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2024 COUNCIL MEETING

October 27 - 29, 2024

Chicago Athletic Association, Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL - [chicagoathletichotel.com](https://www.chicagoathletichotel.com/)

Sunday, October 27, 2024 – Welcome Social

5:00 - 7:00 pm - The Game Room

Monday, October 28, 2024 – Policy Day

8:00 – 9:00 am - breakfast provided

9:00 – 10:00 am - Introductions: Share one thing about your professional or personal history that you bring to the job, that influences how you approach your job and the challenges you face.

10:00 – 11:30 am - Top 5 Policy/Legal Issues -BREAK. IT. DOWN.

Presenters: NTCA, WTA, USTelecom, Fiber Broadband Association

The Issues:

1. USF high cost - Current issue and where are we headed? NTCA – Mike Romano
2. NG911 Order – what is the big deal? – NTCA – Brian Ford
3. Net Neutrality and Digital Discrimination – Legal disposition and potential impact - USTelecom – Lynn Follansbee
4. BEAD – opportunities/challenges/threats. Fiber Broadband Association – Marissa Mitrovich
5. Politics: what can we expect, what should we prepare for and how are all the above topics impacted? WTA – Derrick Owens

For each topic…we will walk through:

1. The issue – name it
2. What the rural associations are advocating for, or against
3. The other side of the argument – and what is motivating it – what is the legal/legislative disposition
4. How will our members be impacted.
5. What can or should we be doing about it.

And then…. Comments/alternative views/arguments from the “peanut gallery”

11:30 – 12:00 am - GROUP DISCUSSION: The rise of fixed wireless/home internet competition in rural areas---what does it mean for RLECS?

Noon – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 pm –Maps - BDC

Presenter: Vantage Point

* Mapping 101
  + Fabric vs. BDC coverage
    - Timelines
    - The process
  + Challenges (fabric and coverage)
    - The unresolved issues and status
  + The impacts:
    - EACAM – old news
    - BEAD
    - USF moving forward?
    - General….

1:45 pm - Calix – Topic TBD

2:30 pm - break

2:45 pm – JSI – The Impact of Chevron and Loper Bright.

3:30 pm - State Exec Roundtable

* Share a state conference agenda, publication, program, presentation, keynote speaker, entertainment or other item to inspire ideas! Bring 20 copies to share.
* What special project are you doing in your state? (IFAST, Esports, etc?)

5:00 pm - BREAK

6:30 pm Social Hour

7:30 pm Dinner in the Madison Ballroom

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – Association Management

8:30 – Coffee and light food.

9:00 – 10:00 am State Association Education

Tecker International – Donna Dunn

* What is an association?
* Board roles and responsibilities
* Fundamentals of association governance
* Building trust in governance
* Fundamentals of board effectiveness, includes, who is on the board, how the board spends its time.
* Fundamentals of decision-making and principles of consensus

10:00 am Brunch

11:00 – 1:00 pm State Association Education Continued…Donna Dunn

1:00 – 3:00 pm Round Tables/Attendee Discussion focused on - Association Management Best Practices