

NATIONAL
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CONFERENCE
2017

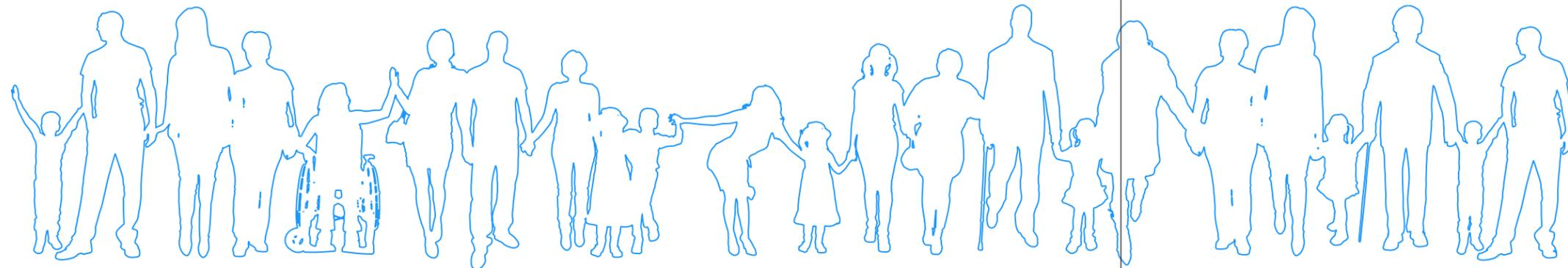


**SECURING
THE ROLE
OF MEDICAL
CANNABIS
IN MODERN
MEDICINE**





Conference Programme



WELCOME TO UNITY 2017!

This year is very special to me. Not only is this our 5th Annual National Medical Cannabis Unity Conference, but this year we are also celebrating the 15th anniversary of Americans for Safe Access! It seems strange to think that when we started ASA back in 2002, there were only eleven dispensaries in the country, all of which were operating without a license; eight states with medical cannabis laws, none with any implementation oversight; only a handful of physicians writing recommendations; and 30,000 legal medical cannabis patients in the country.

Fifteen years later, we have over 5,000 legally-operating cannabis businesses serving patients in forty-four states, 89% nation-wide public support, thousands of doctors recommending cannabis, and more than two million legal medical cannabis patients nationwide! We also have product safety standards, regulatory support, and accredited doctor education available through the American Medical Association!

In the last fifteen years, ASA has trained thousands of patient advocates on civil engagement; created product safety standards for medical cannabis products; helped pass local, state, and federal laws; fought and won in state and federal courts; built the world's first Center of Excellence for Cannabis and Cannabinoid studies; brought cannabis back into the Herbal Pharmacopoeia; and created accredited education programs for doctors, patients, and providers.

In the last year alone, ASA published a landmark Congressional Briefing Book, with a comprehensive roadmap for federal medical cannabis reform in 2017; published an 8-Factor Analysis showing that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is still relying on flawed or outdated scientific research; published a groundbreaking report on medical cannabis and opiate drug abuse; created a report on medical cannabis for the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND); and issued an annual report on the status of safe access in the U.S.

ASA also filed a legal request against the DEA and collected over 100,000 signatures for a petition demanding that they stop disseminating false information about medical cannabis. ASA argued that the DEA is in violation of the Information Quality Act (IQA, aka Data Quality Act), which forbids administrative agencies to provide false information to the public. And after months of our grassroots pressure, the DEA removed some information - including the publication, "Dangers and Consequences of Marijuana", which contained twenty-three of the twenty-five factual inaccuracies in our petition.

In 2014 and 2015, ASA helped pass the Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment to the federal budget. That amendment stopped the federal attacks on medical cannabis patients and the programs that serve them. ASA also played a role in shaping the content and direction of federal legislation, including the Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States (CARERS) Act of 2015. Our federal successes are due to hosting Senate and Congressional briefings, direct lobbying on Capitol Hill, coordinating over 1,000 representative meetings with ASA members, and targeted outreach campaigns.

The theme of this year's conference, "Securing the Role of Medical Cannabis in Modern Medicine" is a call to action for medical cannabis patients and allied stakeholders. We have come a long way in the last 15 years, but the road forward is not paved in certainty. Our past successes have been objectives on our strategic pathway "to ensure safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research." However, when we say "safe and legal access" we do not just mean international, federal, and state laws and regulations recognizing cannabis as a legal medicine. We mean:

- Medical professionals recommending cannabis options as a frontline treatment option or an adjunct therapy.
- Patients and their caregivers having the information they need to make educated choices about medical cannabis therapies.
- Patients and medical professionals having the ability to incorporate a diverse group of products and delivery methods to create required personalized treatment regimens.
- Patients knowing they can trust labels on products and that medicines are free of pesticides and contaminants.
- Having medical cannabis treatments covered by insurance.

These are our long-term goals, so even after 15 years, it feels as if we are just getting started. The good news is that we have the tools and allies we need to succeed!

I am particularly excited about this conference because the anniversary aspect forces us all to look back at what we have achieved, how we got here, and those who made it happen. But I am also equally excited to talk with all of you about how we can now build on our achievements to realize our goals. In the spirit of nostalgia, look at the conference agenda and try to imagine seeing these speakers and organizations under one roof fifteen years ago... one ten, or even five! It is a bit overwhelming to see the diversity and breadth of support we now enjoy, and know we are not doing this alone.

This weekend you will be able to meet, network with, and learn from patients, advocates, public health experts, lobbyists, scientists, medical and legal professionals, and other industry associates from all over the world, in the ever-evolving field of medical cannabis. By attending this Conference, you also have the ability to change history by making an impact on how your legislative representatives view medical cannabis.

On Tuesday, you will get the chance to meet with members of Congress and talk about comprehensive federal legislation. This is a rare opportunity to have your voices heard by decision-makers that affect our ability to access safe medical cannabis. Never doubt that it matters. Research and experience show that an in-person visit from someone like you is six times more likely to influence an undecided lawmaker than a visit from a paid lobbyist.

So get inspired. Get active. And let's get it done!

Thank you for joining us this year in Washington, D.C. to celebrate fifteen years of progress! This is a long struggle, but we are winning. We know that by continuing to work together, we will be able to one day bring safe and legal access to everyone who needs it.

Sincerely,



Steph Sherer
Executive Director
Americans for Safe Access

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

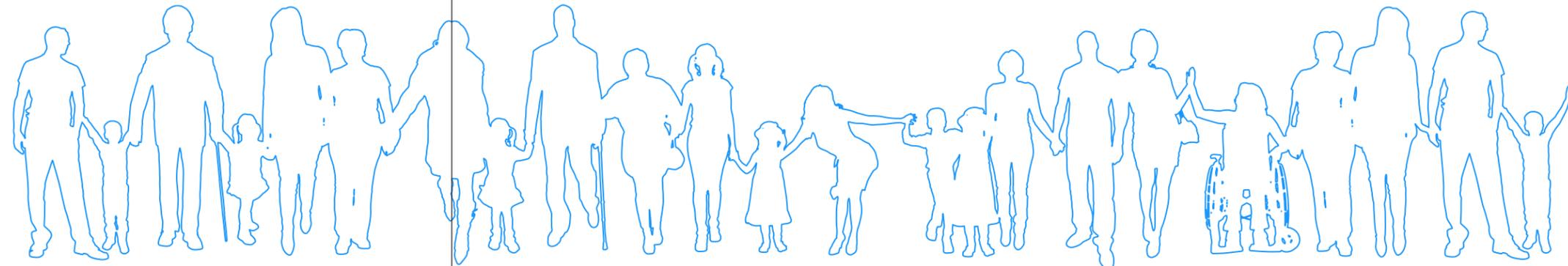
Friday		April 7, 2017
5:00 pm	Main Conference Registration Opens (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)	
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Welcome Reception (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)	
10:00 pm	Registration Closes (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)	
Saturday		April 8, 2017
7:30 am	Registration Opens (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)	
8:00 am	Breakfast (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)	
9:00 – 9:30 am	<p>Welcome from the Executive Director (Blue Room)</p> <p>A look back at the progress ASA and the medical cannabis movement have made and how we will chart a path forward</p> <p>Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access</p>	
9:30 – 10:00 am	<p>Keynote Address (Blue Room)</p> <p>State Senator Tom Davis is a leading advocate for access to safe, quality medical cannabis in his home state of South Carolina. Hear his story of evolution and advocacy as he champions the cause in the deep south.</p> <p>Hon. Tom Davis, State Senator, South Carolina Senate</p>	
10:00 – 11:00 am	<p>Challenges in Medical Cannabis Research (Blue Room)</p> <p>While prohibition has been a large barrier to research, the legal status is only one of the many challenges for researchers. This panel will explore other challenges that researchers face including funding, source material, technology for clinical trial design, gap in research tools, and scientific coordination.</p> <p>Moderator: Ethan Russo, MD, Senior Medical Advisor, GW</p> <p>Speakers: Tomas Zabransky, MD, PhD, Chief Scientist, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI) Cynthia Ludwig, Director of Technical Services, American Oil Chemists' Society Christina Marrongelli BSPS+, PharmD, ECHHealthcare™ and Integrative Pharmacy Solutions</p>	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Exciting Developments in Cannabis Research & Access (Blue Room)</p> <p>Medical cannabis research and the development of research tools is happening everyday. This panel includes a diverse group of scientists that will share some exciting new developments in their various fields of expertise.</p> <p>Moderator: Jeff Raber, PhD, Founder, The Werc Shop</p> <p>Speakers: Susan Audino, PhD, Course Instructor, American Association for Laboratory Accreditation Mohammed Mustafa, BS, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, Virginia Commonwealth University Ethan Russo, MD, Senior Medical Advisor, GW Pharmaceuticals Stuart W. Titus, PhD, Chief Executive Officer & President Medical Marijuana, Inc.</p>	

