



**CANNABIS REGULATORS ASSOCIATION**

**CANNRA External Stakeholder Meeting**

Annapolis Westin, June 25-27, 2023

**AGENDA**

**Sunday, June 25**

**1PM – 5PM – Registration** (*Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**Monday, June 26**

**7AM – 5PM – Registration** (*Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**7-8:30 AM – Breakfast** (*Capitol Ballroom and Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**8:30 – 9:15 AM – Opening Remarks and Welcome** (*Capitol Ballroom*)

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board & CANNRA President

Will Tilburg, J.D., Director, Maryland Cannabis Administration & CANNRA Board Member

**Opening Welcome, Governor of Maryland, Wes Moore**

**9:15 – 10:15 AM PLENARY: Preparing for Interstate Commerce: Innovative Approaches for States to Consider**  
(*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

Matthew Lee, J.D., General Counsel, California Department of Cannabis Control

**Panelists:**

Kaliko Castille, Executive Director, Minority Cannabis Business Association

Geoffrey Lawrence, Research Director and Director of Drug Policy, Reason Foundation

Robert Mikos, J.D. Professor of Law and LaRoche Family Chair in Law, Vanderbilt University

Adam Smith, Founder and President, Alliance for Sensible Markets

Toi Hutchinson, J.D., President and CEO, Marijuana Policy Project

**10:15-10:30 AM – Morning Break** (*Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**10:30 – 11:30 AM – PLENARY: Market Dynamics: Policies to Support Small Business and Craft Cannabis**  
(*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

Axel Bernabe, J.D., Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Director, New York Office of Cannabis Management

**Panelists:**

Michael Cooper, J.D., Policy Co-Chair and Board Secretary, National Cannabis Industry Association

Ross Gordon, Founding Member, National Craft Cannabis Coalition

Cat Packer, J.D., Director of Drug Markets and Legal Regulation, Drug Policy Alliance

Amber Senter, Executive Director, Supernova Women

**11:30 – 12:30 PM – PLENARY: Approaches to Better Educate Consumers and Prevent Youth Access**  
*(Capitol Ballroom)*

**Moderator:**

Lila McKinley, Legal Program Director, Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

**Panelists:**

Jodeci Gonzalez, Executive Administrator, Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM)

David Jernigan, PhD, Professor, Boston University

Jason Ortiz, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Lynn Silver, MD, FAAP, Senior Advisor, Public Health Institute

**12:30-1:15 PM – Lunch** *(Capitol Ballroom and Capitol Ballroom Foyer)*

**1:15-2:15 PM – Afternoon Breakouts**

**BREAKOUT 1: Updates to Federal and International Cannabis Policy** *(Capitol Ballroom)*

**Moderator:**

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board & CANNRA President

**Panelists:**

Andrew Freedman, J.D., Executive Director, Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education, and Regulation

Saphira Galoob, J.D., Executive Director, National Cannabis Roundtable

Toi Hutchinson, J.D., President and CEO, Marijuana Policy Project

Andrew Kline, J.D., MPA, Firmwide Co-Chair, Cannabis Industry Group, Perkins Coie

John Walsh, M.A., Director for Drug Policy, Washington Office on Latin America

**BREAKOUT 2: Local Control and Impacts on Cannabis Policy Goals** *(Senate Room)*

**Moderator:**

Brian Hanna, Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency

**Panelists:**

Brittany Carbone, Member, National Craft Cannabis Coalition

Garland Doyle, Chair, Municipal Cannabis Regulators Network/Cannabis Center for Municipalities, & City Clerk, City of Pontiac, MI

Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate, Rural County Representatives of California

**2:15-3:15 PM – Afternoon Breakouts**

**BREAKOUT 1: Policies to Preserve and Enhance Medical Cannabis in the Wake of Changing Laws**  
*(Capitol Ballroom)*

**Moderator:**

Michele Nakata, J.D., Chief, Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation, Hawaii Department of Health & CANNRA Board Member

**Panelists:**

Eric Foster, National Policy Director, Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM)

Stephen Robinson, MD, President, Society of Cannabis Clinicians

Tanya Scott, DNP, RN, Board Member, American Cannabis Nurses Association

Steph Sherer, Founder and President, Americans for Safe Access

Jordan Tishler, MD, President and Founder, Association of Cannabinoid Specialists

**BREAKOUT 2: Using Data to Understand the Impacts of and Further Cannabis Policy**  
*(Senate Room)*

**Moderator:**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

**Panelists:**

Adam Crabtree, CEO, NCS Analytics

Brooke Hoots, PhD, Lead, Cannabis Strategy Unit, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Mackenzie Slade, Director, Cannabis Public Policy Consulting

Beau Whitney, Founder, Whitney Economics

**3:15 – 3:30 PM – Afternoon Break** *(Capitol Ballroom Foyer)*

**3:30-4:30 PM – PLENARY: New Directions in Cannabis, Equity, and Social Justice** *(Capitol Ballroom)*

**Moderator:**

Dominique Mendiola, J.D., Senior Director, Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division  
& CANNRA Board Member

**Panelists:**

Courtney Davis, Executive Director, Marijuana Matters

Khurshid Khoja, J.D., Chair Emeritus and Policy Council Co-Chair, National Cannabis Industry Association

Amber Littlejohn, J.D., Vice President, International Cannabis Bar Association

Scheril Murray Powell, J.D., Chief Operating Officer, JUSTÜS Foundation

Mary Jane Oatman, Founder and Director, Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association

