

NATIONAL  
MEDICAL  
CANNABIS  
UNITY  
CONFERENCE  
2018



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MAY 22-24, 2018  
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# Conference Program

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# WELCOME TO UNITY 2018!

For over sixteen years, Americans for Safe Access (ASA) has engaged state and federal governments, courts, and regulators to improve the development and implementation of state medical cannabis laws and regulations. Each year at ASA's Unity Conference, we bring together patients, providers, advocates, and medical and legal professionals from around the globe to learn and exchange ideas about how to navigate and steer medical cannabis policy in this ever-changing political landscape.

For ASA, ensuring safe and legal access means that we keep fighting until ALL patients who would benefit from medical cannabis are allowed access to their medicine, without fear of losing any of their civil rights and protections granted to everyone else. Passing a medical cannabis law is only the first step in this process and ASA's Unity conference brings together the individuals that are in the trenches fighting to expand these programs globally to share their experiences and insights to improve our collective work.

We have made amazing progress in the last 16 years; 46 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia all have some kind of medical cannabis program and over 30 countries are making safe access a reality globally. I know many of you here at the conference are responsible for this progress. As a medical cannabis patient, I thank you. You all inspire me everyday.

There will always be more work and improvements we will need to make to meet our goals but now our nation is facing another crisis. The Opioid Epidemic in the US claims over 116 American lives every day. Numerous research studies show that states with medical cannabis programs have nearly a 25% decrease in opioid overdose deaths. More recent research suggests that this number is more towards 40%. However, medical cannabis continues not to be an option for so many patients. This is due to the federal-state legal conflict, inadequacies in state laws, and lack of medical professional and patient education. It is critical that our nation's lawmakers understand and respond to medical cannabis' potential role in mediating this crisis.

This is why we continue to bring patients from all over the country to D.C. every year to meet with their federal representatives, to share their stories, and personalize the medical cannabis issue for elected officials.

Thank you for joining us this year in Washington, D.C. to celebrate our continued progress and plot our next steps to victory!

Sincerely,



Steph Sherer  
 Executive Director  
 Americans for Safe Access

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Tuesday May 22, 2018

- 7:00 pm Main Conference Registration Opens (Robert's Private Dining Room)
- 8:00 - 10:00 pm Welcome Reception (Robert's Private Dining Room)
- 10:00 pm Registration Closes (Robert's Private Dining Room)

## Wednesday May 23, 2018

- 8:00 am Registration Opens (Empire Ballroom)
- 8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast (Empire Ballroom)
- 8:30 - 9:00 am Opening Remarks (Empire Ballroom)
- 9:00 - 9:45 am The Opioid Crisis and Federal Policy (Empire Ballroom)
- 10:00 - 11:00 am ABC Citizen Lobbying Workshop (Empire Ballroom)
- 11:15 am Board Buses to Capitol Hill (Parkview Parking Lot)
- 12:00 pm Capitol Hill Press Conference (Capitol Grounds)
- 12:45 pm Capitol Hill Group Photo (Capitol Grounds)
- 3:00 - 6:00 pm State Debrief Meet-ups
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm 2018 Excellence Awards VIP Reception (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)  
Ticket Required
- 8:00 - 9:30 pm 2018 Excellence Awards Dinner (Blue Room)

Thursday

May 24, 2018

## A State & International Focus

8:30 am	Registration Opens (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
8:30 - 9:30 am	Breakfast (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcoming Remarks (Blue Room)
9:15 - 10:00 am	<p>"The Life She Deserves" Screening (Blue Room)</p> <p>Q&amp;A with Beth Collins &amp; Production Team</p>
10:00 - 11:00 am	<p>Intervention: How Government Can Save Lives (Blue Room)</p> <p>With 100 lives lost a day to the opioid crisis, government's responsibility couldn't be clearer. Hear how some government officials are working to break down barriers to access and create the safety protocols we need to end this epidemic.</p>

**Moderator:** David Mangone, JD, Legislative Counsel, ASA

**Speakers:**

- Kendra Fershee, 2018 Democratic Nominee for Representative, 1st District - West Virginia
- Daylin Leach, Pennsylvania State Senator, 17th District
- Chanda Macias, MBA, PhD, Owner and General Manager, National Holistic Healing Center Medical Marijuana Dispensary (NHHHC)
- Daniel O'Donnell, New York State Assembly Member, 69th District

**Thursday****May 24, 2018**

11:00 - 11:15 am

Break (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Preventing Poison: Consumers' Role in Quality Assurance  
(Blue Room)

The cannabis industry grows exponentially in both access and demand for product. With a fast-growing market, the disparity between medical grade, quality cannabis and alternatives only widens. ASA's leading the effort to ensure that product quality isn't an afterthought and empowering you to ensure that across the country medicine is truly accessible.

