



**DGA Events Briefing Memo**  
**National Governors Association Winter Meeting**  
**February 24-27, 2012**

**To:** Democratic Governors  
DGA Contacts  
Schedulers  
Security Detail

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**OVERVIEW**

The Democratic Governors Association is hosting several events during the National Governors Association Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. These events include a meeting with Democratic Governors and President Obama, a policy discussion focused on jobs, multiple receptions, and a Governors Only business meeting. Additional briefings will be provided for the meeting with President Obama and the Panel Discussions.

This year, NGA runs from February 24-27 and attire for all DGA events is business. Attendee lists broken down by event are attached at the end of this briefing.

**STAFF CONTACTS**

There is a DGA staff contact listed for each DGA event in the details of each event, however, please find additional contact information for all DGA staff here:

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**DGA OFFICE**

The DGA will operate an office in the J.W. Marriott Hotel (Rooms TBD), which will be available for Governors' meetings. The suite is staffed from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday through Monday, or earlier/later if needed. Please contact Erin Gorman ([REDACTED], gorman@dga.net) and Donna Tappin ([REDACTED], tappin@dga.net) if you need to schedule any meetings during your time in Washington, DC.

**EVENT LOCATIONS AND SECURITY INFORMATION**

**Friday, February 24**

**White House**

*Governors will meet at Capital Hilton and taken by secure bus to the White House*

Entrance: Southwest Gate, 17<sup>th</sup> St & State Place NW

Departure: Northwest Gate, Pennsylvania Ave & Jackson PI NW

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**Capitol Hilton**

1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Security Hold: TBD

DGA Staff Office: TBD

**Newseum**

555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20001

Security Contact: Nate Tucker at [NTucker@newseum.org](mailto:NTucker@newseum.org) or [REDACTED]

**Iron Horse Taproom**

Downstairs Bar

507 Seventh Street NW

Washington, DC 20004

**Saturday, February 25**

**Mellon Auditorium**

1301 Constitution Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20240

Security Contact: Elliott Grollman, [Elliott.grollman@dhs.gov](mailto:Elliott.grollman@dhs.gov)

**Monday, February 26**

**JW Marriott**

**Salon 1**

1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC

DGA Staff Office: TBD

**Schedule of Events**

**\*\*All Times Eastern\*\***

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

**Hold Rooms at the Capital Hilton**

7:00 am – 6:00 pm TBD Room Available as Security Hold at the Capital Hilton  
7:00 am – 6:00 pm TBD Room Available as Press Room/Hold at the Capital Hilton  
7:00 am – 6:00 pm TBD Room(s) Available as Meeting at the Capital Hilton  
\*Note: please contact Erin Gorman ([gorman@dga.net](mailto:gorman@dga.net)) to schedule any meetings in these rooms)  
8:00 am – 6:00 pm TBD Room Available as Governors' Hold at the Capital Hilton

**8:30 am**

**Governors arrive at Capital Hilton**

**Location:** Capital Hilton – Statler Lounge  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC 20036  
**Details:** A continental breakfast will be available.

**9:00 am**

**Governors Board Buses at Capital Hilton**

**Location:** 16<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance of the Capital Hilton  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC 20036

**10:00 am – 12:30pm**

**Democratic Governors' Meeting at the White House – GOVERNORS ONLY**

**Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20500  
White House Residence, State Dining Room  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500  
**Details:** An additional briefing will be attached. Due to security constraints, the White House has advised that no staff will be allowed to accompany the Governors for the meetings at the EEOB and in the Residence. The Governors will be allowed to bring their security detail. Staff will be able to meet the Governors at the press stake out at the NW Gate at 12:15pm.  
**Security:** Any staff or security traveling to the White House (using DGA transportation or not) needs to send full name, DOB, and SS# to Erin Gorman at [gorman@dga.net](mailto:gorman@dga.net) or [REDACTED] by Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 pm ET.  
**Agenda:**  
10:00 am Meeting with Senior WH Officials, EEOB  
11:00 am Governors escorted to The Residence  
11:15 am Governors meet with President Obama  
12:20 pm Press Availability outside the White House

**12:50 pm**

**Governors Board Buses and Depart White House for Capital Hilton**

**1:00 – 1:30 pm**

**Lunch and Panel Preparation**

**Location:** Capital Hilton – Continental Room  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC 20036  
**Details:** Lunch will be provided for the Governors and staff only upon their arrival from the White House. There is no agenda for this lunch. At approximately 1:45pm, DGA Executive Director Colm O'Comartun will give a message overview and the Stage Manager will give technical and staging pointers.

