



# Building Communities of Innovation™

## 2026 AURP Annual Conference

**FOUNDATIONS TO FRONTIERS:  
Research Parks and Innovation Districts  
for America's Next 250 Years**

Tuesday, September 29 – Thursday, October 1

*Preliminary Schedule*

### **DAY 1 - Mon, Sept 28**

Group arrivals  
Board meeting

### **DAY 2 - Tue, Sept 29**

Comms of Innovation 101  
Leadership Roundtable  
New Members Lunch  
Board of Directors' Sponsor  
Appreciation Dinner

### **DAY 3 - Wed, Sept 30**

Main Stage Sessions  
Workshops & Breakouts  
Awards presentations  
Small Group Dinners

### **DAY 4 - Thu, Oct 1**

DUAL MORNING TRACKS  
• Bio Health Caucus  
• Air & Space Caucus  
PM Main Stage Sessions  
Breakout Sessions  
Awards presentations  
Small Group Dinners

### **DAY 5 - Fri, Oct 2**

Group departures

## **Day One of Conference – Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

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All meetings held at the Virgin Hotel

1:00 – 4:00     AURP Board of Directors' Meeting

## **Day Two of Conference – Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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All meetings held at the Virgin Hotel

8:00 – 3:00     COMMUNITIES OF INNOVATION 101 *(additional fee applies)*

12:00 – 1:00     Group Lunch: COI 101, Leadership Roundtable, New Members and Sponsors

1:00 – 4:00     LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE *(additional fee applies)*

6:00             AURP Board of Directors' Sponsor Appreciation Dinner *(by invitation only) - location TBD*

## **Day Three of Conference – Pegasus Park – Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

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All meetings held at Pegasus Park (transportation provided AM/PM only)

8:00 – 8:30     Continental Breakfast & Check-in

8:30 – 12:00    MAIN STAGE

Welcoming Remarks followed by a series of Transformative Speakers and Panels

Awards of Excellence in Innovation Presentations

12:00 – 1:30    Group Luncheon

Small group tours in Pegasus Park

1:30 – 2:45     CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15 - 4:30     CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30 - 5:30     Additional programming

7:00             Small Group Dinners

## Day Four of Conference – Pegasus Park – Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

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All meetings held at Pegasus Park EXCEPT as noted 'off property (transportation provided AM/PM only)

### BIO HEALTH CAUCUS TRACK

7:30 – 10:30 TOUR & PRESENTATION (*off property*)

11:00 – 12:30 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS



### AIR & SPACE CAUCUS TRACK

8:30 – 12:30 Air and Space Caucus

Series of panels, speakers and workshops



12:30 – 1:30 Group Networking Lunch

1:30 – 2:15 MAIN STAGE

Awards of Excellence in Innovation Presentations  
and main stage speakers

2:30 – 3:15 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3:45 – 4:45 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4:45 – 5:30 Closing Remarks & Reception

6:30 Small Group Dinners