**Moderator:** Jahan Marcu, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer and Chief Auditor, ASA

**Speakers:**

- Ezra Pryor, Heidolph North America Applied Market Specialist, Past-Chair and Founding Member of the Cannabis Chemistry Subdivision of the American Chemical Society
- Trish Flaster, Executive Director, Botanical Liaisons
- Jeff Raber, PhD, Founder, The Werc Shop

12:15 - 1:30 pm

Stakeholder Lunch (Blue Room)

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Connect Four: Educating Patients, Physicians, Providers, and Policy Makers (Blue Room)

The ecosystem of cannabis is growing as more and more people learn and utilize it for its many benefits. With more people come more questions, and it takes an entire team of people to educate and advocate on behalf of the facts. Hear from leading experts from the various facets of the cannabis ecosystem about what they are doing to make sure people know the truth.

**Moderator:** Debbie Churgai, Associate Director, ASA

**Speakers:**

- Meredith Fisher-Corn, MD, Editor-in-Chief, TheAnswerPage.com
- Deb Kimless, MD, Medical Director, ForwardGro
- Sarah Laucks, Director Education and Events, Abilities Expo
- Debby Miran, Former Commissioner, Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Addiction to Global Pain: How the World Is Treating Pain with Medical Cannabis (Blue Room)

As advocates and decision makers in the United States learn of yet another reason why cannabis is a valuable medicine, the global community is quickly gaining knowledge and expertise as well. The global cannabis movement is alive and well, and lessons from it can inform efforts here in the USA.

**Moderator:** Steph Sherer, Executive Director, ASA

**Speakers:**

- Ethan Russo, MD, Director of Research and Development, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)
- Tomas Sadilek, Director of Government Affairs, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)
- Pavel Kubů, MD, Chief Executive Officer, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)

3:30 - 3:45 pm

Break (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

### People over Process: Making Lives a Priority in Public Policy (Blue Room)

No one fighting to stay alive or for relief from extreme pain needs to be told how important this fight is for themselves and the American People. Yet many obstacles still stand in the way to success. How can you as individuals and members of your community keep the momentum going? Learn from some of the best as they tell you their stories and their hope for the future.

**Moderator:** Don Duncan, Board Member, ASA

**Speakers:**

- Christine Stenquist, President, Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education (TRUCE)
- Julie Prom, Director & Veterans Outreach Coordinator, Illinois Women in Cannabis
- Ellen Lenox Smith, Board Member and Co-Director for Cannabis Advocacy, U.S. Pain Foundation
- Diana Dodson, Florida Advocate

5:00 - 5:30 pm

Closing Remarks (Blue Room)

## Patient Focused Certification (PFC) Program

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

PFC Course: Federal Law Enforcement Interaction and  
Raid Preparedness Training  
(Capitol Ballroom)  
Ticket Required

This training will give a brief overview of federal cannabis laws, the history of medical cannabis laws, and the conflict between state and federal laws.

The training will teach participants how to be prepared for law enforcement interactions of all kinds.

This training is suggested for patients, providers and anyone working in the medical cannabis industry.

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## What is PFC?

Patient Focused Certification (PFC) is a non-profit, third-party certification for medical cannabis products and services offered by Americans for Safe Access (ASA). The PFC means that products and services have been Verified through the rigorous audit process based on new quality standards issued by the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) and the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP).



To find PFC verified products and services  
visit [patientfocusedcertification.org](http://patientfocusedcertification.org)

Patient Focused Certification means:

- ✓ Company staff are well trained
- ✓ Products and services have been tested for contaminants
- ✓ Products and services meet legal requirements as well as AHPA & AHP standards
- ✓ Companies have recall protocols in place

# SPEAKERS



## Diana Dodson

Florida Advocate

Diana received a blood product in 1985 that contained HIV. In 1998, she developed AIDS. Diana was first recommended cannabis by her doctor in 1998 for the extreme nausea that came with taking her HIV medications. She later discovered that cannabis was mitigating the pain that came from neuropathy.

Diana first became an activist for medical cannabis while caring for her brother who passed away in 1995 from AIDS. In 1999, she became a board member of the Women's Alliance for Medical Marijuana in Santa Cruz California. Diana was at the Wamm Garden the morning of the DEA raid. She locked the gate on the DEA, and negotiated the release of Valerie and Mike Corral. Diana has spent uncounted hours sharing her story with law enforcement and legislators advocating and educating about medical cannabis. Most recently Diana has worked in Florida to help pass Amendment 2 that allows medical cannabis for patients in the state of Florida. Diana is currently a plaintiff against the state of Florida for all patients to be allowed to smoke cannabis as the medication delivery method of choice.



