
- Carrie and I will be serving as Co-Chairs for this years trip

Thanks Louise!



New Co-Chairs



October D.C. Visit

- Currently organizing a trip to D.C. in October (week of 10/9)
- The focus of this trip is to send a small contingent (5 UEC representatives) to meet with the major congressional committees (majority and minority) and the IL and SD delegations
 - House Subcommittees
 - Approp: Commerce, Justice, Science
 - Approp: Energy & Water Development
 - Science, Space & Tech: Energy
 - Science, Space & Tech: R&T
 - Senate Subcommittees
 - Approp: Commerce, Justice, Science
 - Approp: Energy & Water Development
 - Commerce, Science, & Transportation: Space, Science and Competitiveness
 - Energy and Natural Resources: Energy
- This will be timed to correspond with the next fall budget negotiation
 - With a focus on thanking them for their continued support and reinforcing the importance that funding at the P5 levels will allow us to continue our success in implementing the plans endorsed in H.R. 589
 - House — “Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act”

Status of October Trip

- Funding was approved by Directorate on September 6th
- A meeting of stake-holders happened on September 5th to discuss ongoing planning
 - Representatives of USLHC and Fermilab UEC attended
 - Plans were made to reach out to DPF and SLUO
- Need to finalize who is attending in the next couple weeks and begin laying out logistics
- Need to reach out to Communications office to see if we can have additional materials printed “in-house”

Big Yearly Trip

- Thanks to all the work of last year we have great up-to-date material to bring on this years trip
- Want to integrate the feedback we got last year into this years packet
 - More astro representation
 - More NSF representation (IceCube)
 - Grant and procurement information per district
 - Build upon the success of the rulers by including google-cardboard with instructions to view a LArTPC or collider event display
- Want to revamp the connections program to adjust weights of personal connections and pre-meetings with that district
- Focus on producing scripted example of meetings and scenarios that are common

Bigger Yearly Meeting

- Recently the budget of the trip was increased such that we can attempt to have 100% coverage of congress for this year's trip
- This is going to be a large undertaking
 - 54 attendees reached 70% of congress over 3 days
 - Need to start early to find where holes in our coverage exist so that we can reach out directly to additional attendees

Deputy Needed

- If you are interested in learning a lot about how science is funded and how the US appropriations process work
 - This is the committee for you!
- In general we need a lot of help getting everything organized and prepared for the trips so even if you don't want to be deputized we can use your help!

