Friday, March 20 – Kimpton Hotel Monaco Pittsburgh

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Registration/check-in

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Welcome

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Breakout session I – Student track: Public Access Policy 101
Moderator: Paula Knudsen, LNP/The Caucus
Presenters: Niles Benn, Benn Law Firm, Charles Kelly, Saul Ewing and Frederick Frank, Frank, Gale, Bails, Murcko & Pocrass

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Breakout session I – Professional track: Clean Slate law: Understanding the impact and potential obstacles
Moderator: Mila Sanina, PublicSource
Presenters: Representative from AOPC, additional panelists forthcoming

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Combined session: Reporter’s Committee for Freedom of the Press Local Legal Initiative: What it means for Pennsylvania’s Right to Know Law
Moderator: Chris Baxter, Spotlight PA
Presenters: Katie Townsend, Legal Director, Reporter’s Committee for Freedom of the Press

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Keynote luncheon: Erik Arneson, Executive Director, Office of Open Records

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Breakout session II – Student track: Drafting requests/appeals 101
Moderator: Scott Blanchard, StateImpact PA
Presenters: Sara Rose, ACLU PA, Niles Benn, Benn Law Firm, Nicole Brambila, PublicSource

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Breakout session II – Professional track: The Caucus’ work on Allegheny County DA Zappala’s sprawling network of security cameras.
Moderator: Russ Walker, PA Post
Presenters: Mike Wereschagin, The Caucus, Paula Knudsen, LNP/The Caucus, Jen Nelson, Staff Attorney, UVA Law School’s First Amendment Clinic

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Combined roundtable discussion: The Right to Know Law: Comparing other states, current issues and steps needed to initiate a change. This open conversation will also include a small-group exercise on ethical dilemmas in journalism led by Mila Sanina, executive director at PublicSource.
Moderators: Russ Walker, PA Post & Jeffrey Benzing, PublicSource
Presenters: Terry Mutchler, Mutchler Lyons

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Networking mixer for students and professionals