



# COPAFS

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## QUARTERLY MEETING

**DECEMBER 7TH, 2018 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

*(Coffee and light refreshments available at 8:30 am)*

**BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONFERENCE CENTER  
2 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NE, WASHINGTON, DC**

### AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Report from the Board of Directors – **Linda Jacobsen**, Chair COPAFS Board of Directors
- 9:15 – 10:15 Update on the Federal Statistical System – **Nancy Potok**, Chief Statistician of the United States, Office of Management and Budget.
- 10:15 – 11:30 Panel Discussion: OMB Proposal to move BLS to Department of Commerce -  
**Katharine Abraham**, University of Maryland, former Commissioner, BLS  
**Robert M. Groves**, Georgetown University, former Director, U.S. Census Bureau  
**Brent Moulton**, former Associate Director for National Economic Accounts, Bureau of Economic Analysis, **Maurine Haver**, Haver Analytics
- 11:30 - 12:30 Update on Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking  
**Katharine Abraham**, University of Maryland, co-chair of Commission  
**Nick Hart**, Bipartisan Policy Center, former Commission staff
- 12:30 – 1:30 Networking Lunch (on site)  
*(Lunch is \$15.00 for all except presenters and discussants. If you sign up to attend, please let us know if you will NOT be having lunch with us.)*
- 1:30 - 2:45 Panel Discussion: USDA Proposal to relocate ERS-NIFA and to realign ERS under the USDA Chief Economist  
**Catherine Woteki**, Iowa State University, former Undersecretary for Research, Education, and Economics and Chief Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
**Steve Pierson**, American Statistical Association  
**Caron Gala**, Government Relations, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association,  
**Ferd Hoefner**, National Sustainable Agricultural Coalition
- 2:45 - 3:15 COPAFS Business Meeting
- 3:15 Adjourn

~Security measures at BLS require that we provide a list of all attendees. Please RSVP to the COPAFS office by December 3rd via phone: 703-382-8001, or e-mail: [copafs@copafs.org](mailto:copafs@copafs.org) ~

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