Artificial Intelligence: The Future Is Here
Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Session Agenda and Speaker Biographies

As the science and technology of artificial intelligence continues to develop, more products and services are coming onto the market. For example, companies are developing AI to help consumers run their homes and allow the elderly to stay in their homes longer. Examine AI’s benefits and challenges, along with potential roles for policymakers.

3:30 – 3:35 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
Heather Morton
National Conference of State Legislatures

3:35 – 3:45 p.m. Overview of Artificial Intelligence
Rich Eisen
Managing Editor, State Net Capitol Journal, California

3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Speaker Presentations
3:45 – 4:00 Michael Hayes, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Consumer Technology Association, Virginia
4:00 – 4:15 Osonde Osoba, Engineer, Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School, RAND Corporation, California

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Speaker Discussion

4:30 – 4:45 p.m. Discussion and Questions from Audience
Rich Ehisen
Managing Editor
State Net Capitol Journal
California
Rich Ehisen is the managing editor and publisher of the State Net Capitol Journal, an online news publication that covers state-level public policy trends across the 50 states. SNCJ is the editorial arm of State Net, A LexisNexis Company, which has offices in Washington D.C. and state capitals around the country. In that role, he has written extensively on issues like immigration, health care reform, education, pension reform, and many others. Over the last two decades, Ehisen has also published hundreds of freelance articles in a wide spectrum of local, regional and national publications. Ehisen holds a Master of Arts degree in Public and Political Communication from California State University, Sacramento.

Michael Hayes
Senior Manager, Government Affairs
Consumer Technology Association
Virginia
Michael Hayes is the Senior Manager of Government Affairs at the Consumer Technology Association. Hayes is focused on advancing pro-innovation public policy. He leads CTA’s federal and state efforts on emerging technology issues including artificial intelligence and the sharing economy. He is also responsible for leading federal policy initiatives related to patent litigation reform and high-skilled immigration. Prior to CTA he worked in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Osonde Osoba
Engineer and Professor
Pardee RAND Graduate School
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California
Osonde Osoba is an engineer at the RAND Corporation and a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School. He has a background in the design and optimization of machine learning algorithms. He has applied his machine learning expertise to diverse policy areas such as health, defense, and technology policy. His recent research focus has been on accountability in artificial intelligence and data privacy issues. Prior to joining RAND, he was a researcher at the University of Southern California (USC) where he got his Ph.D. in electrical engineering.