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President’s Message

Greetings, colleagues. As my term as President of ASLCS winds down, I have been reflecting upon the past year. When I began my term as President, I noted some of the challenges currently facing state legislative operations:

- The belief by many that legislatures don’t represent the public interest.
- Ethics scandals and self-dealing by public employees and officers.
- A decrease in the number of legislators and staff who work to protect the legislative process.
- Body odor from day-long debates.
- Term limits and lack of experience legislating.
- A press often concerned more about sensational issues than public policy debates.
- The need to “do more with less.”
- The 24-hour news cycle.
- A loss of civility in public debate and legislative chambers.
- Vending machine coffee.
- Looming retirements of long-term legislative staff.

Little did I know that, to that list, I should have added labor unrest, levels of public protest unseen since the 1960’s, legislators vacating the state to avoid constitutional quorum requirements, and unprecedented numbers of recall elections. It has been an amazing, historic year in our state legislatures.

I remain convinced that our political systems are up to the task of working through our society’s most difficult issues. As the political system grapples with these issues, legislative administrators will be faced with new and difficult challenges in our legislative operations. Across the country, our legislatures continue to rely upon clerk's, secretaries, and their staffs when determining how to best operate to meet these challenges. That fact gives me great hope. I remain confident, as I was a year ago, that many of the solutions to our legislatures’ toughest operational challenges will be found in the discussions ASLCS members have over the coming years.

Thank you for your participation in the ASLCS. And thank you for the honor of serving as your President for the past year. May you have many more fulfilling years of service to your legislature and the people of your state.

Rob
# 2011 New Clerks and Secretaries

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*Updated 8/22/2011*
G. Paul Nardo Elected Clerk of the Virginia House of Delegates

RICHMOND, VA — The Virginia House of Delegates today unanimously elected G. Paul Nardo as Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth. In keeping with tradition, Mr. Nardo was escorted by a special committee of delegates to the well of the House immediately following his election. There, the Honorable Cynthia D. Kinser, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, administered the oath of office, beginning immediately Mr. Nardo’s service as the 21st Clerk of the House.

Mr. Nardo has served as Chief of Staff to Speaker of the House William J. Howell (R-Stafford) since 2002. His experience in government spans more than two decades, including 17 years working on Capitol Square in Richmond. Prior to being tapped as Chief of Staff to the Speaker, Mr. Nardo served as Director of Government Relations and Communications for the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV), as speechwriter for George F. Allen during his tenure as Governor, and as Legislative Director for the late Congressman Herbert H. Bateman (VA-1).

“Paul has the knowledge, skills, and fair-minded temperament to be an outstanding Clerk of whom we all can be proud,” declared House Majority Leader M. Kirkland “Kirk” Cox (R-Colonial Heights) in his speech nominating Mr. Nardo for the post. “Paul understands that the Clerk is responsible for ensuring that all constitutional, statutory, and policy requirements are followed when the House of Delegates conducts the people’s business. His organizational skills and attention to detail, combined with his open and outgoing demeanor, are a perfect fit for the Clerk’s position.”

“Not only is he a hard worker, a good listener and a leader who loves the House of Delegates, but Paul also understands better than most the central role the legislature plays in impacting the lives and livelihoods of all Virginians,” noted Delegate Kenneth C. Alexander (D-Norfolk), who seconded Mr. Nardo’s nomination as Clerk. “He has demonstrated good management skills, professionalism, organization and a solid knowledge and understanding of administrative, legislative and regulatory affairs. Paul intends to continue the tradition of the Clerk’s Office being a non-partisan one. The Clerk’s Office is a well-run and successful organization with many accomplished professionals. Paul will keep it that way.”

“This is an immense honor for me and a tremendous responsibility, and I will devote my every energy to providing each delegate, and the citizens of the Commonwealth they serve, with the professional, effective and efficient services they expect and deserve,” Mr. Nardo said. “The faith that has been placed in me by the delegates with whom I have worked for nearly a decade is truly humbling. As a student and lover of history, being given the opportunity to serve an institution that was the model for representative government in the New World is a privilege for which I am extremely grateful.”
“I am looking forward to continuing my work with the highly skilled public servants who work in the Office of the Clerk. We have done so together for many years now, and they have been a valued resource and enormous help to me during my tenure as Chief of Staff to the Speaker. They are a remarkable group of professionals and I know they are ready to continue our teamwork as I undertake this new challenge,” Nardo concluded.

