



Cannabis Regulators Association Holds Annual Member Meeting, Elects New Board Members

June 14, 2022 – The Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) – a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(4) organization that convenes government officials involved in cannabis regulation from more than 40 states and territories – held their first in-person member meeting in Olympia, Washington on June 8-9, 2022.

The two-day meeting included more than 150 government officials from 33 different states and territories and focused on:

- a debrief of an external stakeholder meeting that CANNRA held with a diverse array of regulatory stakeholders,
- updates from CANNRA special committees,
- specific discussions about lab testing, licensing, equity, hemp, and medical cannabis, and
- discussions about CANNRA’s goals for the coming year.

As part of CANNRA’s annual member meeting, voting members – the primary regulatory designee from member states and territories – elected a new CANNRA board. The new board, which is comprised of state cannabis regulators from states with varied geography and cannabis policies, will be in place for the next year. Board members are:

- President, Andrew Brisbo – Executive Director, Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency
- President-Elect, Steve Marks – Executive Director, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Board
- Board Member, Tyler Klimas – Executive Director, Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board
- Board Member, Dominique Mendiola – Senior Director, Marijuana Enforcement Division, Colorado Department of Revenue
- Board Member, Michele Nakata – Chief, Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation, Hawaii Department of Health
- Board Member, Chris Tholkes – Director, Office of Medical Cannabis, Minnesota Department of Health
- Board Member, Andrew Turnage – Executive Director, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

“It was immensely valuable to bring our members together for the first in-person member meeting since our founding in 2020,” said CANNRA Executive Director Gillian Schauer. “I am excited about the deep exchange of information across member jurisdictions, our new board, and the possibilities for our work in 2022-2023.”

“I am excited to work with the incoming board to move CANNRA forward in its mission over the course of the next year,” said CANNRA President Andrew Brisbo. “The work that is being done at CANNRA is vital for cannabis regulators – both in the states and territories that already have legalized cannabis and for ongoing federal policy discussions.”

Current CANNRA members include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, and Washington.

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