

Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication

Open Session: Opportunities to Advance Capacity for Effective Public Engagement with Science

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1:15 p.m. Welcome

Moderator: *Dietram Scheufele, Co-Chair of the Standing Committee*

1:20 p.m. Overview of the Research!America Public Engagement Working Group

Alan Leshner, Co-Chair of the Research!America Public Engagement Working Group

The Research!America Public Engagement Working Group was formed in late 2023 to develop an actionable strategy for including public engagement/civic science training in all graduate STEM programs, with a focus on the changes that academia, government agencies and philanthropy can implement. The Working Group is chaired by Alan Leshner and Keith Yamamoto and supported by the Rita Allen Foundation. To help inform the Working Group, Research!America undertook a landscape assessment of such training and built a robust database which can be accessed here:

<https://www.researchamerica.org/reports>. The Lasker Foundation provided support for the landscape and database.

1:30 p.m. Reflection Panel

Caroline Montojo, President and CEO of the Dana Foundation

*Jenny Luray, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Public Engagement,
Research!America*

- Aspirations for the Research!America working group efforts focused on public engagement training within STEMM
- Opportunities to connect this effort with other public engagement-related efforts
- Key issues and opportunities for the Standing Committee to focus on related to public engagement with science, particularly at the research-practice interface.

1:50 p.m. Discussion and Q&A

Panelists and members of the Standing Committee will discuss opportunities for synergy and for elevating important issues related to public engagement with science.

2:30 p.m. Adjourn