## Don Duncan

Board Member, Americans for Safe Access

Don Duncan has served on the Board of Directors since he co-founded American for Safe Access in 2002. As California Director, he is coordinating the grassroots and grasstops campaign to fully implement the states medical cannabis laws, respond to federal interference, and build a broader and more powerful coalition for medical cannabis in California. Mr. Duncan was instrumental in galvanizing grassroots resistance to federal raids and in seeding local self-regulatory alliances for medical cannabis providers statewide. He has worked closely with elected officials, law enforcement, collective operators, and community members in local implementation efforts in several California cities and counties, and is currently working with lawmakers in Sacramento to adopt legislation to expand rights for patients.

Mr. Duncan co-founded one of the oldest and most reputable families of medical cannabis dispensing collectives in California, helping to open legal facilities in Berkeley, West Hollywood, and Los Angeles. He is a leading consultant in the field of medical cannabis and has been featured in major media coverage, including 60 Minutes, Dan Rather Reports, Retirement Living TV, and the Los Angeles Times.



## Kendra Fershee

2018 Democratic Nominee, 1st District - West Virginia

Kendra Fershee is internationally recognized for her expertise in family law and serves as the Editor in Chief of the Family Law Quarterly, the scholarly journal published by the ABA Section of Family Law. Professor Fershee has been teaching law students since 2006 in the areas of Family Law, Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Legal Writing, Research and Analysis, and Employment Discrimination. Before teaching, Professor Fershee worked as a litigation associate, focusing on Securities Litigation at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy in Washington, D.C., and New York. She also handled pro bono family law matters while in practice.

Before law school, Professor Fershee worked as a political organizer in Washington, D.C., and then Los Angeles, for a civil liberties organization focusing on first amendment, public education, and civil rights issues. Her interests started to draw her toward law school, so she set out for New Orleans to attend Tulane Law School, where graduated cum laude and was elected Senior Managing Editor of the Tulane Law Review. Professor Fershee earned her bachelor's degree in 1995 from the University of Michigan, where she studied communications and women's studies.

## Meredith Fisher-Corn, MD

Editor-in-Chief, TheAnswerPage.com



Meredith Fisher-Corn, MD is a board-certified physician specializing in anesthesiology, perioperative and pain medicine. She received a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering from Duke University School of Engineering and a Medical Degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Following an anesthesiology residency and fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, she was an attending anesthesiologist at Women and Infants Hospital, Brown University Medical School. Since 2009, Dr. Fisher-Corn has served as Editor-in-Chief of TheAnswerPage.com. In this role, she has overseen the creation of hundreds of continuing medical education courses in multiple areas of medicine, including Perioperative & Hospital Medicine, Palliative Care, Opioid Prescribing & Risk Management, Medical Marijuana and Medical Statistics. In addition, she has co-created the "New York State Practitioner Education-Medical Use of Marijuana Course," "Florida Physicians Low-THC Cannabis Course," "Florida Physician Cannabis Course," "Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Program Required Course," The Massachusetts Medical Society's "Comprehensive Cannabis Curriculum" and a six-module opioid prescribing risk management course. At the recommendation of Dr. Raphael Mechoulam, the content created by Dr. Fisher-Corn and TheAnswerPage is featured in Israel's National Healthcare Provider Cannabis Program. In 2017 Meredith Fisher-Corn, MD along with Stephen B. Corn, MD were the 2017 co-recipients of the International Association for Cannabinoid Medicine's "Special Award for Major Contributions to the Reintroduction of Cannabis as Medicine."



## Trish Flaster

Executive Director, Botanical Liaisons

Trish is Executive Director of Botanical Liaisons, LLC, an ethnobotanical consulting firm providing botanical standards to industry, academicians and government agencies, international botanical sourcing, sustainable development of botanical ingredients, intellectual property rights, development and implementation of Botanical Quality Assurance programs, and botanical research that results in unique products. She collaborates with scientists on all continents. She developed the first virtual herbarium for economic plants.

She is also co-founder of IDDI, [ingredientID.com](http://ingredientID.com), A compliance based company helping companies to confirm ID and specifications required by FDA GMPs we are focused on reviewing all documents to confirm identification, transparency and chain of custody in the dietary supplement industry. ID verified, Spec Verified, Vendor Verified, Sustainability are forms we provide compliant customers. Skilled in both botanical and chemical experience, we also consult in the Cannabis Industry on testing, supply chain and anything related to quality and research.

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## Deb Kimless, MD

Medical Director, ForwardGro



Dr. Debra Kimless is the medical director for ForwardGro. She has spent the past three years to immersing herself in all aspects of medical cannabis, including scientific and medical applications for the treatment of patients. She has traveled the world studying under the most respected experts in cannabis medicine and science, most notably, in both the Netherlands and in Israel, two countries regarded as best practice models in the use of medical cannabis.

Kimless is widely regarded by her peers as one of the most experienced physicians specializing in the endocannabinoid system ("ECS"), micro-dose, topical therapies, and how medical cannabis can be beneficial to help treat medical conditions as well as reduce or replace opioids for pain relief. She is frequently invited to speak at industry leading conferences and symposiums regarding the use of medical cannabis, and shares her knowledge by consulting with patients in legal states pro bono, to introduce cannabis as a medicinal option. She has first-hand experience in successfully aiding patients with various medical conditions. She helps patients tailor their treatment plans by using different methods of administration and cannabinoid ratios, which influence patient response.