12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
1:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>State of Medical Cannabis in the United States (Blue Room)</p> <p>Today 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam all have medical cannabis laws. Each of these programs are in conflict with federal law and each have their unique challenges.</p> <p>Moderator: John Hudak PhD, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution</p> <p>Speakers: Eric Steenstra, President, Vote Hemp Patrick Seifert, President & Founder, Twenty2Many Gail Rand, Patient Advocate, ForwardGro Christine Stenquist, President, Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education (TRUCE) Julie Prom, Director & Veterans Outreach Coordinator, Illinois Women in Cannabis Carla Rossotti Vázquez, MD</p>
3:00 – 4:30 pm	<p>ASA Action: Connecting ASA Tools to Advocacy (Blue Room)</p> <p>There are a number of resources available from ASA to not only help pass, improve, and adopt laws and regulations in your state, but also to educate medical professionals, patients, and family members.</p> <p>Moderator: Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access</p> <p>Speakers: Jahan Marcu, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer and Chief Auditor, Americans for Safe Access Beth Collins, Senior Director of Government Relations and External Affairs, Americans for Safe Access Pavel Kubu, Chief Executive Officer, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI) Don Duncan, Board Member, Americans for Safe Access</p>
4:00 – 4:45 pm	Break (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
4:45 – 6:00 pm	<p>Changing Hearts and Minds: Looking at the Path to Safe and Open Access to Medicine (Blue Room)</p> <p>A panel on the work that is required to create a normal pathway to life-saving drugs from others who've dealt with the process (Epilepsy, MS, etc).</p> <p>Moderator: Beth Collins, Director of Government Relations & External Affairs, Americans for Safe Access</p> <p>Speakers: Ellen Lenox Smith, Board Member, U.S. Pain Foundation John Wylam, Government Relations Manager, National Multiple Sclerosis Society Jenna Mathis, Government Relations Manager, Epilepsy Foundation Michael Krawitz, Executive Director, Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access</p>

Sunday **April 9, 2017**

7:30 am	Registration Opens (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
8:00 am	Breakfast (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
9:00 – 11:00 am	<p>Global Medical Cannabis Policy & Lessons Learned (Blue Room)</p> <p>Learn about the latest efforts globally to access Medical Cannabis from leading experts.</p> <p>Moderator: Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access</p> <p>Speakers: Dion Markgraaff, President, HempMed Mexico María de los Angeles Lobos, Director, Dianova Chile Pavel Kubu, MD, Chief Executive Officer, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI) Tomas Zabransky, MD, PhD, Board Member, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI) Vicki Hanson, Director of Special Projects/Corporate Planner, Cannabis Licensing Authority of Jamaica Hana Gabrielová, Project Manager, International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI)</p>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p>State of Medical Cannabis Regulation (Blue Room)</p> <p>Regulations are an integral part of every commercial good and service. For the last 4 years, cannabis standards have been adopted in several states based on regulatory tools such as Patient Focused Certification (PFC), ISO17025, the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) Recommendations for Regulators, and the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP) Cannabis monograph.</p> <p>Moderator: Jahan Marcu, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer and Chief Auditor, Americans for Safe Access</p> <p>Speakers: Paul Hyland, Program Administrator, Delaware Office of Medical Marijuana Nic Easley, Chief Executive Officer, 3C: Comprehensive Cannabis Consulting Todd Dalotto, Horticultural Scientist / Consultant, CAN! Consulting, Albany, Oregon Trish Flaster+, Executive Director, Botanical Liaisons Christina Marrongelli BSPS, PharmD, ECHealthcare™ and Integrative Pharmacy Solutions</p>

12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
1:30 – 4:00 pm	<p>Stakeholder Meetings</p> <p>Medical Cannabis Patients and Caregivers Stakeholder Session (Hampton Room)</p> <p>Medical Professional Stakeholder Session (Embassy Room)</p> <p>Veterans Stakeholder Session (Blue Room)</p> <p>Cannabis Industry Stakeholder Session (Governor’s Room)</p> <p>Parents of Medical Cannabis Patients Stakeholder Session (Blue Room)</p> <p>Medical Cannabis Researcher Stakeholder Session (Calvert Room)</p> <p>Medical Cannabis Regulators Stakeholder Session (Capitol Room)</p>
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Break (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Stakeholder Report Back (Blue Room)
8:00 pm	Movie Night – The Scientist



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Monday April 10, 2017

7:30 am	Registration Opens (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
8:00 am	Breakfast (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Workshop Sessions
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
WORKSHOP 1: PFC Enrichment Courses (Hampton Room)	
8:00 – 10:00 am	<p>Sustainable Cultivation</p> <p>Designed to help cultivators reduce their impact on the environment, this course provides tools for reducing the carbon footprint of cultivation operations as well as the use, recycling and reuse of mediums. In addition, this course discusses appropriate nutrient use, the consequence of mined and imported materials, and the proper storage of chemicals. Water source development, use, storage and reduction techniques are also addressed in this course as is the proper tracking of materials used during the cultivation process.</p>
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Pesticide Guidance and Integrated Pest Management</p> <p>This course offers individuals specialized cannabis industry education that includes key definitions pertaining to pesticides and how to properly read a pesticide label. The training explores the importance and function of tolerance thresholds, major chemical families, Restricted Entry Intervals (REI's), and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) as well as employee safety and employer responsibilities. You will also learn the key components to developing a successful Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. This course is highly recommended for all cultivation and processing management personnel.</p>
1:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>Quality Control and Batch Sampling</p> <p>This course offers individuals specialized education that includes developing and implementing Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) systems, including method validation and General Manufacturing Practices (GMP's) as they relate to QA/QC topics. Additionally, this course will explore "representative sampling" techniques and how to apply them to cultivation, processing, and manufacturing operations to ensure consistent product purity and quality as well as accurate labeling. This course is strongly recommended for management working in a Cannabis business.</p>
3:00 – 4:30 pm	<p>AHP Cannabis Monograph</p> <p>This course offers individuals education on the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia Cannabis Inflorescence monograph, which has been adopted by 19 States as the standard for quality control, purity, and testing for medical cannabis. The course combines aspects from the monograph including botany, taxonomy, analysis, and quality control of the cannabis plant. The course offers participants important</p>

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WORKSHOP 2: Advocacy & Activism (**Blue Room**)

