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CSSP Leadership Development

The Council of Scientific Society President (CSSP) is committed to “Advancing Leadership in Science and Technology” and to establishing policies and programs that will ensure a bright future for 21st century science. CSSP is the Leader in Leadership Development in Science.

CSSP BIENNIAL WORKSHOPS AND MONTHLY CHATS HAVE PROGRAMMING AIMED AT DEVELOPING SCIENCE LEADERS:

- **LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** Talks and interactive sessions from experts on leadership, interactive exercises and scenario planning.
- **SOCIETY LEADERSHIP “NUTS AND BOLTS”:** speakers discussing different aspects of importance to society leadership (i.e. 501C3 tax or legal experts, developers of innovative meetings, future of publications, strategic planning, etc.) with different topics at each meeting that provide value in leading a scientific society.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Speakers on effective science communication, best practices and interactive activities.
- **FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE:** Innovative scientists present groundbreaking research covering a wide range of scientific breakthrough discoveries and technological advances with significant implications for society. These talks provide a venue for science leaders to hear ahead-of-the-curve research and out-of-the-box thinking in different sciences. A discussion session following the Frontiers of Science talks focuses on how to communicate this science to society members, other scientists and non-scientists.
- **PUBLIC POLICY:** Talks and interactive sessions with federal agency leaders, members of congress, and other prominent public officials. Participants are able to learn from and connect with policy makers and congress. Included are discussions of how to advocate and influence public policy, what questions to ask, etc.
- **CONGRESS ADVOCACY GUIDE:** A discussion and written guide on how to connect with representatives, senators and their staff. How to effectively interact with congressional leaders - 10 minute drill on how to talk to congress, what to say, what to bring to a meeting, and what to expect. Learn the importance of developing relationships on the Hill, including staff, and becoming a trusted voice of science. For example, learn why it is important for us to be united and advocate for funding for all science agencies, not just your own science. Guidance on materials to prepare in advance and bring, and what goes on a one-pager.
- **COACHING:** Incoming presidents are partnered with existing presidents for coaching, in-person or virtually. May be done as speed coaching – coaches stay put and presidents get to meet multiple potential coaches. Those who are looking for coaching reach out to those who provide the best fit.
- **NETWORKING:** Interaction and sidebar discussions among leaders of science with each other and with speakers. Learn from other presidents about their society’s best practices, difficult experiences, and way of handling different aspects of society organization, meetings, publications, membership, strategic planning, and other society issues. Develop a network of potential collaborators and sources of advice. At in-person meetings, there are many opportunities for interaction, including coffee breaks, meals, and receptions. In virtual meetings, we have breakout sessions where speakers move between rooms and individuals to meet virtually between sessions/talks.