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## Pavel Kubů, MD

Chief Executive Officer  
International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)

Pavel Kubů is an expert in the fields of medical informatics and addictology. In 2001, he graduated in general medicine with a focus on disease prevention and public health from the Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University. Since 2005 he has been working for the Intel Corporation as a Business Development Manager, leading projects of the Intel World Ahead Programme for Healthcare in Central and Eastern Europe and Education in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. In 2006 he was appointed as chair of the Ethics Commission at the National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction. Pavel has served since 2007 as a board member of the Czech National Forum for eHealth, from 2012 to 2015 as a member of the steering committee of the Czech Healthcare Forum and since 2013 as a board member of the medical cannabis patients' organisation KOPAC. In these non-profit NGOs he is primarily devoted to the education of healthcare professionals, patients and caregivers and support for the research and development of new treatment and preventive methods. In 2014 he became a cofounding member of Konomed s.r.o., a company that focuses on research and development in the field of medical cannabis.



## Sarah Laucks

Director Education and Events, Abilities Expo

Sarah Galbraith Laucks is an education and event production specialist in the disability, health and wellness communities. She is a skilled developer of education programming for conferences, events and shows. She thrives on identifying attendee interests and needs, and crafting programs that fulfill those objectives. She is also a nationally recognized expert in the planning of meetings, conferences and events that are accessible for people with disabilities. Her professional experience is in the hotel, meeting, and marketing industries. She has worked extensively with VIPs and speakers, managing details for the likes of actor Henry Winkler, figure skater Kurt Browning, Dr. Temple Grandin, and international bestselling author Rupert Isaacson. As a child her best friend was an adult with intellectual disabilities. That experience instilled in Sarah a love of diversity and respect for the abilities of all people.

She has a Bachelors of Science in Education summa cum laude from Susquehanna University. She blogs about holistic wellness and children's literature, and is an avid advocate for the importance of play in our lives. Her personal time is focused on her family and her passions – books, figure skating, and Legos.



## Senator Daylin Leach

Pennsylvania State Senator, 17th District

Senator Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery/Delaware), a former attorney and professor, has been a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly since winning his seat in the House of Representatives in 2002. In 2008, he was elected Senator of the 17th District. He is currently the Minority Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a member of the Appropriations, Education, Environmental Resources and Energy, Labor and Industry, and State Government Committees. Daylin is the Pennsylvania legislature's leading voice on progressive issues. He has championed countless important causes, including marriage equality, repealing the Voter ID law, environmental stewardship, redistricting reform, and campaign finance reform. He has been recognized by advocacy organizations for his work on the environment, education, animal rights, and human rights. Many of his proposals have been enacted into law, including a ban on the shackling of pregnant prisoners, new efficiency standards for PA's fleet of automobiles, and a protocol for medical marijuana use in the Commonwealth. Daylin is a graduate of Temple University and the University of Houston Law Center. He is married to Jennifer Anne Mirak, a psychologist, with whom he has two children, Brennan and Justin.

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## Chanda Macias, MBA, PhD

Owner and General Manager, National Holistic Healing Center Medical Marijuana Dispensary (NHHHC)

Chanda Macias, PhD, MBA is the CEO and the owner of National Holistic Healing Center (NHHHC), the leading medical marijuana dispensary in Washington DC. Dr. Macias has spent 15+ years developing knowledge of medical marijuana impact on patients. Under her leadership, NHHHC has earned \$6.5M in annual revenues in 3 years with 98% retention, and adding 100+ new patients/month. Dr. Macias contributes growth to the market through education on ailment strain alignment, aligning a medical marijuana strain with a specific condition or ailment.

Dr. Macias serves on the Board of Directors for the Minority Cannabis Business Association focusing on the growth of the industry in existing and emerging markets. She also educates through her outreach platform with Women Grow with a national educational reach impacting over 50,000+ people and potential patients. Dr. Macias is a proud member of Americans for Safe Access, promoting safe and legal access to medical marijuana for research purposes. In her local market, she serves as the Treasurer and Secretary of DC Medical Cannabis Trade Association that proactively engages in legislation, regulations, and compliance with the Department of Health. Finally, Dr. Macias serves on the Advisory Board of Southern University, a state-funded university, which was granted a license to cultivate medical cannabis in Louisiana.

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## Debby Miran



Former Commissioner, Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

Former commissioner, Deborah Miran, was a member of the Natalie M. LaPrade Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission from 2013- 2016. While serving on the commission, she was also a member of the executive committee, policy, and research subcommittees, and was chair of the education subcommittee. She was responsible for developing education programs for doctors and patients, and was also an integral part of crafting the current regulations.

