

ASLCS Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call
August 29, 2017

The conference call meeting of the ASLCS Executive Committee was called to order President Susan Kannarr (Kan.) on Tuesday, August 29th at 1:30 pm CT.

Members Present: Susan Kannarr (Kan.), President, Robert Haney (Texas), President-Elect, Patrick Harris (Ala.), Secretary-Treasurer, Jay Braxton (Va.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Maryann Horch (Va.), Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), Paul Smith (N.H.), Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), Alan Whittington (Tenn.) and Brad Young (Ohio).

Also present: Angela Andrews, Director of NCSL Legislative Staff Services Program, Holly South, Policy Associate of the NCSL Legislative Staff Services Program.

President Kannarr stated that the purpose of the conference call was to discuss the applicants for the Millicent “Millie” McFarland Scholarship. Three applications were received. Two scholarships of \$1000 are to be awarded. It was determined that all applications were received in the time frame allowed. 2 of the applications were received from Rob Hunt in Maine and Bernard Dean in Washington. The 3rd application received was from Palau. Various committee members expressed concern about the application received from Palau and whether their letter outlining the intent of the use of the funds falls within the guidelines required to be awarded the scholarship. The letter indicated that the funds would be used toward staff travel, however, the scholarship requires that funds be used for Principals to attend the meeting. After each application was considered and discussed, a motion was made by Yolanda Dixon (La.) and seconded by Brad Young (Ohio) to award the scholarships to Rob Hunt (Maine) and Bernard Dean (Wash.). Maryann Horch raised the question about the possibility of other options available help Ann Pedro and her staff traveling from Palau. Since they are not from the one of the International Organizations (CATTs, ANOMAC, ANZACATT, SALSA) that are affiliated with ASLCS there isn’t funding available from that angle to help with their travel. However, the committee agreed that their interest in being involved and taking the long trip to be at the meeting is so very positive. It was suggested that when Ann is notified about the decision that she encourage her to reapply as the Principal for the scholarship next year. Seeing no further discussion on Yolanda Dixon’s motion, President Kannarr called for the yeas and nays. The motion was approved. President Kannarr suggested that in the interest of time that all applicants be notified quickly by E-mail followed by a hard copy.

Having interpreters at the meeting was the next topic of discussion. President Kannarr stated that although ANOMAC has indicated they would come to meeting the last several years it has not materialized. At the last ANOMAC meeting, the President of ANOMAC indicated that several of them would like to attend the Phoenix meeting. President Kannarr stated that part of the issue with attendance could be language barriers. During the Sessions at the ANOMAC meeting, they do provide interpreters where ASLCS does not offer that service. President Kannarr suggested that it would be appropriate to offer them translation services and asked for discussion from the executive committee about the possibility of accommodating them with that. She noted that translation services are not shown in the meeting budget. President Kannarr talked to Jim Drake (Ariz.) to determine the difficulty

of obtaining the translation services at the last minute if a group from ANOMAC do decide to attend. Jim is currently considering the availability and cost of providing the service. Brad Young (Ohio) asked if hiring a translator becomes cost prohibitive, if there are any current members of ASLCS that are fluent in Spanish and if so would they be interested in helping with the language barriers. Liz Clark (Alaska) and Jackie Schultz (Alaska) are both fluent in Spanish and President Kannarr stated there are likely others. President Kannarr stated that the translators would be brought in for the meetings only and hopefully our Spanish speaking members can help during the social time. Angela Andrews and Holly South will talk to their colleagues in the International Program at NCSL to see if they can provide information that may be helpful. President Kannarr also stated that she will ask Liz as Chair of the International Communications and Development Committee to contact the ANOMAC President to determine if they plan to attend and, if so, if any of them are bilingual. Pat Harris (Ala.) made a motion seconded by Alan Whittington (Tenn.) to put money into the meeting budget to pay for translation services at the Phoenix PDS if necessary. Seeing no further discussion on Pat Harris's motion, President Kannarr called for the yeas and nays. The motion was approved.

Holly South reported that there are currently 150 registrations for the Phoenix PDS and the hotel block is very close to being sold out. They are looking into adding a second hotel which is very close to the host hotel. They have received some RFPs back and they don't require an attrition rate. She stated that she is aware of several people who are planning to attend that have not registered yet.

With no further business to discuss, Susan Kannarr (Kan.) adjourned the meeting.

Patrick Harris
ASLCS Secretary-Treasurer