

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**  
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**Strengthening Local Communities:**  
 The Role of Nonprofit & Philanthropic Organizations  
 November 15 - 18, 2017 | Grand Rapids, Michigan

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2017   Alliance only programming with focus on Affinity Groups		
Morning	8:30 - 10:00	Welcome & Opening Activities
	10:15 - 12:15	<b>Seasoned Consultant's Colloquium: The Intersection of Practice between Capacity Building Organizations &amp; Executive Transition &amp; Leadership Continuity Practice</b>
	10:15 - 12:15	<b>Governance Affinity Group Innovation Lab: From Anecdotes and Convention to Research-based Practice Part 2: Moving the Governance Field Forward</b> Judy Freiwirth, Nonprofit Solutions Associates, Boston, MA
	10:15 - 12:15	<b>"Where's Your Interest" Group Networking Session</b> For Those Not Involved in an Affinity Group (Young Professionals, Achieving Racial Equity, Consulting Practice Development, Coaching and More!) Molly Penn, Penn Flood Consulting, Irvington, NY
Lunch	12:30 - 1:30	Lunch & Regional Gatherings
Afternoon	1:45 - 4:45	<b>Governance Affinity Group Innovation Lab: From Anecdotes and Convention to Research-based Practice Part 2: Moving the Governance Field Forward</b> Judy Freiwirth, Nonprofit Solutions Associates, Boston, MA
	1:45 - 4:45	<b>Capacity Building Organizations Affinity Group Session</b> Keith Timko, Support Center, NY/NJ/CT Patty Oertel, The Oertel Group, Pasadena, CA
	1:45 - 4:45	<b>Executive Transitions &amp; Leadership Continuity Affinity Group Session</b> Mary Vradelis, Sequoia Consulting Associates, LLC, San Francisco, CA Catherine Bradshaw, Cadence Consulting, LLC Guilford, CT
	1:45 - 5:15	<b>Challenging Racism &amp; Advancing Equity: Integrating Racial Equity into Organizational Development Workshop</b> Curdina Hill, ClearWays Consulting and Coaching, Boston, MA Jeff Branch, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
Evening	5:00 - 6:30	Networking Reception

**THURSDAY, November 16, 2017 | Alliance and ARNOVA joint and separate programs**

Morning	7:30 - 8:00	<b>ARNOVA Section Breakfast Meet &amp; Greet</b> (Open to Alliance Members, Sections of interest may include: Pracademics, Governance and Social Entrepreneurship)
	8:00 - 9:30	<b>Board Leadership and Shared Power: How Nonprofit Board Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Chairs Understand and Prepare for Their Roles, and Share Leadership</b> Judy Freiwirth, Nonprofit Solutions Associates, Boston, MA Mike Burns, BWB Solutions, Branford, CT
	8:00 - 9:30	<b>Navigating the Impact Economy: How Capacity Builders and Their Nonprofit Partners Can Access Capital More Broadly</b> Zohra Zori, Social Sector Outreach, Foundation Center, NY, NY Keith Timko, Support Center, NY/NJ/CT
	9:45 - 11:15	<b>Advancing Diversity &amp; Inclusion by Design</b> Ju Won Choi, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Grand Rapids, MI
	9:45 - 11:15	<b>Embracing the Age-Old Question of Capacity Building: Are Organizations Getting Stronger?</b> Cindy McMahon, Western North Carolina Nonprofit Pathways, Asheville, NC
Lunch	11:15 - 12:15	Joint luncheon Alliance / ARNOVA
	12:15 - 1:45	Opening Plenary
Afternoon	2:00 - 3:30	<b>Nonprofits and Risk: Introducing a Framework for a Holistic Assessment of Organizational Risk</b> Katie Leonberger, Community Resource Exchange, NY, NY
	2:00 - 3:30	<b>Funding is Not Enough: Building the Supply Side of the Capacity Building Ecosystem</b> Naomi Weiss, TCC Group, NY, NY Starling McKenzie, Danville Regional Foundation, Danville, VA Addy Matney, TM Public Relations, SC
	3:45 - 5:15	<b>Peer Learning Programs: Cost Effective Capacity Building and More</b> Catherine Marshall, Capbuilders, Mendocino, CA
	3:45 - 5:15	<b>Catching Up with the Future: Developing the Talent Pipeline</b> Matthew Downey and Tamela Spicer, Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, Grand Rapids, MI
Evening	6:00 - 7:00	Alliance Regional Ambassadors & Interested Ambassadors Meeting
		Alliance Dine-Arounds

FRIDAY, November 17, 2017   Alliance and ARNOVA joint and separate programs		
Morning	7:30 - 8:00	Breakfast (ARNOVA Membership Meeting, Alliance Members Welcome)
	8:15 - 9:45	<b>What the Tech? Awesome Technology Tools for Managing Your Capacity Building Practice</b> Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh, PA Keith Timko, Support Center, NY/NJ/CT
	8:15 - 9:45	<b>How to Make Your Change Efforts Stick: Using Transition Models for More Successful Consultancies</b> Mary Vradelis, Sequoia Consulting Associates, LLC, Berkley, CA
	10:00 - 11:30	<b>Collective Impact in Small Geographies</b> Jane Arsenault, MBA and James Berson, MPH, Fio Partners, LLC, East Greenwich, RI
	10:00 - 11:30	<b>The DNA of a Highly Engaged Culture</b> Elizabeth Scott, PhD, Brighter Strategies, LLC, Falls Church, VA
Lunch	11:45 - 1:30	Alliance Luncheon, <b>Terry McAdam Book Award</b>
Afternoon	2:00 - 3:30	<b>Alliance Membership Meeting</b>
	3:45 - 5:15	<b>What Could Possibly Go Wrong? Assessing and Mitigating Collaborative Risks</b> Cyrus N. White, SCG Nonprofits, Wildwood, MO
	3:45 - 5:15	<b>Unlocking the Power of Your Organization's Genetic Code</b> Jamie Notter, WorkXO, Chevy Chase, MD
Evening	6:00 - 7:30	Joint Reception

SATURDAY, November 18, 2017   Alliance and ARNOVA joint and separate programs		
All Day	8:30 - 4:30	<b>The Nuts &amp; Bolts of Interim Executive Management Training (additional registration required)</b> Lynn Molnar, Molnar Consulting, Myrtle Beach, SC Tara Levy, Nonprofit Elements, Austin, TX
Morning	8:15 - 9:45	<b>The Power of Leadership Transitions: Research Findings, Challenges and Opportunities</b> Tom Adams, Raffa, Kensington, MD Amanda Stewart, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC Dennis McMillian, Foraker Group, Anchorage, AK
	10:00 - 11:30	Plenary
Lunch	11:30 - 12:00	Break for lunch (Boxed lunch)
	12:15 - 1:45	ARNOVA Sessions
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Afternoon	12:15 - 3:30	<b>Governance Symposium</b>
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