



Triangle Coalition's Annual Conference on STEM Education Policy  
February 25-26, 2008

Hilton Old Town Alexandria  
Alexandria, Virginia

Agenda

**Monday, February 25, 2008**

- ▲ 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM      **Continental Breakfast** (Salon BC)
- ▲ 8:30 AM - 8:45 PM      **Welcome & Introduction** (Salon BC)  
    **Vance Ablott**, Executive Director, Triangle Coalition for Science and  
    Technology Education  
    **Cynthia Howell**, President, Triangle Coalition for Science and  
    Technology Education, and Director of Education Programs,  
    National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- ▲ 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM      **Opening Keynote: “*Convergence: Understanding the Intersection of  
Education, Employment and Economic Development and Its  
Implications for STEM*”**  
    **Hans Meeder**, President, Meeder Consulting Group (and former  
    Deputy Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education)
- ▲ 9:30 AM -10:45 AM      **Panel: *STEM Education Issues and the Congress***  
    **Chuck Atkins**, Majority Staff Director, House Committee on Science  
    and Technology  
    **Jennifer Berry-Rickert**, Einstein Fellow, Office of Senator Bernie  
    Sanders  
    **Alice Johnson Cain**, Senior Education Policy Advisor (K-12),  
    House Committee on Education and Labor  
    **Chan Lieu**, Professional Staff, Senate Commerce, Science,  
    Transportation Committee
- ▲ 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM      **Break**
- ▲ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM      **Panel: *What's Working... State Initiatives That Are Achieving Success***  
    **David Cedrone**, PK-16 STEM Education Program Manager,  
    State of Rhode Island  
    **Meghan Groome**, Consultant, American Museum of Natural History  
    (formerly with the National Governor's Association)
- ▲ 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM      **Lunch**
- ▲ 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM      **Keynote Address: “*Results of the National Math Panel*”**  
    **Deputy Secretary Raymond Simon**, U.S. Department of Education

▲ 1:15 PM -2:15 PM

### Breakout Sessions Round I

#### *The STEM Pipeline... Futures and Careers in Innovation* (Washington Room)

A roundtable discussion with participants from Federal Agencies and Professional Societies discussing the STEM pipeline and the careers in innovation. Where does the STEM Pipeline lead and what is the need?

**Cathleen Aubin Barton**, Manager, US Education, Intel Corporation

**Bob Ekman**, Senior Staff Specialist, Lockheed Martin

**Betty Shanahan**, Executive Director, Society of Women Engineers

#### *Ready, Set, Science — The National Research Council/Board on Science Education* (Salon BC)

Ready, Set, Science is the sequel to Taking Science to School, the National Research Council's Report on Learning and Teaching Science in Grades K-8.

**Brett Moulding**, Member, National Academies Board on Science Education, and Director, Utah Partnership for Effective Science Teaching and Learning

#### *STEM Education – An Educator's Perspective* (Jefferson Room)

Distinguished science, math, and technology educators from across the nation will lead a panel discussion on STEM education issues, offering insights based on their unique combination of classroom experiences.

**Moderator: Kathy Gorski**, Einstein Fellow, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation

**Lynne Campbell**, Einstein Fellow, Committee on Education and Labor

**Melvina Jones**, Einstein Fellow, Division of Research on Learning In Formal and Informal Settings, National Science Foundation

**Ruth McDonald**, Einstein Fellow, Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation

**Kevin Swanson**, Einstein Fellow, Graduate Teaching Fellowships in K-12 Education Programs, Division of Graduate Education, National Science Foundation

▲ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

### Breakout Sessions Round II

A repeat of the previous sessions to allow participants to attend more than one session.

▲ 3:30 PM - 3:45PM

### Break

▲ 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

#### *Panel: STEM Education Agenda for 2008* (Salon BC)

**Moderator: James Brown**, Manager, Policy and Government Affairs, American Chemical Society

**Della Cronin**, Vice President, Legislative and Public Affairs, Washington Partners, LLC

**Patti Curtis**, Managing Director, Washington Office, Museum of Science, Boston, and Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations, National Center for Technological Literacy

**Ken Krehbiel**, Associate Executive Director for Communications, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

**Jodi Peterson**, Assistant Executive Director, Legislative and Public Affairs, National Science Teachers Association

▲ **4:30 PM - 5:00 PM**      *Effective Meetings with Members of Congress and Their Staff*  
**James Brown**, Manager, Policy and Government Affairs,  
American Chemical Society

▲ **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**      **Evening Networking Reception** (Plaza Foyer)  
Networking opportunity for participants to share ideas, experiences, and build connections. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be included.

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

▲ **8:00 am – 9:00 am**      *Getting Comfortable with Meetings on Capitol Hill* (Madison Room)  
A final chance to get together for those going to Capitol Hill and answers to any questions before making visits with Congressional offices. Continental breakfast will be available for those with appointments for the day.

▲ **All Day**      **Congressional Visits**