9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Opiate Crisis and Medical Cannabis Advocacy</p> <p>This workshop will explore current scientific knowledge on opiates and cannabis, roadblocks for pain patients in the US in using cannabis therapies, and talking points, messaging, and tools for advocates.</p>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Federal Legislation 2017 – 2018</p> <p>This workshop will discuss current and potential federal medical cannabis legislation in the 115th Congress. Talk about what can and cannot happen in the Republican-dominated Congress and what role advocates can play.</p>
1:30 – 5:00 pm	Afternoon Breakout #1 (Blue Room)
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Meeting Facilitation</p> <p>Running a group or public meeting is an essential tool in community organizing. A well-run meeting can empower the base, diffuse opposition and contribute to the success of a grassroots campaign. A poorly run meeting can do the opposite. This workshop explores processes and strategies for facilitating a meeting, with a focus on inclusion and non-oppression.</p>
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<p>ABC's of Citizen Lobbying</p> <p>This trademark training shows you step-by-step how to schedule and execute a face-to-face meeting with lawmakers to discuss medical cannabis. You will discuss simple steps to be effective and avoid common pitfalls, no matter how much experience you have.</p>
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Break
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1:30 – 5:00 pm	Afternoon Breakout #2 (Capitol Room)
1:30 – 2:30 pm	CBD-Only States This workshop looks at what comes next in states where CBD and CBD-rich medicine is legal, but not other types of medical cannabis. How do CBD laws fit into the bigger picture?
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Supporting Your Bill This workshop explores strategies and tools for citizen-based lobbying efforts in support of medical cannabis bills. Participants will discuss how to engage elected officials and staff, building coalitions, using media and more.
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Running a Successful Ballot Initiative Voter initiatives may be the only path forward for legalizing medical cannabis or reforming laws in the twenty-six states and countless communities where they are allowed. This workshop explores the pros and cons of the voter initiative and elements of a winning campaign. Participants will discuss drafting language, building support, overcoming opposition, using the media, getting out the vote and more.

WORKSHOP 3: Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) (**Capitol Room**)

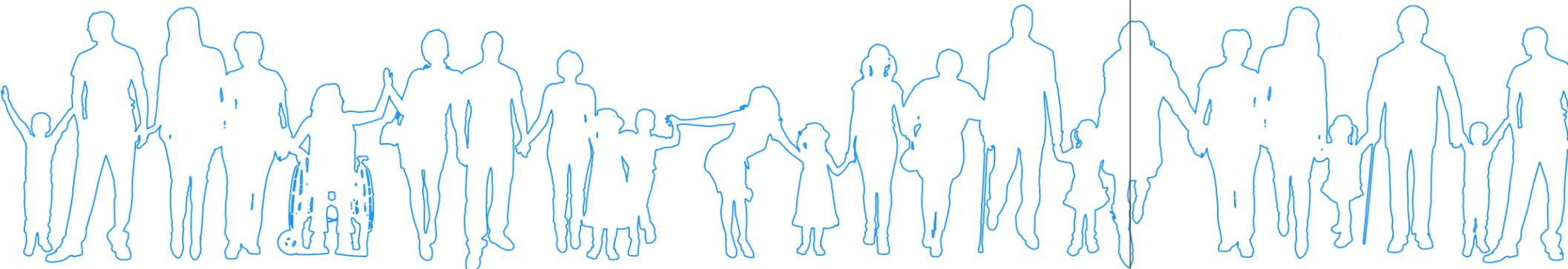
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	This workshop will give participants an introduction of the recently launched Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) program. Created by ASA and The Answer Page, Inc., the CCC program is aimed to help doctors provide the best care for legal medical cannabis patients, and to help patients get the most from their medical cannabis use. This workshop will showcase the features and dynamic learning platform of the CCC program. Participants will get to view the patient education videos and will also receive a 12-month subscription to TheAnswerPage's comprehensive medical cannabis library, and a discount code for 6 CME credits. This course is recommended for patients, caregiver, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, and all those interested in the science of the endocannabinoid system (ECS) and the therapeutic use of medical cannabis.
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7:00 – 8:00pm	VIP Reception – VIP Ticket Required (Blue Room Pre-Function Area)
8:00 – 9:30 pm	ASA Dinner (Blue Room) <i>Patient Advocate of the Year:</i> Nichole Snow, Massachusetts Patient's Alliance <i>Patient Lobbyist of the Year:</i> Janet Breneman <i>Elected Official of the Year:</i> Hon. Tom Davis, State Senator, South Carolina Senate <i>Action Group of the Year:</i> Pennsylvania for Safe Access <i>ASA Chapter of the Year:</i> Puerto Rico <i>Researcher of the Year:</i> Maria McCormack, Chair of Committee on Health Effects of Marijuana, Harvard University <i>Medical Professional of the Year:</i> Bonni Goldstein, M.D. <i>Journalist of the Year:</i> Christopher Ingraham, Washington Post <i>2017 Courage Award Winner:</i> Tom Duncan

Tuesday

April 11, 2017

8:00 am	Registration Opens (Hampton Room)
9:30 – 10:30 am	Closing Remarks & Breakfast (Hampton Room)
10:30 am	Board Buses to Capitol Hill (Bus Loading Zone, Omni Shoreham Hotel)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Capitol Hill Press Conference & Group Photo (Capitol Grounds)
12:00 – 4:00 pm	Capitol Hill Visits (Various House and Senate Office Buildings)
Running Shuttle	Shuttle Bus Service to Omni Shoreham Hotel (Peace Monument Circle, US Capitol)



Cannabis Care Certification for Medical Professionals



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The CCC program includes:

- Membership to the Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) Program for medical professionals
- Full access to TheAnswerPage's entire Medical Cannabis Library with updates for 12 months
- The ability to earn up to 22.5 CME Credits including Risk Management
- Free access to syllabus topics in TheAnswerPage's medical library on opioid prescribing, pain medicine, palliative care, perioperative medicine, anesthesiology, hospital medicine and medical statistics.
- Full access to the "CCC Patient and Caregiver" suite of educational videos including the Endocannabinoid System; Cannabis 101; Cannabis Research and Clinical Data; Cannabis-based Medicines; Choosing Your Medicine: Potency, Delivery Methods, and Dosage; Obtaining Medicine; Safely Using, Storing and Transporting Medical Cannabis; Medical Cannabis in Your Life; History of Medical Cannabis.
- A personal CME account at TheAnswerPage.com
- CCC Certificate
- Eligibility for referral list for patients seeking doctors with CCC training

TAP brings over two decades of experience providing education to an international healthcare audience and CME accredited courses, while ASA brings 15 years of experience educating medical professionals and patients on the laws and therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis.

Learn More at:

www.CannabisCareCertification.org/
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AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WILL RECEIVE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL CANNABIS CARE CERTIFICATION.



CONFERENCE ENRICHMENT COURSES

Cannabis Care Certification (CCC)

Intro to Cannabis Care Certification

Date: April 10, 2017
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Capitol Room
Instructors: Steph Sherer
Cost: \$49
Conference Attendee Cost: \$25

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Patient Focused Certification (PFC)

Sustainable Cultivation

Date: April 10, 2017
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 am
Location: Hampton Room
Instructors: Jahan Marcu, PhD
Cost: \$200
Conference Attendee Cost: \$100

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Pesticide Guidance and Integrated Pest Management

Date: April 10, 2017
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Hampton Room
Instructors: Jahan Marcu, PhD
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We Are A Company of Firsts®

As a pioneer in the cannabis industry, Medical Marijuana, Inc. has continuously taken the important first steps to ensure access to cannabinoids for people around the world.



Medical Marijuana, Inc. and our family of companies are proud to support Americans for Safe Access. We recognize that although attitudes towards cannabis are shifting, barriers in the form of federal and state prohibition still exist for many Americans. Legal access to safe, reliable sources of cannabinoids is at the core of Medical Marijuana, Inc.'s mission, and we are excited to team up with ASA to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stuart Titus, PhD
CEO, Medical Marijuana, Inc.

First to bring legal cannabinoid products to all 50 states.

First license the NIH patent “Cannabinoids as Antioxidants and Neuroprotectants” for pharmaceutical research.

First to provide prescription CBD products to patients in Latin America, including Brazil and Mexico.

First to develop strict quality standards and testing procedures for CBD products.

First to offer government-subsidized botanical cannabis-based products (in Brazil).

SPEAKERS



SUSAN AUDINO

Susan Audino obtained her Ph.D. in Chemistry with an analytical chemistry major, physical and biochemistry minors, and met the requirements of an NSF Chemometric Fellowship. She operates a consulting company to service chemical and biological laboratories, serves as a Board Member for the Center for Research on Environmental Medicine in Union Bridge, MD, is actively engaged in medical research, and co-owns and operates Alpaca Green, LLC in Orient, OH. She is providing technical guidance to consulting firms advising existing cannabis testing laboratories, state legislators, and regulatory agencies.