Prior to the commission she was president and founder of Miran Consulting, Inc. There she advised both brand and generic drug makers on the FDA approval process. Ms. Miran was senior director of regulatory affairs for Alpharma, a generic drug manufacturer, where she directed the submission activities for new and abbreviated new drug applications to the FDA. She has spent over 30 years in the US pharmaceutical industry. Ms. Miran received her bachelor of science in chemistry from Iowa State University.

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## Assemblymember Daniel O'Donnell



New York State Assemblymember, 69th District

Daniel O'Donnell, the first openly gay man elected to the New York State Assembly, has been a progressive voice advocating fair and sensible legislation since he was elected to represent the 69th District in 2002. His district includes Manhattan Valley, Morningside Heights, and the Upper West Side. Born in Queens and raised with his four siblings in Commack, Long Island, O'Donnell put himself through college and law school, earning a B.A. in public affairs from George Washington University and a law degree from CUNY Law School. After seven years as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society, he opened his own public interest law firm on the Upper West Side.

During his tenure in the Assembly he has been the prime sponsor of several trailblazing bills, most notably the Marriage Equality Act, a bill O'Donnell led to passage in the Assembly five times before it was finally signed into law in June 2011. He was also the prime sponsor of New York's anti-bullying legislation, the Dignity for All Students Act, which requires public schools in New York to combat bias-based bullying and harassment.

He and his husband, John Banta, live in Morningside Heights.

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## Julie Prom

Director & Veterans Outreach Coordinator,  
Illinois Women in Cannabis

Julie Prom has over 30 years of advocacy and education experience in the causes of child safety, medical cannabis, and Veterans issues. She is intimately familiar with PTSD and the medicinal benefits of cannabis. Julie has been a medical cannabis patient since the mid-80s to treat her PTSD and traumatic brain injury symptoms and chronic pain from multiple other injuries suffered in a car crash.

Julie currently serves as a Director and the Veterans Outreach Coordinator for Illinois Women in Cannabis and the Illinois Liaison to Americans for Safe Access. Since 2013, Julie has assisted in writing multiple successful medical cannabis applications, standard operating procedures, and compliance documents for over twenty companies in six states. She has assisted opening dispensaries in New York and Illinois.



## Ezra Pryor

Heidolph North America Applied Market Specialist,  
Past-Chair and Founding Member of the Cannabis Chemistry  
Subdivision of the American Chemical Society

Ezra Pryor is an Applied Markets Specialist and Immediate Past Chair of the Cannabis Chemistry Subdivision of the American Chemical Society.

Ezra brings both his own experience and the wisdom of Heidolph to the table. For over seven decades, Heidolph has developed a wealth of experience by working in highly regulated pharmaceutical labs, agriculture industry and academia.

The new Heidolph Botanical Extraction (HBX) business unit is focused on providing unique solutions that are both efficient and compliant with cannabis industry regulations.

## Jeffrey Raber, PhD



Founder, The Werc Shop

Dr. Jeffrey C. Raber received his B.S. in biochemistry from Lebanon Valley College, PA and subsequently a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Southern California with an emphasis on developing new synthetic methodologies useful in pharmaceutical drug discovery and manufacturing.

Driven by a desire to make a positive contribution to society while creating American jobs Dr. Raber founded The Werc Shop in 2010, an independent laboratory focused on botanical analysis, product development and sustainability with an initial emphasis on serving the unmet public health and safety needs within the medical cannabis community. Dr. Raber's detailed investigations into the chemistry of cannabis as a medicine have provided him with a unique perspective and knowledge base useful in assisting state and local regulators in the construction and implementation of effective regulatory solutions for the safe and sustainable delivery of medical cannabis to qualified patients. Today The Werc Shop is widely recognized as a leading scientific pioneer and educator in medical cannabis that continues to further everyone's understanding of the plant and its possible product developments.

## Ethan Russo, MD



Director of Research and Development  
International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)

Ethan Russo, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and psychopharmacology researcher. Previously, from 2015-2017, he was Medical Director of PHYTECS, a biotechnology company researching and developing innovative approaches targeting the human endocannabinoid system ("ECS"). From 2003-2014, he served as Senior

Medical Advisor, medical monitor and study physician to GW Pharmaceuticals for numerous Phase I-III clinical trials of Sativex®

for alleviation of cancer pain unresponsive to optimized opioid treatment and initial studies of Epidiolex® for intractable epilepsy.

He is a former president of the International Cannabinoid Research Society and former Chairman of the International Association for Cannabinoid Medicines. He serves on the Scientific Advisory Board for the American Botanical Council. He is author/editor of seven books on cannabis and medicinal herbs, and has also published numerous book chapters, and over fifty articles in neurology, pain management, cannabis, and ethnobotany. He has consulted or lectured on these topics in 38 states and provinces and 33 countries.



