

# BESSIG Meeting Wed, Oct 10, 4 - 6, NEON HQ

## "Informing Science Policy: the Role for Scientists and Engineers"

### A Panel Discussion

**Note:** This meeting will be held at NEON Headquarters, instead of our usual location. Details below.

This month Brian Wee, Steve Aulenbach, and I are delighted to have representatives from law, government and science come together to discuss various aspects of science policy. We've asked them to consider questions like these:

- What does "science policy" mean to you? To your organization? What impact does it have?
- What are the roles in science policy and what impacts do they have? Who are the main players?
- How have you or your organization tried to impact science policy? What worked and what did not work? What did you learn?
- How does one prepare for a science policy discussion? Any do's and don'ts?
- Scientists and engineers are trained to think and communicate in certain ways. Should those same skills be applied to policy discussions?
- If someone wanted to move more heavily into science policy, how would you advise them? What career moves would be good? Any bad career moves?

### Panelists

#### **Peter Backlund**

Director, NCAR External Relations and the Integrated Science Program  
Director, Research Relations, NCAR

#### **Dan Baker**

Professor of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences  
Director, Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics

#### **Alice Madden**

Wirth Chair in Sustainable Development, UC Denver  
Colorado House Representative (2001 - 2010), Majority Leader (2004 - 2008)  
Climate Change Adviser, Deputy Chief of Staff for Gov. Ritter  
Senior Fellow on Climate Change, Center for American Progress

#### **Andy Schultheiss**

District Director at Office of Congressman Jared Polis  
Campaigns Director at League of Conservation Voters  
Boulder City Council (2003 - 2007)

### Logistics

This meeting is being hosted by NEON, Inc. It will be held at NEON Headquarters, 1685 38th Street #100, Boulder, CO.

4:00 - 5:15 Panel Discussion

5:15 - 6:00 Social

Beverages will be provided courtesy of NEON. **Thank you Brian and NEON!**

Very light snacks to be covered by donations.

Please join us for this interesting discussion!

The discussion will be available via Web Ex, info to follow.