Susan's interest most directly involves cannabis consumer safety and protection, promoting active research towards the development of Official Test methods that will benefit the cannabis industry. Susan is currently a member of the American Chemical Society (Analytical, Environmental, and Agriculture divisions), the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, the AOAC Statistics Committee, the Accreditation Council of A2LA, and serves as an A2LA instructor. Prior to studying chemistry, Dr. Audino was an independent consulting psychologist for more than 12 years, having earned advanced degrees in psychology.



EBEN BRITTON

Britton is a former NFL player and is currently an advocate for removing cannabis from the list of banned substances in the NFL. He is a member of the Gridiron Cannabis Coalition, a group that advocates for the NFL to change its policy on marijuana.



BETH COLLINS

Beth Collins first became involved in medical marijuana advocacy in 2013 while trying to help treat her daughter Jennifer's intractable epilepsy. After trying and failing numerous pharmaceutical medications, Beth and Jennifer left her husband and other daughter in Virginia and moved to Colorado to access cannabis oil to treat Jennifer's seizures. While in Colorado, Beth began lobbying the Virginia General Assembly for access to medical cannabis. In 2014, Beth and her daughter returned to Virginia and she worked with other parents to pass legislation that allows her daughter to take THC oil in the state without fear of prosecution. She continues to work with Virginia's lawmakers to expand access and cultivation in the state.

In addition, Beth helped form and lead the Parents Coalition for Rescheduling Medical Cannabis, a national parent group with the mission of removing cannabis from its current schedule 1 status. She has also lobbied Congress in support of the CARERS Act, the most comprehensive piece of federal medical marijuana legislation ever introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate. In January 2016, Beth joined the staff of Americans for Safe Access.

SPEAKERS



TODD DALOTTO

Todd Dalotto is a horticultural scientist, public policy consultant, and court-qualified expert witness specializing in medicinal cannabis. He has a horticultural research degree with emphasis on sustainable agriculture from Oregon State University, is former Chair of the Oregon Health Authority's Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM), as well as the ACMM's Horticulture, Research & Safety Committee, has served on various legislative and rules advisory committees for the State of Oregon, helped draft the regulations for Oregon's Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program, and serves on Americans for Safe Access' Patient-Focused Certification Review Board.

Todd founded the United States' first hemp food business Hungry Bear Hemp Foods, authored the world's first hemp cookbook *The Hemp Cookbook: From Seed to Shining Seed (Inner Traditions)*, and founded Oregon's first cannabis medical clinic, education & support center, Compassion Center. His research objectives over the past seventeen years include breeding of in-bred lines, growth, development, morphology, phyto-chemistry, yields, and cultural practices. He is president of CAN! Research, Education & Consulting in Albany, Oregon, where he innovates and implements protocol for the scientific research of cannabis, teaches, and consults businesses & individuals on the horticultural science and public policy of cannabis.



TOM DAVIS

Tom Davis obtained a B.A. from Furman University in 1982 and a J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1985. Tom has practiced law in Beaufort at the law firm of Harvey & Battey, P.A., since 1985. He also served in Gov. Mark Sanford's administration as senior policy advisor, co-chief of staff, deputy chief of staff, and chief of staff from 2003 to 2007. During his time with the governor's administration, Tom led the State of South Carolina's successful negotiations with the State of Georgia in regard to the two states developing collaboratively a new port on the Savannah River in Jasper County.

In November 2008, Tom was elected State Senator for South Carolina Senate District 46, which is comprised of almost all of the southern Beaufort County, a portion northern Beaufort County, and a portion of Jasper County, and he was re-elected to second and third four-year terms in 2012 and 2016. Tom currently serves on the following Senate committees: Finance; Banking and Insurance; Labor, Commerce and Industry; Medical Affairs; Corrections and Penology; and Invitations (where he serves a chairman).



DON DUNCAN

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 grassstops 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.



NIC EASLEY

Nic Easley and 3C have helped more than 70 clients design, start up, build, and optimize their cultivation and commercial cannabis operations. 3C uses science, research, and education as guiding principles, prioritizing ROI, profitability and shareholder value while recommending both socially and environmentally responsible practices. Nic's scientific background, combined with over 15 years of agricultural field and biological experience offers the industry new possibilities of productivity, profitability, and professionalism. Over the past nine years - both in Colorado and nationwide - Nic has been asked to speak and keynote at multiple industry conferences and contributes to numerous industry publications. Nic holds degrees in Environmental Studies and Biology, and is a Veteran of the United States Air Force.



TRISH FLASTER

Trish Flaster, Executive Director of Botanical Liaisons, LLC, is a professionally trained ethnobotanist who has worked in the natural products industry since 1973. She has been a pioneer in implementing botanical standards and integrating cultural knowledge into dietary supplements and pharmaceutical research. Botanical Liaisons provides research, on all continents, product development from field to consumer, botanical references for researchers, government agencies, and manufacturers.



HANA GABRIELOVA

Hana Gabriellová graduated from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of South Bohemia in 1999 where she wrote her thesis on cultivation and use of hemp in the Czech Republic. She has been an active member since 2000 of Konopa, an NGO that educates the public and professionals about the potential of hemp. From 2011 she was a member of the Committee on Petitions for medical cannabis in the Czech country. She founded Hempoint Ltd. in 2010, focusing on growing organic hemp mainly for flowers and seed production, and making Hempoint branded food products for the hemp wholesale and retail markets. Beginning in 2016, she started to work on Patient Focused Certification (PFC) standards for cannabis growing with the International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute (ICCI).



JOHN HUDAK

John Hudak is deputy director of the Center for Effective Public Management and a senior fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institute. His research focuses on campaigns and elections, legislative-executive interaction, and state and federal marijuana policy. John's 2016 book, Marijuana: A Short History, offers a unique, up-to-date profile of how cannabis emerged from the shadows of counterculture and illegality to become a serious, even mainstream, public policy issue and source of legal revenue for both businesses and governments. In it, he describes why attitudes and policy have changed, and what those changes mean for marijuana's future place in society. His other work explores how agency staffing, expertise, and institutional structure facilitate or hinder presidential power and influence. This research explores the balance between political control and bureaucratic expertise in the delivery of public policy.

Prior to joining Brookings, John served as the program director and as a graduate fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. He holds a B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Connecticut and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Vanderbilt University.



PAUL HYLAND

Paul Hyland is the State Program Administrator for the Medical Marijuana Program located in the Division of Public Health. He was born in and raised just outside Buffalo, New York. Paul served in the United States Air Force for 25 years as a Security Policeman. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Public Administration. Paul has been the program administrator since the law was passed in 2011. The Office of Medical Marijuana (OMM), issues patient and caregiver cards to authorize the use of medical marijuana for qualifying conditions. Additionally the OMM regulates the production, processing, testing, and sale of medical marijuana through state regulated Compassion Centers.



MICHAEL KRAWITZ

A disabled United States Air Force Veteran (Sergeant, 1981 – 1986), Michael Krawitz currently serves as Executive Director of Veterans For Medical Cannabis Access [VMCA] as well as holding other advisory roles.

Under Michael's leadership VMCA successfully negotiated the first ever medical cannabis policy within the VA in 2010 and has overseen a successful nationwide effort to add Post Traumatic Stress as a qualifying condition under state medical marijuana access laws.



PAVEL KUBŮ

Pavel Kubů, MD is an expert in medical informatics and addictology. In 2001 he graduated in general medicine with a focus on diseases prevention and public health at Charles University in Prague. Between 2005 and 2015 he was leading projects of Intel World Ahead Program for Healthcare in Central and Eastern Europe and Education in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. In 2006 he was appointed as chairman of the Ethical Commission at the Czech National Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Abuse. This government agency is among others responsible for evaluation of ethical conditions and human rights compliance in all R&D projects related to illegal drug use requesting public funding. Since 2007 he has served as a board member of the Czech National Forum for eHealth, between 2012 and 2015 as a steering committee member of Czech Healthcare Forum, and from 2013 as a board member of the medical cannabis patient organization KOPAC. In March 2015 he became a founding member of the International Medical Cannabis Patient Coalition.