## Tomas Sadilek

Director of Government Affairs  
International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)

Mr. Sadilek recently joined the ICCI in the position of Director of Government Affairs. He brings with him extensive experience from the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic in the field of Legal and Illegal Drugs:

Represented the Czech Republic in the Horizontal Group on Drugs in Bruxelles; represented the Czech Republic in all drug related meetings in United Nations institutions (Vienna, New York); responsibility for the negotiations of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) Outcome Document on behalf of the Czech Republic (held in Vienna from December 2015 – March 2016); represented the Czech Republic in meetings in EU area, Eastern Partnership countries area, occasionally the US; these are related to UN meetings, Council of the EU meetings, Council of Europe meetings.



## Ellen Lenox Smith

Board Member and Co-Director for Cannabis Advocacy  
U.S. Pain Foundation

Ellen Lenox Smith has emerged as a leading voice for patients living with pain in Rhode Island. Mrs. Smith suffers from two rare conditions - Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and sarcoidosis. Both these conditions are presently not curable. She presently has endured twenty-three surgeries and countless visits to her doctors.

Presently, she is a Rhode Island ambassador for both the US Pain Foundation and Arthritis Foundation, on the board of both the US Pain Foundation and the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition (RIPAC) as media coordinator, appointed by the governor to the ATEL Program, (Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program), helps with media exposure for the six year old EDS RI Support group, bringing in speakers to educate the group and recently was selected to represent patients on the Oversight Panel in RI that will oversee the medical marijuana program. She is a staff writer for Pain News Network and speaks out to educate others about her condition and pain management. She is also an author of two books: It Hurts Like Hell!: I Live With Pain- - And Have A Good Life Anyway and My Life as a Service Dog! Mrs. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Springfield College, and her previous position was teaching middle school social studies.

## Christine Stenquist



President

Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education (TRUCE)

Christine Stenquist is a brain tumor patient turned medical cannabis advocate. In 1996, she was diagnosed with an Acoustic Neuroma and removal was attempted; 60% of the tumor remains and with it a host of complications. After a decade and a half of a house-bound and bedridden life she approached her doctor about medical cannabis. Finding cannabis to mitigate most of her symptoms she sought out how to gain access.

Being a daughter of a narcotics officer she was faced with the dilemma, break the law or change the law. In 2015, she lobbied and testified in support of SB259 Medical Cannabis Act, which failed in the Senate by one vote. After this narrow loss, Christine's passion was further ignited to see cannabis legislation passed within the State of Utah, and she was determined to make an even greater impact during the following legislative session. Realizing the need for patient lobbyists on Capitol hill, the citizen lobbyist group, TRUCE, Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education, was formed to help raise awareness for the need of safe, legal access to cannabis. In the 2016 legislative session, Christine brought patient and caregivers from differing ideologies and conditions together to effectively lobby in support of SB 73, Medical Cannabis Act, outcome yet to be determined. Federal rescheduling of cannabis has also become an area of interest for Christine.



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# 2018 EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

- Patient Advocate of the Year - Jennifer Collins
- Elected Official of the Year - State Senator Richard Ojeda, West Virginia
- Affiliate of the Year - Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education (TRUCE)
- Researcher of the Year - Ryan Vandrey, PhD
- Medical Professional of the Year - Carlo Tornatore, MD
- Journalist of the Year - David Hodes
- Partner Advocate of the Year - Orrick
- 2018 Courage Award - The Zartler Family
- End Pain Not Lives Champion of the Year - U.S. Pain Foundation

## PATIENT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Collins

Awarded to an advocate who represents the patient perspective in every aspect of their work. Patient Advocate awardees are respected in their communities and are the definition of a compassionate individual.

## ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Senator Richard Ojeda

Awarded to elected officials who have been compassionate towards medical cannabis at either the local, state, or federal level.

## AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

TRUCE

Awarded to the ASA chapter or affiliate that has distinguished itself by being extremely involved in its community, holding successful events, and being effective in state and local campaigns.

## RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

Ryan Vandrey, PhD

Awarded to a researcher who has contributed outstanding findings in the field of medical cannabis.

## MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Carlo Tornatore, MD

Awarded to a medical professional who has displayed great leadership advancing the cause of medical cannabis. This leadership often comes in the form of outreach, education, and research,

## JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

David Hodes

Awarded to journalists or media personalities who have raised the national dialogue regarding medical cannabis.

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## PARTNER ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Orrick

Awarded to a partner organization or company that has displayed leadership and courage in their work on behalf of medical cannabis patients. This work can span a variety of endeavors, such as research or legal assistance.

## 2018 COURAGE AWARD

The Zartler Family

Awarded to advocates who have displayed great courage in the face of adversity. Often our Courage awardees are new to advocacy, but due to their passion, they are able to enact great change in a short time.

## END PAIN NOT LIVES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

U.S. Pain Foundation

Awarded to an advocate who represents the patient perspective in every aspect of their work. Patient Advocate awardees are respected in their communities and are the definition of a compassionate individual.