As Chief of Staff to the Speaker, Mr. Nardo has been responsible for ensuring the timely implementation of daily administrative, policy and communications decisions by the Speaker as the presiding officer of the House. In that capacity, he worked with his immediate predecessor as Clerk, a highly respected and talented leader, to ensure an efficient, effective operation of the House that promoted innovations and implemented cost-savings. Mr. Nardo also has worked extensively with delegates, senators, the three gubernatorial administrations that spanned his tenure as chief of staff, the Capitol’s press corps, lobbyists and the public. At the Capitol, he has earned a reputation for being open and accessible, for his attention to detail, and for working long hours. He also is known for having an intense and devoted love of history.

“It is essential to the success of our citizen legislature that we have an effective, professional staff working in the Clerk’s Office,” Speaker Howell remarked. “Having worked with him throughout my tenure as Speaker, I know Paul is the ideal choice to lead that important office. We have 100 delegates representing 8 million Virginians. All delegates necessarily rely on the Clerk’s Office, both when we are in and out of session. The confidence they have placed in Paul today is testimony to the respect he has earned and the dedication he has shown to this institution.”

Responsible for the administration of the Virginia House of Delegates under the direction of the Speaker, the Clerk serves all 100 delegates in a non-partisan manner. Overseeing a staff of 30 permanent employees, this legislative leadership position manages an annual budget of $21 million and is responsible for ensuring that all constitutional, statutory, and policy requirements are followed when the House conducts its business. As Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth, the Clerk also is responsible for the official certification of all Acts of the Assembly. The successor to the House of Burgesses, which first met at historic Jamestown in 1619, the Virginia House of Delegates has been operating for 235 years.

G. Paul Nardo, 45, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Government from the College of William and Mary in 1988. He currently serves on the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment, and on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Mentoring Partnership. A member of the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Richmond, #69, Mr. Nardo will serve as the Club’s 100th President in 2013.

Married to Mary Augusta Barham of Portsmouth for 15 years, Mr. and Mrs. Nardo have a son, Barham Reed Tyler, age 12. The Nardo family worships at St. Alban’s Anglican Church, for which Mr. Nardo previously served as organist, senior warden and a member of the Vestry.

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Ann Cornwell, Secretary and Director of the Arkansas Senate

The American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries recognizes Ann Cornwell for her outstanding contributions to the Arkansas Senate and her distinguished service to ASLCS and NCSL. Ann has served in the Arkansas Senate since 1980 and was elected Secretary in 1994. She has served in every leadership role available to Principal ASLCS members, including president, secretary-treasurer, executive committee member and ASLCS committee chair. She also served on the 2010 Mason’s Manual Commission and was a member of NCSL’s Executive Committee and the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee. She is well-respected by members of the Arkansas Senate, her staff and her legislative colleagues across the country. She is an expert in parliamentary procedure, research, finance, human resources and visitors’ services. Her recent accomplishments and contributions to the Arkansas Senate include implementing a computerized voting system, orchestrating a major renovation of the Senate Chamber and continually modernizing the technological impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Arkansas General Assembly. She is honored with this award for her professional and hardworking demeanor, her knowledge of the legislative process and her dedication and commitment to the legislative institution. She has contributed greatly to the Arkansas Senate, NCSL and ASLCS.