1:30 – 2:45 pm

**Policy Panel 1: The Road to Recovery: Innovating to Create Jobs & Opportunity**

**Location:** Capital Hilton – Presidential Ballroom  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC 20036

**Details:** This is a conversation between Governors and CEOs/Labor leaders facilitated by a moderator. Governors and CEOs on each panel will be sitting on a stage in a u-shaped configuration (there will not be a desk or table in front of them. This event is open to press. An additional briefing is provided for participants.

**Governors:** TBD

**Panelists:** TBD

**Moderator:** Neera Tanden, President of the Center for American Progress

**Program:** Governor O’Malley welcomes everyone introduces Moderator Neera Tanden. Moderator introduces Governors and panelists (by name only) and moderates policy discussion.

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Ian Walton, [redacted], [walton@dga.net](mailto:walton@dga.net)

*\*There will be a 15 minute break between panels to prep the 2<sup>nd</sup> panel’s participants.*

3:00 – 4:15 pm

**Policy Panel 2: The Road to Recovery: Expanding Economic Growth in Our Communities**

**Location:** Capital Hilton – Presidential Ballroom  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC 20036

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**Governors:** TBD

**Panelists:** TBD

**Moderator:** Kiki McLean, Senior Partner of Global Head of Public Affairs and Managing Director, Porter Novelli Public Services

**Program:** Governor O’Malley welcomes everyone introduces Moderator Kiki McLean. Moderator introduces Governors and panelists (by name only) and moderates policy discussion.

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Ian Walton, [redacted], [walton@dga.net](mailto:walton@dga.net)

6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Chair’s Dinner Hosted by DGA Chair Governor Martin O’Malley**

**Location:** Newseum – Galleries (Interactive Floor)  
Great Hall of News (Dinner)  
555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001

**Details:** This is a reception and private dinner with Governors, spouses and members of the DGA Chairman’s Board (\$100k + donors). The Chair’s Dinner is sponsored by Pfizer. Governors will be seated at the table with their state name, where there will be a reserved sign for the Governor and their spouse. Due to space constraints, we encourage staff to wait to be seated until all DGA members have been seated (all staff is invited to DGA “Late Night” where there will be food provided also.) This event is closed press.

**Program:**

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| 6:30-7:15pm | Reception in the Interactive Floor         |
| 7:15pm      | Guests/Governors ushered to the Great Hall |
| 7:45pm      | Speaking Program begins                    |

8:30 pm – midnight

**Staff Contacts:** 8:15pm Speaking Program ends  
Erin Gorman, [REDACTED] [gorman@dga.net](mailto:gorman@dga.net)

**Late Night with the DGA**

**Location:** Iron Horse Taproom - Downstairs  
507 Seventh Street, Washington, DC 20004

**Details:** This is a late night reception for Governors, Governors' spouses, Governors' staff and all DGA members. There will be an open bar and light buffet. This event

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**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

6:00 – 9:00 pm

**DGA Taste of America Gala**

**Location:** The Mellon Auditorium  
1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20240

**Details:** The Taste of America Gala has traditionally been the DGA's largest fundraising event of the year. It is a two-tiered event, where the VIP Reception will merge with the General Reception.

**Partner:** The DGA is partnering with Share our Strength for the Gala. They have brought in nine top chefs from around the country to cook for our guests, along with two mixologists. Share our Strength is a national organization that works hard to make sure no kid in America grows up hungry. Share Our Strength is a national nonprofit working to end childhood hunger by 2015. Share our Strength works to weave together a net of community groups, activists and food programs to catch children facing hunger and surround them with nutritious food. Read more about Share Our Strength here: <http://strength.org/>.

**VIP Reception:** 6:00 – 7:00pm  
Two-hundred fifty attendees are expected in this closed press event. There is no speaking program. This reception is open to Governors, Governors' spouses, Governors' staff, and members of DGA's Founders' Circle (\$250k + donors), Chairman's Board (\$100k + donors) members and other VIPs.