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# Cannabis Care Certification for Patients and Caregivers



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- Membership to the Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) Program for patients and caregivers
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- CCC Certificate

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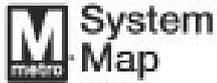


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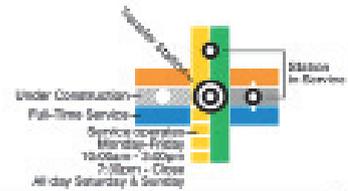
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- Station Features**
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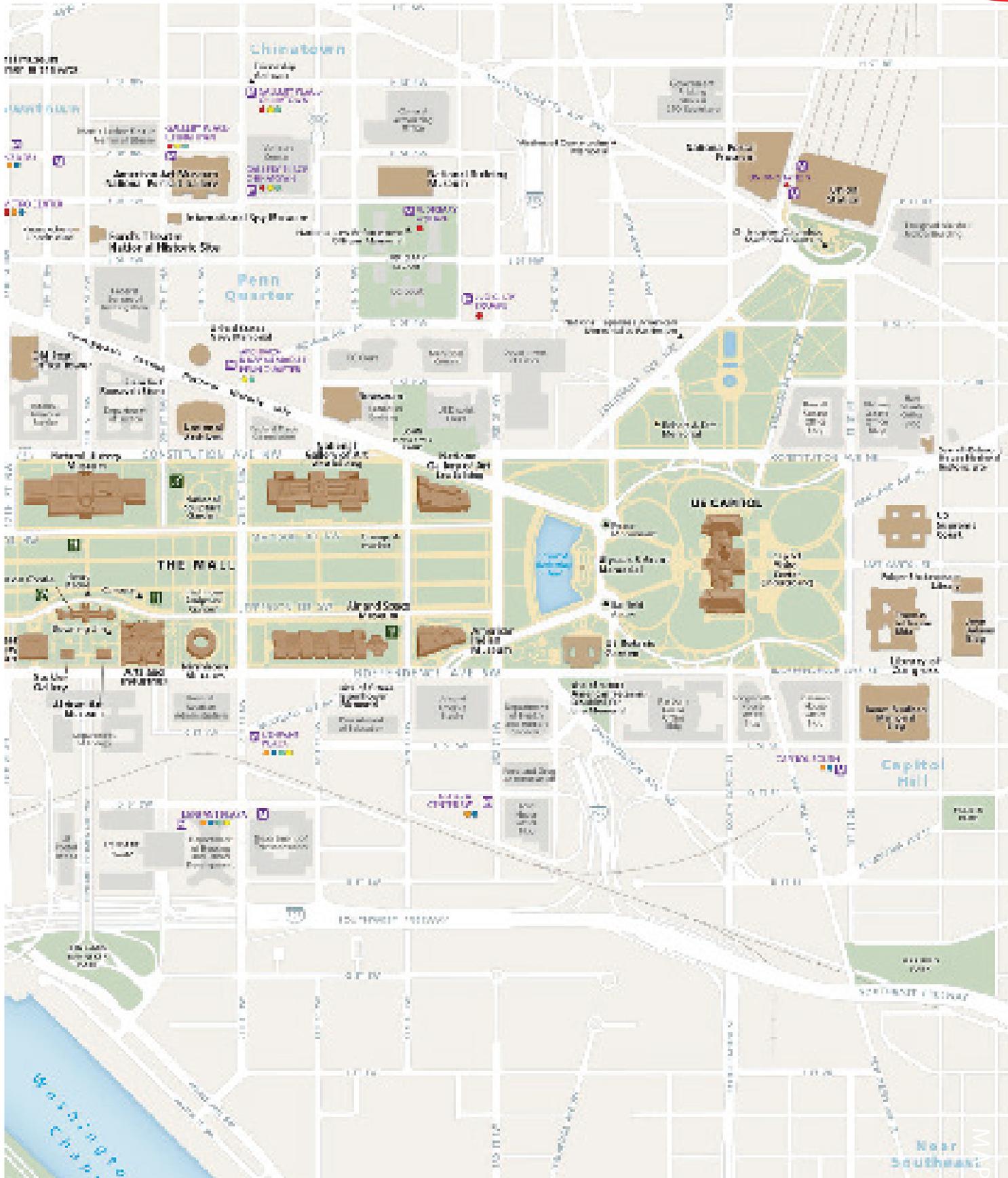


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# Help End Discrimination Against Pain Patients in California



Many chronic pain patients find that medical cannabis helps them reduce or eliminate their dependency on opiates and other prescription drugs. Medical studies have shown cannabis to be particularly effective for chronic, neuropathic pain, due to nerve damage, which often, resists treatment with opiates.