Since 2011 he has led medical strategy implementation and co-founded the company Elon Medical devoted to R&D of wearable plastic electronics actually using printed light and smart nanotechnologies in new treatment methods for dermatology, neonatology, mental health, oncology, ophthalmology, and surgery. In December 2015 he co-founded the International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute and became CEO of a research and innovation hub focused on clinical knowledge, services, and tool development for implementation in clinical practice of new treatment methods using whole-plant medical cannabis in combination with personalized medicine tools and integrated care methods.

SPEAKERS



CYNTHIA LUDWIG

Cynthia Ludwig, Director of Technical Services of AOCS, an association that provides technical and scientific resources to the oils, fats, lipids, proteins, surfactants and related industries, is responsible for all Technical Services activities including methods development, ISO Guide 34 accredited Certified Reference Material Program, laboratory proficiency programs, and AOCS accreditations.

Ludwig joined AOCS in 2014. Her background is in scientific research. She started her journey as a large-scale production and analytical chemist at Sigma-Aldrich in St. Louis, MO. After five years, she joined Monsanto where she spent the next 20 years contributing to over 20 patents, receiving numerous awards and developing new products and technologies. Her degrees include a BS in Organic Chemistry from Southern Illinois University and an MS in Physical Organic Chemistry from Eastern Illinois University.



JAHAN MARCU

Jahan Marcu, PhD is currently the Chief Scientific Officer and Chief Auditor for Americans for Safe Access and the Patient Focused Certification (PFC) Program. He is also on the Board of Directors of the International Association for Cannabinoids as Medicine (IACM). He received his Ph.D. for significant contributions to the study of the structure and function of the CB1 receptor, and the role of the endocannabinoid system in bone. Before earning his Ph.D., Dr. Marcu worked at the California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute studying the anti-cancer properties of compounds from the cannabis plant and on analytical Cannabis research projects in Holland.

He is also an author of the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia Cannabis Monograph. Dr. Marcu serves on multiple expert government, trade association committees, and scientific organizations including AHPA, ACS, AOCS, AOAC, ASA, IACM, IMCPC and others. Dr. Marcu was the first recipient of the Billy Martin research award from the International Cannabinoid Research Society. He is a court-qualified synthetic cannabinoid and cannabis expert.



DION MARKGRAAFF

Dion Markgraaff has been in the cannabis movement since 1991. In 1993, Mr. Markgraaff opened Europe's 1st hemp store Cannabis in Amsterdam. At the same time that year he hosted the modern world's 1st Global Hemp Business Convention and Fashion Show, while starting first real the "High Times Cannabis Cup" in Amsterdam. In addition, he founded The Cannabis College in Amsterdam, published news, help produce documentaries, and more.

In 1997, Mr. Markgraaff organized the 1st medical cannabis group (club/dispensary) in San Diego, CA. In 2002, he founded, San Diego Americans for Safe Access. From 2007-2010, he help found, was the co-owner and editor of NUG Magazine, a monthly free publication out of San Diego, <http://nugmag.com/>.

He now works as a consultant in business development for Medical Marijuana Inc., the first publicly traded cannabis company in the United States.



CHRISTINA MARRONGELLI

Ryan has broad experience with DNA sequencing and analysis technologies—ranging from microbes to prairie grasses to sunflowers. In 2014 he helped launch a Cannabis genome research project at the University of Colorado Boulder. Since completing his Cannabis-based PhD, he has operated a genomics and plant breeding consultancy, and most recently joined Medicinal Genomics. In his current role, he continues to develop genome sequencing technologies for Cannabis cultivators and breeders. These efforts have provided new insight into the diversity and origins many Cannabis varieties from around the globe, and have broad implications for improving the effectiveness and safety of Cannabis-based therapies.



JENNA MATHIS

Jenna Mathis is the Government Relations Manager at the Epilepsy Foundation. She assists with state and federal legislative and regulatory advocacy. Jenna recently came to the Foundation after working for a senator on Capitol Hill. In her role as a Legislative Aide, she primarily worked on health care policy, as well as education, disability, family, and labor issues.

Jenna earned her B.A. in Public Relations from Penn State University and her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law.

SPEAKERS



MOHAMMED MUSTAFA

Mohammed Mustafa is currently a full-time lab specialist and began his research career while obtaining a B.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University. His research expertise and interest include allosteric modulation of the CB1 receptor, the behavioral effects of endocannabinoid degradative enzyme inhibition, and opioid-sparing effects of cannabinoids. In addition to his research career, Mohammed has been involved with grass-roots activism focusing on medical cannabis policy. He is one of the founding members of Safe Access Virginia, which is a regional chapter of Americans for Safe Access.



MARÍA DE LOS ANGELES LOBOS PALACIOS

María de los Angeles Lobos Palacios holds a degree in Psychology and has a specialization in dual diagnosis and public drug policies, health, and human rights. She is the director of the treatment center for problematic drug consumption, Dianova, in Viña del Mar, Chile. Dianova is an international NGO, operates in 11 countries across Europe and the Americas with programs and projects in the fields of education, youth, addiction prevention and treatment, and in the area of social and community development.

She is also a volunteer therapist and activist at Daya Foundation (Quilpué headquarters), one of the most important medical cannabis organizations in Latin America. Her key areas of expertise are gender issues, public drugs politics, HIV/AIDS and addictions, dual pathology harm reduction intervention, and treatment for problematic drug consumption with women.



JULIE PROM

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.

Prior to her cannabis consulting work, Julie provided consulting services to many local, state, and national organizations including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), National Safety Council, DaimlerChrysler, Safe Ride News, Indiana University, and several child restraint manufacturers. She also spent eight years as Minnesota's Child Passenger Safety Program Administrator. There, she developed state and local programs, and wrote child passenger safety brochures and training manuals.



JEFFREY RABER

Dr. Jeffrey Raber received his B.S. in biochemistry from Lebanon Valley College, PA and 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 efforts. While at USC he was awarded the Harold and Lillian Moulton Fellowship for his efforts on the construction of novel heterocycles and peptidomimetics utilizing a proprietary boron-based multicomponent condensation reaction.

Driven by a desire to find his own medicine and make a positive contribution to society while creating American jobs, Dr. Raber founded The Werc Shop in 2010 with a focus on botanical analysis, new product developments and sustainability. Dr. Raber's detailed investigations into the chemistry of cannabis provide 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.



GAIL RAND

Gail is a parent advocate, whose son suffers from epilepsy. She has been passionately involved in the Maryland cannabis laws and regulations since 2013. She played an integral role in helping to pass the 2014 legislation in Maryland for the medical cannabis program as well as the 2015 legislation that further improved the program. She is also a founder of StopTheSeizures.org, a parental advocacy group for the legalization of medical cannabis in Maryland for children with epilepsy. In 2015, she received the Courage Award given by Americans for Safe Access.

In March 2015, Gail formed Grand Consulting, LLC, a consulting company focused in the cannabis industry. Gail worked in the cannabis industry on business plans, applications for licenses, project management, and strategic management. In 2016, she became CFO and Patient Advocate for ForwardGro, one of the fifteen companies given a pre-approval to cultivate cannabis in Maryland.



ETHAN RUSSO

Dr. Ethan Russo, M.D., is a board-certified neurologist, psychopharmacology researcher, and former Senior Medical Advisor to GW Pharmaceuticals. He served as study physician to GW Pharmaceuticals for three Phase III clinical trials of Sativex. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Massachusetts Medical School, before residencies in Pediatrics in Phoenix, Arizona and in Child and Adult Neurology at the University of Washington. He was a clinical neurologist in Missoula, Montana for 20 years in a practice with a strong chronic pain component. He joined GW as a full-time consultant in 2003. He has held faculty appointments in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Montana, in Medicine at the University of Washington, and as visiting professor, Chinese Academy of Sciences. He is currently Past-President of the International Cannabinoid Research Society, and is former Chairman of the International Association for Cannabinoid Medicines.

He is author of Handbook of Psychotropic Herbs, co-editor of Cannabis and Cannabinoids: Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutic Potential. He was founding editor of Journal of Cannabis Therapeutics. He has also published book chapters and over thirty articles in neurology, pain management, cannabis, and ethnobotany. His research interests have included correlations of historical uses of cannabis to modern pharmacological mechanisms, phytopharmaceutical treatment of migraine and chronic pain, and phytocannabinoid-serotonergic and -vanilloid interactions.



