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The Knight Commission on the Information Needs of  
Communities in a Democracy

**Tentative Agenda**

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
*(As of September 25, 2009)*

\*All speakers are confirmed unless otherwise indicated

***9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Presentations***

**Alberto Ibarguen**, President and CEO, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, introduces the Knight Commission and co-chairs (10 min)

Knight Commission Co-chairs **Marissa Mayer** and **Theodore B. Olson** announce the release of the Report.

1. Chairs' description of the Report (10 min)
2. Presentation of the Report to Government Officials with brief responses:
  - a. *Congress: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R, TX), and/or Congressmen Rick Boucher (D, VA) (invited)*
  - b. **Julius Genachowski**, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (10 min)
  - c. *Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer, U.S. Government (invited)*
  - d. Public Broadcasting: **Ernest Wilson**, Chairman of the Board, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
  - e. *Cory Booker, Newark or Adrian Fenty, Washington, DC (invited)*

**Panels:** After presentations, there will be three panels, one on each of the objectives identified in the Knight Commission Report, "Informing Communities: Sustaining Democracy in the Digital Age." Commissioners from the Knight Commission will be on each panel, along with key representatives of stakeholders involved in the topic area.

***10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Panel on Availability of Information***

**Knight Commission:**

- **John Carroll**, former editor, *Los Angeles Times* and other newspapers
- **Reed Hundt**, former Chairman of the FCC
- *Benjamin Todd Jealous, president of the NAACP (tentative)*
- **Michael Powell**, former Chairman of the FCC

**Additional Panelists:**

- **John Sturm**, CEO, Newspaper Association of America
- **Vivian Schiller**, CEO, National Public Radio

*11:15 – 11:30 a.m. break*

***11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Panel on Access to Information and Skills***

**Knight Commission:**

- **Donna Nicely**, Director, Nashville Public Library
- **Rey Ramsey**, CEO, One Economy
- **Paul Sagan**, CEO, Akamai

**Additional Panelists:**

- **Larry Strickling**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Administrator, NTIA
- **Sherri Hope Culver**, President, National Association of Media Literacy Educators
- **Ben Scott**, Policy Director, Free Press
- **Roberta Stevens**, President-elect, American Library Association

***12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Panel on Engagement with Information and the Community***

**Knight Commission:**

- **danah boyd**, Microsoft Research
- **Lisa MacCallum**, Managing Director, Nike Foundation
- **Peter Shane**, Executive Director, Knight Commission (tentative)

**Additional Panelists:**

- *Mayor Adrian Fenty, Washington, or Mayor Cory Booker, Newark (**invited**)*
- *Sonal Shah, White House Office of (**invited**)*
- *Paula Kerger, CEO, Public Broadcasting Service (**invited**)*
- **Carolyn Lukensmeyer**, CEO, AmericaSpeaks (**confirmed**)

*1:00 light lunch served until 2:00 p.m.*