

U.S. Programs Board Meeting
Open Society Institute
400 W. 59th Street
New York, NY

AGENDA

Wednesday October 5, 2011

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-9:10 a.m. Welcome and Approval of June 1st Board Meeting Minutes
- 9:10-9:20 a.m. Remarks by George Soros
- 9:20-10:00 a.m. Updates on Urgent OSI Initiatives
1. New NY Police Policy on Marijuana Arrests (Aryeh Neier)
 2. California Campaign to Reduce Prison Population and Reform Drug Policy (Diana Morris)
 3. NYC Mayor Bloomberg Young Men's Initiative (Shawn Dove)
- 10:00-10:30 Presentation of 2012 Budget - Diana Morris, Interim Executive Director
- 10:30-11:15 a.m. Budget Questions – Board and Staff
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Further Discussion of Proposed Budget (**Board in Executive Session**)
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break
- 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (End of Executive Session)
- 1:00- 2:00 p.m. Discussion of OSI Future Support for Non-Partisan Voter Mobilization and Advocacy Work (Deepak Bhargava & Andy Stern)
- 2:00p.m. (**Board in Executive Session for Remainder of the Afternoon**)
- 2:10 – 2:45p.m. Discussion of Chairman's Grants/Board Discretionary Funds (Sherrilyn Ifill)
- Money in Politics Fellows (Laleh Ispahani)
Funding for Young Men's Initiative (Diana Morris)
Drug Policy Alliance
Drug Policy Research Center

- 2:45- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00- 3:20 p.m. Approval of 2012 Budget
- 3:20 – 4:05 p.m. Discussion of USP Structure – Sherrilyn Ifill
- 4:05 – 4:30 p.m. Update on Executive Director Search – Sherrilyn Ifill
- 4:30 – 4:45pm Report from Board Nominating Committee - Ethan Zuckerman
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm Update on OSF President Search - Jonathan Soros

(End of Executive Session)

Dinner at home of George Soros

Thursday October 6, 2011

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-11:30 a.m. USP in the Future (**Board in Executive Session**)
 1. Development of a Thinking Portfolio (possible areas for focus: promoting critical thinking, economic future, re-imagining racial justice, money in politics)
(Ethan Zuckerman)
 2. Update on City/State Strategies (Diana Morris and Andy Stern)
 3. Structure for Advancing Strategic Focus in areas of Justice, Rights, Accountability Journalism

(End of Executive Session)

- 4. Strategic Communications (Bryan Stevenson and Maria Archuleta)
- 5. Landscape of Philanthropic Partners
- 11:45- 12 noon Break

12noon – 12:30p.m. Lunch – Presentation of Good Jobs for America (GJA) Initiative

12:30-1:30 p.m. Presentation by and discussion with Open Society Policy Center
(Mort Halperin & Caroline Chambers)

1:30-2:00p.m. 2012 Board Meeting Schedule

End of Board Meeting