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PAR's 2017 Annual Conference & Luncheon Program

Crowne Plaza Hotel - Baton Rouge, LA
April 21, 2017

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**PAR Membership & Board of Directors
Meetings**

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Rep. Chris Broadwater, Ways & Means

***Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of
Administration***

Jason DeCuir, Principal, Ryan

Sen. Sharon Hewitt, Senate Finance

Q&A Umpire:

Melinda Deslatte, Associated Press

11:30 - Noon

Patron Reception (Special Invitation)

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

**Luncheon with Keynote Speaker,
Charlie Cook**



Charlie Cook is Editor and Publisher of the Cook Political Report, Columnist for the National Journal, Political Analyst NBC News

“There are political junkies, and then there’s Charlie Cook--the man who knows more about everything political than anyone else.” The Washingtonian magazine.

Charlie Cook is Editor and Publisher of the Cook Political Report, a political columnist for National Journal Group and a political analyst for NBC News. Charlie is considered one of the nation’s leading independent and non-partisan authorities on American politics and U.S. elections. In 2010, Charlie was a co-recipient of the American Political Science Association’s prestigious Carey McWilliams award to honor “a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.” In the Spring semester of 2013, Charlie served as a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Charlie began writing for National Journal and its sister publication, National Journal Daily, in 1998. Charlie serves as an election night analyst for NBC News and has appeared on Meet the Press and This Week.

Charlie founded the Cook Political Report in 1984 and it has become one of the most respected political publications in the country. The New York Times has called Charlie “one of the best political handicappers in the nation” and has said the Cook Political Report is “a newsletter which both parties regard as authoritative.” The late David Broder wrote in the Washington Post that Charlie was “perhaps the best non-partisan tracker of Congressional races,” while CBS News’ Bob Schieffer called the Cook Political Report, “the bible of the political community.”