PATRICK SEIFERT

Patrick Seifert is a proud U.S. Marine Corp veteran. Prior to getting into veteran and medical cannabis activism Patrick taught self-defense and worked in the private security industry for most of his life. Patrick was brought to Cannabis from early childhood use and ultimately a car accident that got him addicted to painkillers. In 2011 when Patrick opened his Medical Cannabis shop he witnessed first hand exactly what this medicine did for him and his PTSD and the broken, both physical and mental. From day one Patrick catered to veterans. After seeing hundreds upon hundreds of veterans come through his doors, some on fifteen to twenty different pharmaceuticals, along with the twenty to twenty-two daily veteran suicides he decided a drastic change needed to happen.

First, Patrick went to the Capitol to investigate why PTSD was not on The List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Cannabis Use in Washington State. With help from many including Sen. Kohl-Wells and testimony from Twenty2Many veterans, Seifert helped fight for a PTSD Bill through Washington State's legislature with unanimous support. Patrick was also the very first veteran with PTSD to receive an authorization in the state. Now Twenty2Many's mission is simple: "By All Means Necessary - End Veteran Suicide"



STEPH SHERER

Steph Sherer is founder and Executive Director of Americans for Safe Access (ASA), the largest national member-based organization of patients, medical professionals, scientists, and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research. Her direct experience with the medical benefits of cannabis and her political organizing background led Steph to form ASA in 2002 with the purpose of building a strong grassroots movement to protect patients and their rights. As a powerful advocate, a skilled spokesperson, and an energetic initiator of campaigns, Steph has trained over 100,000 individuals across the country on civic engagement.

Since its inception, ASA has successfully shifted the national debate around medical cannabis, which has focused solely on the legality and ethics of arresting and prosecuting patients for cannabis use, to the real concerns of patients, such as access and civil protections. ASA has worked with lawmakers across the country to adopt and improve medical cannabis legislation and regulatory policy as well as representing patients on Capitol Hill.

Steph has become the foremost international leader and expert on medical cannabis patient advocacy and, alongside American Herbal Products Association (AHPA), has created the first industry standards in the areas of distribution, cultivation, analytics, and manufacturing, packaging, and labeling.



ELLEN LENOX SMITH

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

Christine Stenquist is a brain tumor survivor and mother of four and cannabis advocate. In 1996 she was diagnosed with an Acoustic Neuroma, a rare benign tumor. After an unsuccessful surgery left 60% of the tumor intact, and due to other complications during the surgery, Christine was unable to rejoin the workforce and had to file for disability. Over the course of the next 16 years she would have other diagnoses added to her list. Her declining health thus left her housebound and bedridden for the better part of two decades. In 2012, her health began to decline more rapidly. She turned once again to doctors for help, this time inquiring about cannabis. Her own research eventually led her to try cannabis, and she found it mitigated the symptoms, which had kept her trapped in stagnation for so long. After experiencing this success, and able to be more active again, she was motivated to help other sufferers gain safe, legal access and began her advocacy and lobbying work at the Utah state capitol four years ago.

Along the way, she founded the nonprofit advocacy and educational organization, TRUCE (Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education), which works on educating the community about cannabis using patient stories, sharing cannabis history and research, explaining how state policies affect citizens, and is a well-known and growing organization active throughout the state.



STUART TITUS

Stuart Titus, Ph.D. is a cannabis industry icon and innovator. Dr. Titus has been involved in all aspects of the medical marijuana and industrial hemp industries. He holds a Fellowship with the American Academy of Pain Management and clinical association with the American Association of Integrative Medicine. His first-hand experience with therapeutic hemp oil products as nutritional supplements led him to Medical Marijuana Inc. and drives him to continue to support the emerging cannabis medical marijuana and industrial hemp industries in the United States and abroad.



CARLA ROSSOTTI VAZQUEZ

Dr. Carla Rossotti Vázquez was born and raised in the island of Puerto Rico. She went to Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Mexico where she obtained her Medical Degree. She then went on to complete her internship in Manatí Medical Center Hospital in Manatí, PR. Currently, Dr. Rossotti is PCMH Level 3 certified and works full time as a Primary Care Physician. She is also one of the few Physicians in Puerto Rico who is certified to Recommend Cannabis to patients as an option of treatment.

She presides over the Puerto Rico Chapter of Americans for Safe Access, Puerto Rico for Safe Access, and was recently elected as the Vice-President of MICaM (Miembros de la Industria de Cannabis Medicinal/Members of the Medical Cannabis Industry Organization), which is a non-profit organization providing support to all members of the medical cannabis industry including patients, healthcare professionals, businesses, dispensaries, and others. She has made a number of educational appearances for both patients as well as healthcare professionals, and is actively in conversations with state officials regarding recommendations on current medical cannabis program regulations.



JOHN WYLAM

John Wylam is the Manager of Government Relations in the National MS Society's DC-based Public Policy Office. John has focused his career on issues specific to healthcare policy on the state, federal, and regulatory levels, and has experience working with a diverse group of stakeholders in the healthcare industry. He regularly advocates for affordable access to comprehensive health insurance coverage, increased funding for biomedical research, regulatory reforms at the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, and increased transparency across the entire healthcare industry. John received his J.D. from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 2014 and is currently licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia.



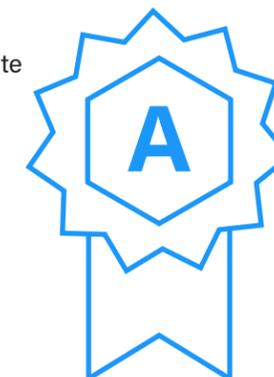
TOMÁŠ ZÁBRANSKÝ

Tomáš Záborský, MD, PhD graduated from the Medical Faculty of Palacky University, Olomouc in 1993 (M.D.); he received his Ph.D in epidemiology, hygiene, and preventive medicine from the same university in 2001. In 2003-4, he was an H. H. Humphrey/ NIDA Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA, professionally affiliated with the Center for Drug Policy Research of the RAND Corp. think-tank. Since 2014, he has served as Advisor on Drug Policy to the Czech Prime Minister and as the Envoy of the Czech Minister of Health for the Implementation of Medical Cannabis into the Czech Medical System and for Illegal Drug Issues. Tomáš works as an expert in drug epidemiology and monitoring of the drug situation in numerous UN and EU projects. Recently, in 2015, he was elected by the EU Parliament as an (Independent) Member of the Management Board of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addictions.



ASA 2017 EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

- **Patient Advocate of the Year:** Nichole Snow, Massachusetts Patient's Alliance
- **Patient Lobbyist of the Year:** Janet Breneman
- **Elected Official of the Year:** Hon. Tom Davis, State Senator, South Carolina Senate
- **Action Group of the Year:** Pennsylvania for Safe Access
- **ASA Chapter of the Year:** Puerto Rico
- **Researcher of the Year:** Maria McCormack, Chair of Committee on Health Effects of Marijuana, Harvard University
- **Medical Professional of the Year:** Bonni Goldstein, M.D.
- **Journalist of the Year:** Christopher Ingraham, Washington Post
- **2017 Courage Award Winner:** Tom Duncan



Award Descriptions

PATIENT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Nichole Snow

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.

PATIENT LOBBYIST OF THE YEAR

Janet Breneman

Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated great success in the last year through their legislative and lobbying efforts.

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR

Hon. Tom Davis

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

ACTION GROUP OF THE YEAR

Pennsylvania for Safe Access

Awarded to the ASA Action Group that has distinguished itself by being extremely involved in its community and is particularly effective in local and state campaigns.

ASA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Puerto Rico

Awarded to the ASA Chapter that has distinguished itself by being extremely involved in its local community and holding successful education and fundraising events.

RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

Maria McCormack

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

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Bonni Goldstein, 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

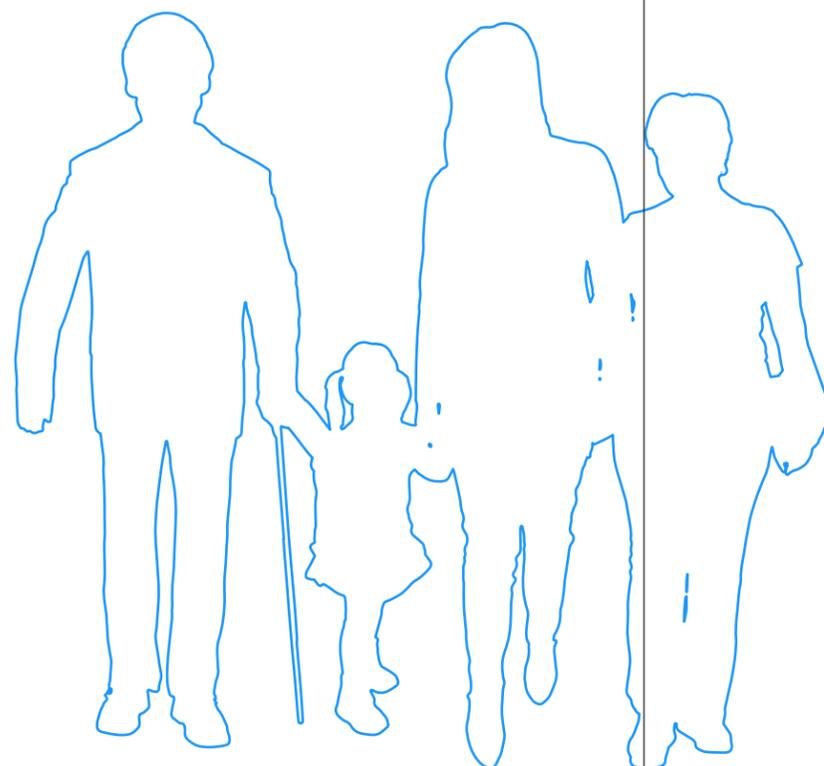
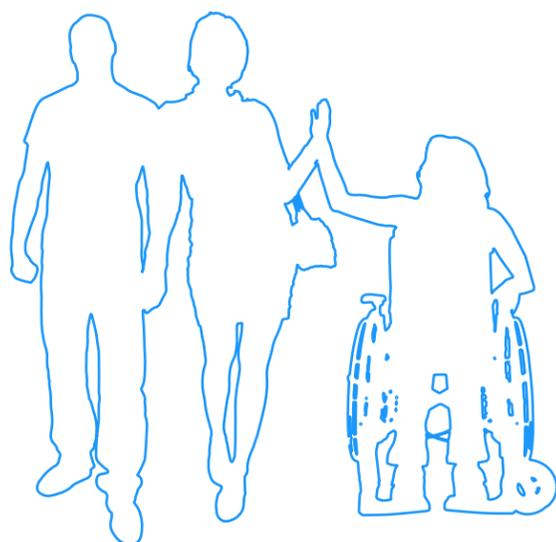
Christopher Ingraham

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Tom Duncan

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7th: Each swallow works hard to be a perfect pilot-provider-builder-trainer-teacher-lover-male, no half-true hate! Have courage & smile, my friend, Think & act 10 years ahead! Find the man without fault? He's dead! Do one thing at a time, work hard! Get done! Then teach friend & enemy how to work-love-unity all mankind free! Unting One! All-One! Face the world with a smile, life is always worthwhile! To the fearless are given jewels, keep out of the past, disappointments won't last! Help unite mankind, or we're wandering fools! Repetition is the key to knowledge! So, help unite All-One!!!

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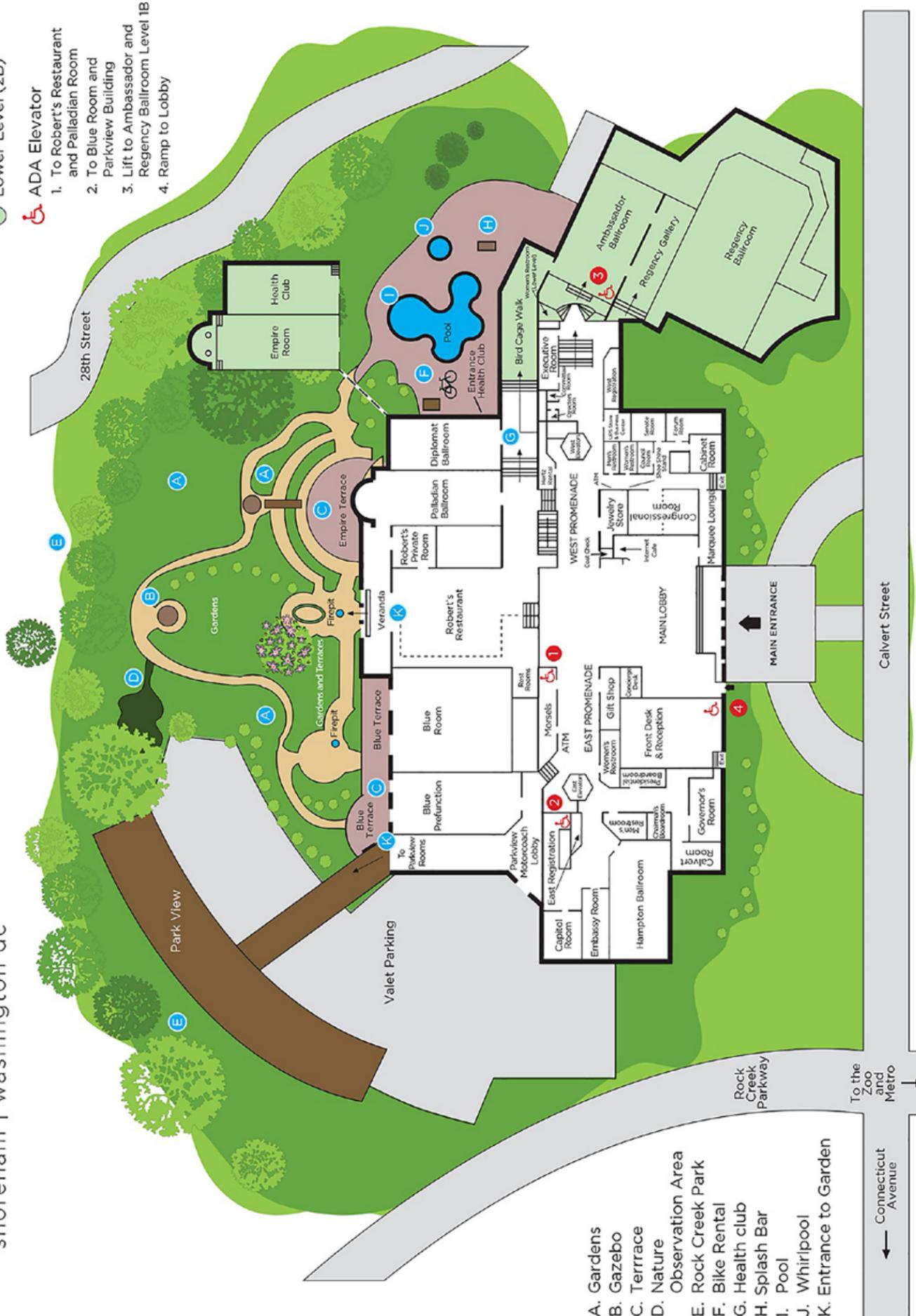


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- Lobby Level
- Lower Level (2B)
- ♿ ADA Elevator
- 1. To Robert's Restaurant and Palladian Room
- 2. To Blue Room and Parkview Building
- 3. Lift to Ambassador and Regency Ballroom Level 1B
- 4. Ramp to Lobby



- A. Gardens
- B. Gazebo
- C. Terrace
- D. Nature
- E. Observation Area
- F. Rock Creek Park
- G. Bike Rental
- H. Health club
- I. Splash Bar
- J. Whirlpool
- K. Entrance to Garden

US. CAPITOL MAP



M SYSTEM MAP

- Legend**
- Red Line • Glenmont / Shady Grove
 - Orange Line • New Carrollton / Vienna
 - Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield / Largo Town Center
 - Green Line • Branch Ave / Greenbelt
 - Yellow Line • Huntington / Fort Totten
 - Silver Line • Wiehle-Reston East / Largo Town Center

- Station Features**
- Bus to Airport
 - Parking
 - Hospital
 - Airport
- Connecting Rail Systems**
- Amtrak
 - VRE
 - MARC
- Transfer Station**
- Under Construction**
- Full-Time Service**
- Station in Service**
- Rush-Only Service: Monday-Friday**
6:30am - 9:00am 3:30pm - 6:00pm



