TUESDAY, March 28

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  Networking Happy Hour
Location: City Tap House, 901 9th ST, NW
Cocktails, beer, and wine available for purchase.

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.  Welcome
Erin Heath, Associate Director of Government Relations, AAAS
Toby Smith, Vice President for Policy, AAU

9:20 – 9:45 a.m.  Opening Speaker
Rush Holt, CEO, AAAS

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.  Current ESEP Member Activities
Melissa Varga, Community Manager, Union of Concerned Scientists
Paul Higgins, Director of AMS Policy Program, American Meteorological Society
Kate Stoll, Senior Policy Advisor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cynthia Robinson, Senior Policy Advisor, AAAS

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  Networking Break

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.  Tools for Engaging in ESEP
Rebecca Aicher, Community Engagement Manager, AAAS
Shalin Jyotishi, Program Coordinator, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
Sean Gallagher, Senior Government Relations Officer, AAAS

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Future ESEP Sub-Communities
Science Policy in the Classroom
Toby Smith, Vice President for Policy, AAU

Addressing Grand Challenges through Science & Science Policy
Melanie Roberts, Founding Director, ELISS

Training Scientists on How to Effectively Engage in Science Policy
Abigail Abrash Walton, Antioch University
Erica Goldman, Director of Policy Engagement, COMPASS

12:15 – 12:30 p.m.  Next Steps & Conclusions
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