**4:30 – 5:30 PM – PLENARY: CANNRA Regulators Panel: Regulatory Perspectives on the Meeting Topics**  
*(Capitol Ballroom)*

**Moderator:**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

**Panelists:**

Jeff Brown, Executive Director, New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Kirsten Davis-Franklin, Deputy, Policy & Legislation, Illinois Cannabis Regulation Oversight Office

Rasha Salama, Acting Director, California Department of Cannabis Control

Will Tilburg, J.D., Director, Maryland Cannabis Administration & CANNRA Board Member

Andrew Turnage, Executive Director, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission & CANNRA Board Member

**6-7:30 PM – CANNRA Evening Welcome Event**

*(Annapolis Ballroom)*

*Come enjoy a CANNRA-sponsored mixer that includes hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar*

**Tuesday, June 27**

**7AM - 3PM – Registration** (*Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**7 - 8:30 AM – Breakfast** (*Capitol Ballroom and Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**8:30 - 9:30 AM – PLENARY: Standards for Cannabis: Novel Ideas to Improve Cannabis Product Safety**  
(*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

Lori Dodson, MS, MT (ASCP), Senior Advisor, Maryland Cannabis Administration

**Panelists:**

Allison Baker, Coordinator, Standards and Official Methods, AOAC International

Warren Merkel, Vice-President, Policy, ANSI National Accreditation Board/ANAB

Amanda Cowley, J.D., General Counsel & SVP Legal, Strategy, & People, US Pharmacopeia

David Vaillencourt, Vice-Chair, ASTM International, D37 Committee on Cannabis

**9:30 - 10:30 AM – PLENARY: Ongoing Challenges with Cannabis Research: How Can Regulators Advance Science?** (*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

Chris Tholkes, Director, Office of Medical Cannabis, Minnesota Department of Health & CANNRA Board Treasurer

**Panelists:**

Eric Goepel, Founder and CEO, Veterans Cannabis Coalition

Myfanwy Graham, PharmD, Australian-American Fulbright Scholar, Medical Cannabis Public Health Policy, University of Southern California

George Hodgins, MBA, Founder and CEO, Biopharmaceutical Research Company

Susan Weiss, PhD, Director, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse

**10:30 – 10:45 AM – Morning Break** (*Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**10:45 – 11:45 AM – Morning Breakouts**

**BREAKOUT 1: Policies to Support the Transition of Legacy Operators and Consumers into the Regulated Marketplace** (*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

Wesley McWhite, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

**Panelists:**

Leo Bridgewater, Owner, BridgeH2o, LLC

Ivan Ferreira, Fellow, JUSTÜS Foundation

Chelsea Higgs Wise, Co-Founder, Marijuana Justice

Scheril Murray Powell, J.D., Chief Operating Officer, JUSTÜS Foundation

**BREAKOUT 2: Advances in Detection of Cannabis-Impaired Driving** (*Senate Room*)

**Moderator:**

James Pepper, Chair, Vermont Cannabis Control Board

**Panelists:**

Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)  
Jim Maisano, Manager, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Partner to: National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving  
Robert Ritter, Director, Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Tory Spindle, PhD, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins

**11:45 – 12:45 PM – Lunch** (*Capitol Ballroom and Capitol Ballroom Foyer*)

**12:45 – 2:00 PM – PLENARY: Considerations in U.S. Federal & State Policy on Cannabinoid Hemp Products**  
(*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA)

**Panelists:**

Norman Birenbaum, Senior Public Health Advisor, Food and Drug Administration  
Michael Bronstein, J.D., President, American Trade Association for Cannabis & Hemp  
Daniel Fabricant, PhD, CEO and President, Natural Products Association  
Khurshid Khoja, J.D., President Emeritus and Board Member, National Cannabis Industry Association  
Michael McGuffin, President, American Herbal Products Association  
Jonathan Miller, J.D., General Counsel, U.S. Hemp Roundtable

**2:15-3:15 PM – Afternoon Breakouts**

**BREAKOUT 1: Creative Approaches to Banking, Payments, and Access to Capital**  
(*Capitol Ballroom*)

**Moderator:**

John Hudak, PhD, Director, Maine Office of Cannabis Policy

**Panelists:**

Paul Dunford, Co-Founder and Vice-President of Knowledge, Green Check Verified  
Amber Milenkevich, Senior Legislative Director, National Association of Federally Insured Credit Unions  
Ameya Pawar, Senior Advisor, Economic Securities Project  
Maritza Perez Medina, Director, Office of Federal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance  
Tanisha Robinson, Owner and Founder, Running Eagle, LTD

**BREAKOUT 2: Technology in Cannabis: What Does the Future Hold and What Are Policy Impacts?**  
(*Senate Room*)

**Moderator:**

Adria Berry, J.D., Executive Director, Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority

**Panelists:**

Bryan Barash, J.D., Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and External Affairs, Dutchie  
Ryan Smith, Executive Chairman, Leaflink  
Imani Brown, PhD, Director, Social Equity Program, Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation  
David “Urban” Urbanowicz, Vice President of External Affairs & Business Development, Metrc  
Jordan Wellington, J.D., Partner, VS Strategies

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Hannah Carty, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Office of Cannabis Regulation

Steven Crowley, Hemp & Cannabinoid Coordinator, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Amy Moore, J.D., Director, Cannabis Regulation, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

**4:30-4:45 PM – Closing Remarks and Next Steps** (*Capitol Ballroom*)