**Taste of America:** 7:00 – 9:00pm  
Eight-hundred attendees are expected in this closed press event. This reception is open to Governors, Governors' spouses, Governors' staff, and all DGA members. The speaking program will begin after a short video at approximately 7:15pm.

**Speaking Program**

7:15pm 5 minute video plays, Governors head to stage  
7:20pm Speaking program begins  
7:45pm Speaking program ends

**Staff Contacts:** Erin Gorman, [REDACTED] [gorman@dga.net](mailto:gorman@dga.net)

**Sunday, February 26, 2012**

7:30 – 10:00 pm

**Senior Staff Reception & Dinner**

**Location:** The Occidental – Monument (reception), Presidential (dinner)  
1475 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

**Details:** The Senior Staff Reception is a reception for Governors' Staff and all DGA Members while the Governors and their spouses are

at White House for President Obama's reception. There will be a private dinner for STAFF ONLY immediately following the reception at 9pm in a separate, private room at The Occidental. Erin Gorman, [REDACTED], [gorman@dga.net](mailto:gorman@dga.net)

**Staff Contacts:**

**Monday, February 27, 2012**

**7:30 – 9:00 am**  
*Breakfast at 7am*

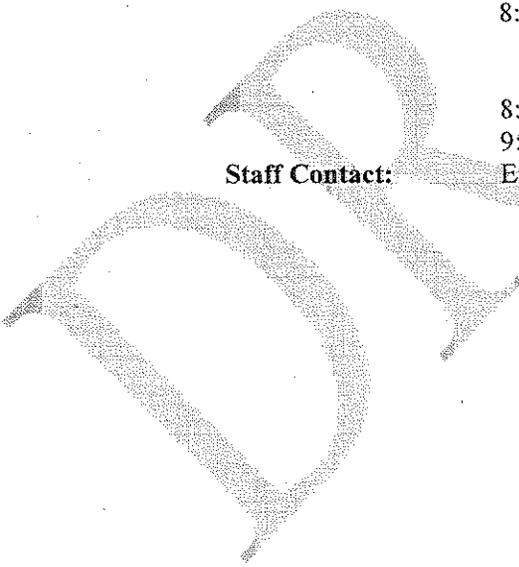
**Governors Only Meeting**

**Location:** JW Marriott – Salon 1  
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20004

**Details:** This is a meeting for the Governors and their staff. The Governors will have assigned seats around a hollow square. This meeting is designed to encourage a frank discussion among Governors on a number of topics. To promote discussion among Governors, seating will be available for **ONE** staff person per Governor, not including spouses/security. Outside speakers will be invited in to present and then will be excused to create an actual Governors-only environment. This meeting will be closed press. There will be a buffet breakfast starting at 7:00am.

- Agenda:**
- 7:00am Salon 1 opens, buffet breakfast available
  - 7:30am DGA Chair Gov. O'Malley opens the meeting
  - 7:35am Presentation from Darden
  - 7:40am Presentation from DNC's Political Director Jeffrey Lerner
  - 8:00am 2011-2012 Race Overview from DGA Executive Director Colm O'Comartun
  - 8:15am Drive to 25: DGA's Plan for Winning in 2013/2014 Presentation from DGA Campaigns Director Elisabeth Pearson
  - 8:30am Open Discussion moderated by Gov. O'Malley
  - 9:00am Gov. O'Malley concludes the meeting

**Staff Contact:** Erin Gorman, [REDACTED], [gorman@dga.net](mailto:gorman@dga.net)





## Meeting Request

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| <b>Name of Governor Requested:</b> | Peter Shumlin |
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| <b>Organization:</b> Service Employees International Union |  |
| <b>Name(s) of those in meeting:</b>                        | <b>Position(s):</b>                    |
| Mary Kay Henry   | International President                |
| Kirk Adams   | International Executive Vice President |
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| <b>Brief Background of Company:</b>   |  |
| Labor Union representing workers in Health Care, Property Services, and Public Services |  |

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| <b>Topic of Discussion for Meeting:</b>  |  |
| Inform Gov. on our activity in the state |  |