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Virtual Fall Meeting Focuses on Resilience Amid Grand Challenges
On-Demand Sessions Available for Viewing

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration held its annual [Fall Meeting](#) virtually November 5-10, focusing on the Grand Challenges in Public Administration and ways that government at all levels can foster community resilience in the midst of today’s turbulent times.

“Despite these unprecedented times, we were pleased to host a very successful virtual Fall Meeting with in-depth discussions and high levels of participation,” said Terry Gerton, Academy President, CEO and Fellow. “We heard from speakers and panels of experts from the public, private and academic arenas in live and on-demand sessions that focused on the [Grand Challenges](#) facing the nation, as well as practical and nonpartisan [action steps](#) that the next Administration can take to help us emerge stronger and more resilient.”

On-demand panels that can be accessed via the links below:

[Foster Social Equity](#)

[Ensure Electoral Integrity and Voter Participation](#)

[Modernize and Reinvigorate the Public Service](#)

[Make Government AI Ready](#)

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Live speakers and sessions that can be accessed upon request:

- **Naomi Barry-Pérez**, Director of the Civil Rights Center at the U.S. Department of Labor, delivered the Elmer B. Staats Lecture – “Fostering Social Equity Through Public Administration”
- **Rachel Augustine Potter**, Assistant Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia and the winner of the Academy’s 2020 Louis Brownlow Book Award, discussed her book, “Bending the Rules: Procedural Politicking in the Bureaucracy”
- **Dr. Anne Schuchat**, Principal Deputy Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Rear Admiral (Ret.) of the U.S. Public Health Service, delivered a plenary session – “Public Service/Private Resilience: Pandemics are Personal”
- **Dr. Joshua Sharfstein**, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, delivered the James E. Webb Lecture – “The Challenge of Public Health Administration in a Pandemic: Crisis, Response and Integrity”
- **Managing Technological Challenges**, moderated by the Honorable Martin O’Malley, former Governor of Maryland
- **Ensuring Environmental Stability**, moderated by Dr. Nicole Darnall, an Associate Dean of the College of Global Futures at the Arizona State University
- **Strengthening Social and Economic Development**, moderated by Jodi Sandfort, Professor at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota
- **Protecting and Advancing Democracy**, moderated by Chris Mihm, Managing Director for Strategic Issues at U.S. GAO

During the Fall Meeting, the Academy elected the following Fellows as Board officers:

- Chairman: **David Wennergren**, CEO, ACT-IAC
- Vice Chairman: **Norton Bonaparte**, City Manager, City of Sanford, Florida
- Treasurer: **David Mader**, Civilian Sector Chief Strategy Officer, Deloitte Consulting
- Secretary: **Jane Fountain**, Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Amherst and Director, National Center for Digital Government

The Fall Meeting also highlighted the Academy’s [2020 Class of Fellows](#) and a [conversation](#) with 2020 George Graham Award for Exceptional Service to the Academy winner **Myra Shiplett**.

The Academy wishes to thank the generous [sponsors](#) that helped to make this year’s Fall Meeting possible.

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