Metrorail Operating Times

Mon-Thu
5am-midnight

Fri
5am-3am

Sat
7am-3am

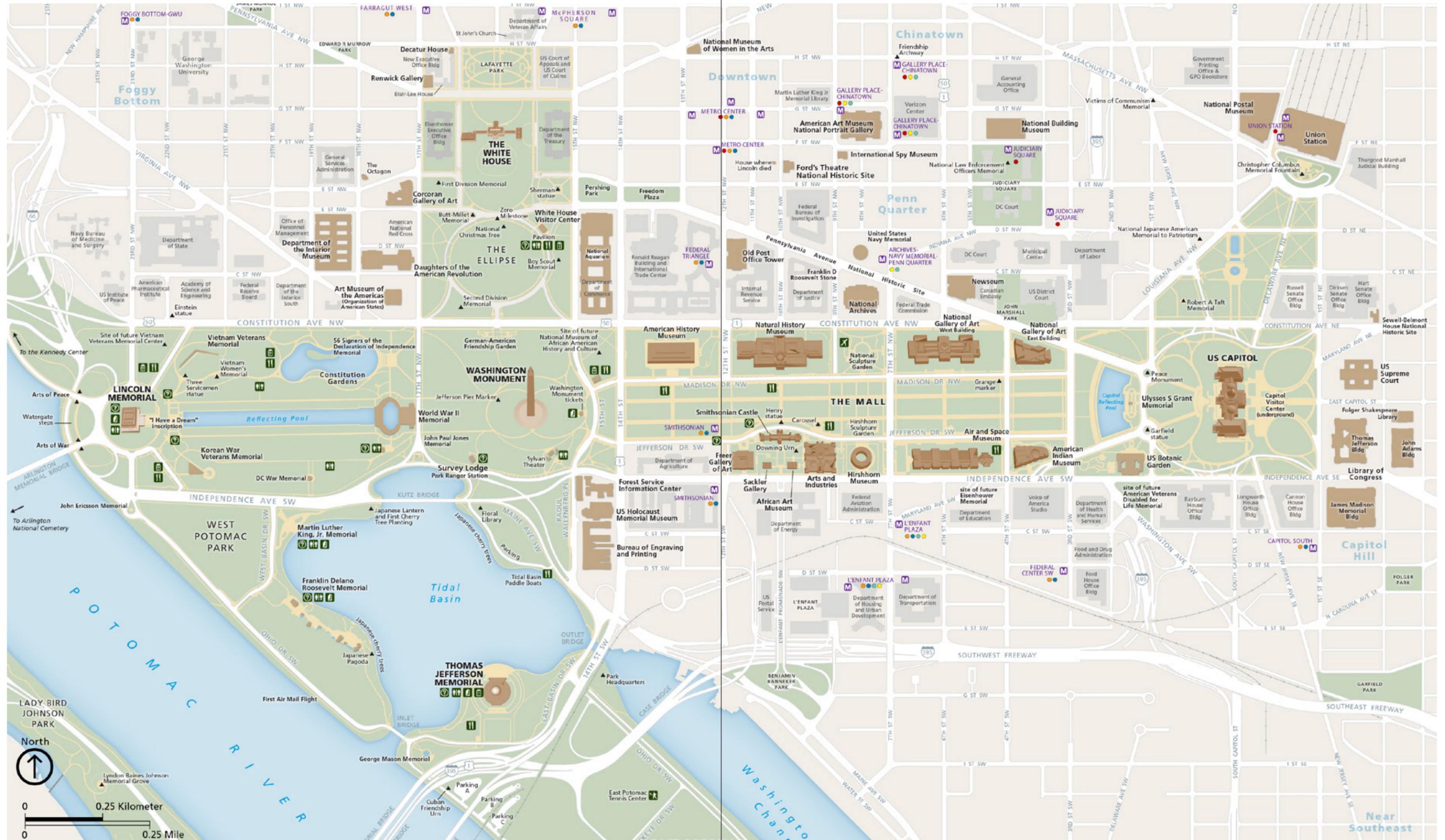
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Times are approximate

Metro is accessible.

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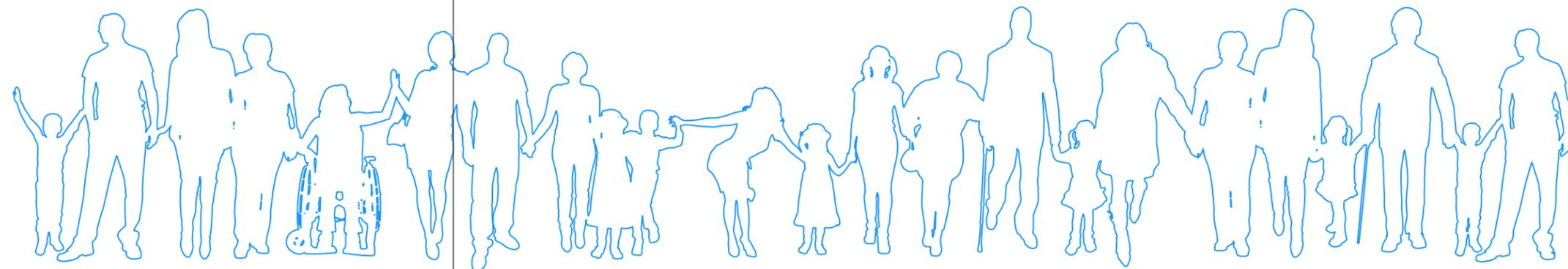
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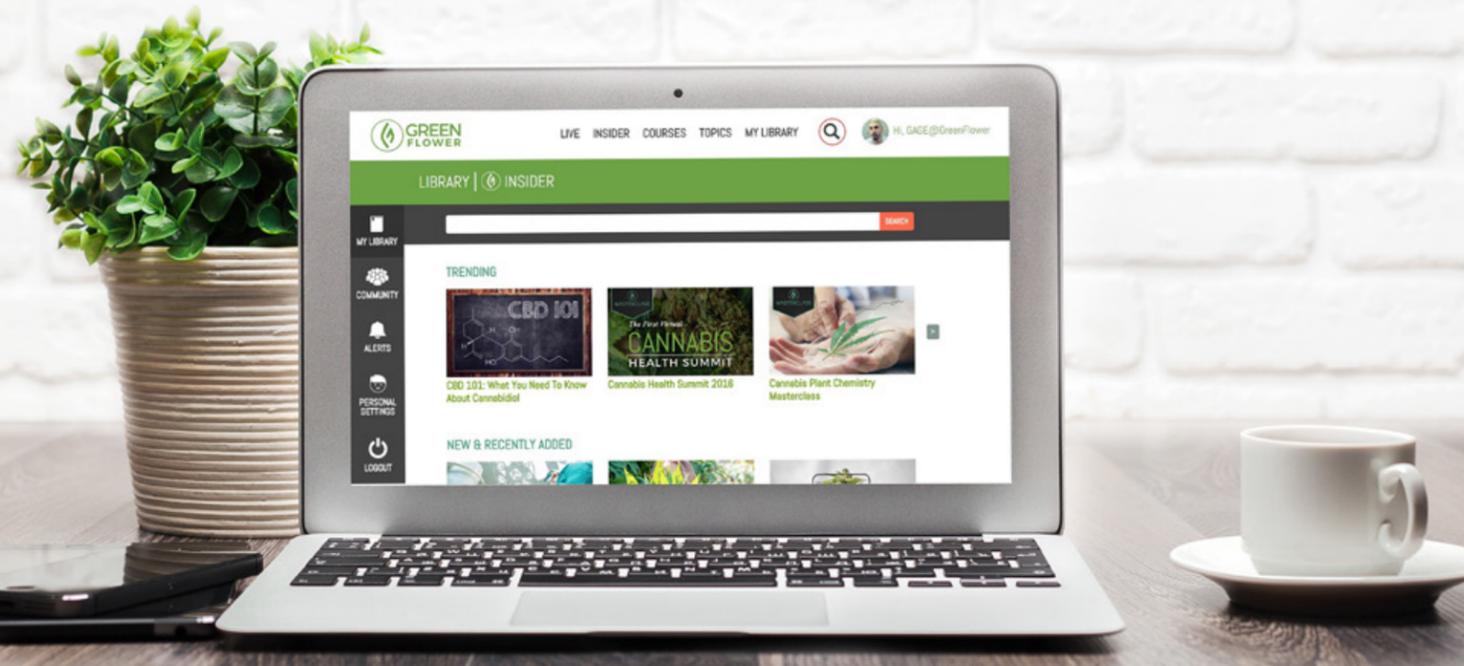


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