



## **PRESIDENTS COUNCIL**

**August 20, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (CDT)**

**Hilton Chicago O'Hare – Second Floor, Room 2027  
Chicago O'Hare International Airport**

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## **A G E N D A**

**Introductions / Meeting Objectives** (John Dyson, Council Chairman) *10:00 – 10:15 a.m.*

**Open Discussion of Topics** [*lunch will be served at 12:00 noon*] *10:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

- **Economic Outlook**
  - **Buy America / Buy American**
  - **AIS Status**
  - **Impacts of 232/301 tariffs**
  - **China trade war impact**
  - **Domestic and international markets**
  - **Procurement**
  - ***WWEMA's role in leading change***
- **Legislative / Regulatory Update**
  - **EPA and states – Cooperative Federalism**
  - **Deregulation**
  - **Regulatory update** (perchlorate, lead and copper, PFAS, etc.)
  - **America's Water Infrastructure Act**
- **Workforce Issues** (hiring, retention, succession planning, health care costs, labor law changes, benefits, etc.)
  - **Knowledge transfer of retirees**
  - **Mentoring programs**
- **Role of Technology**
  - **WWEMA support items and opportunities**
    - **Centers, clusters, Isle model, LIFT, test bed network**
  - **Work with broader water coalition**
- **IP and Trade Secrets**
  - **Patents**
  - **NDAs**
  - **Licensing agreements**
  - **Best practices**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **WWEMA Activities Update**

**Adjourn**

*3:00 p.m.*