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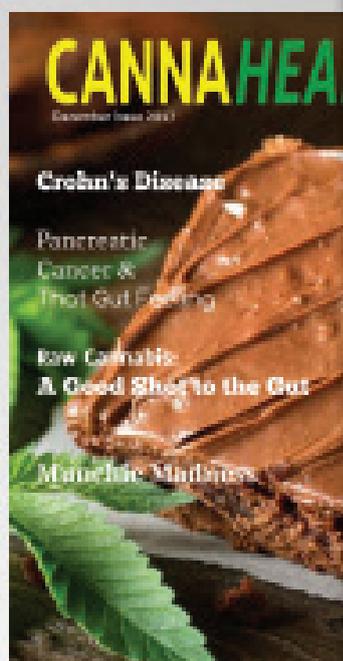
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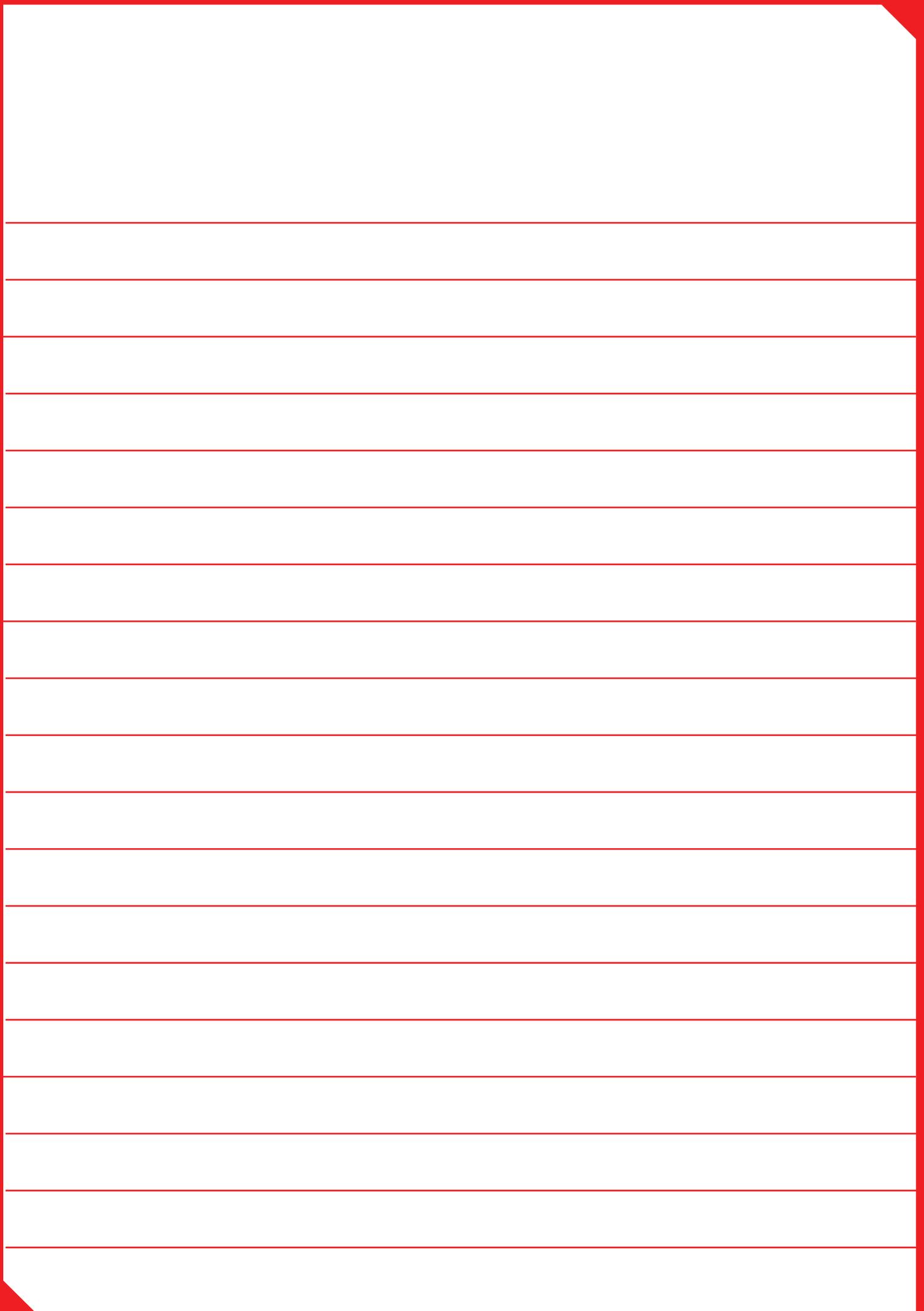
# IN MEMORY



Bear Michaud was key to bringing safe access laws to Arkansas and was the most dedicated ASA Unity conference volunteer. We lost him in July of 2017.

Bear, may we all strive to have your passion, compassion and willingness to roll up our sleeves to get it done, no matter how small the task, no matter how big the goal.







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