Bruce F. Jamerson (1957-2011), Clerk, Virginia House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth

With profound sadness and great admiration, respect and affection, the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries recognizes Bruce F. Jamerson for his distinguished service to the Virginia House of Delegates and for his many contributions to ASLCS and NCSL. Bruce served in the Virginia House for more than 35 years and was elected Clerk of the House and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth in 1991. He was the 4th longest serving clerk in the history of the Virginia House of Delegates in terms of continuous service – dating back to 1619. He served in every leadership role available to Principal ASLCS members, including president, secretary-treasurer, executive committee member and ASLCS committee chair. He also served on NCSL’s Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee. Bruce was the consummate legislative professional and a protector of the legislative process and the institution. He was an invaluable source of knowledge, especially about parliamentary procedure, and provided inspiration and encouragement to his staff and his colleagues across the country. One of his most significant accomplishments as clerk was serving on the Executive Committee of Virginia’s Capitol and Extension project, where he helped to guide the renovation and expansion of “Mr. Jefferson’s Capitol.” He also had the pleasure of helping to plan the Joint Session of the Virginia General Assembly to welcome the Queen of England, Elizabeth II, to the newly restored state capitol. He is honored with this award for his hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Virginia House of Delegates, ASLCS and NCSL. He exemplified the highest standards of public service. For those that were fortunate to work with him, Bruce’s significant accomplishments and dedication will inspire and guide us in the future.
August 18, 2011

American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

To the Honorable, the ASLCS:

It is with great pleasure that I write to notify the society of the appointment of the 2020 Mason’s Manual Commission. The members of the commission are:

Alfred “Butch” Speer  
Denise Weeks  
Bonnie Alexander  
David Byerman  
Liz Clark  
Laura Clemens  
Ann Cornwell  
Yolanda Dixon  
Susan Furlong  
Russell Humphrey  
Ramona Kenady Line  
Robert Marchant  
Tara Parkinson  
Joyce Wright

Please note that the commission contains 2 vacancies. If you are interested in serving, please contact either me or President-elect Spieler. The commission will hold its organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at the Branson PDS.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert J. Marchant
2010 - 2011 Executive Committee

Rob Marchant (WI)
President

Terry Spieler (MO)
President-Elect

Karen Wadsworth (NH)
Secretary-Treasurer

George Bishop (VA)
Associate Vice President

Suzi Lowell (AK)
Elected Principal

Russell Humphrey (TN)
Appointed Principal

E. Dotson Wilson (CA)
Appointed Principal

Nathan Hatfield (VA)
Elected Associate

Scott Kaiser (IL)
Appointed Associate

Eleanor Ringel (WV)
Appointed Associate

Greg Gray (WV)
Immediate Past President

Norma Chastain (AZ)
Immediate Past Associate
Vice President
Members of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries met at the Firewheel Room in San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Honorable Rob Marchant, Secretary of the Wisconsin Senate and President of ASLCS, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

President Marchant thanked International Roll Call for their continued support and generosity in sponsoring the luncheon. Patsy Spaw, Robert Haney and members of the Texas Host Committee were recognized by President Marchant for their hard work in making the Legislative Summit a success.

Two new ASLCS principals, Tim Mapes, Chief Clerk of the Illinois House, and Sarah Clapp, Principal Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, were introduced and welcomed, as well as International guests Mr. Russell Grove, Clerk, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of New South Wales; Mr. Peter Alcock, Clerk, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Tasmania; and Mr. Nigel Lake, Clerk, Parliament House, Western Australia.

President Marchant congratulated Patsy Spaw, Secretary, Texas Senate, on her election as Staff Vice Chair of NCSL. In addition to Patsy, Tara Perkinson, Deputy Clerk, Virginia Senate, and Laura Clemens, Clerk, Ohio House of Representatives, were also elected to the NCSL Executive Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports were received by the President:

“A” Committees:
- Bylaws and Standing Orders – George Bishop (VA)
- Inside the Legislative Process – Ann Krekelberg (AK)
- Site Selection – Pat Harris (AL)
- Technology – Maryann Horch (VA)

“B” Committees:
- International Communication and Development – Denise Weeks (NC)
- Legislative Administrator – Patience Worrel (TX)
Membership and Communication – Susan Kannarr (KA)
Support Staff – Tisha Gieser (AK)

“C” Committees:
Canadian-American – Denise Weeks (NC)
Professional Journal – Melanie Newby (VA)
Program Development – Sandy Tenney (UT)

President Marchant informed members of action taken by the Executive Committee regarding the no-host 2012 PDS in Portland, Maine. Due to unforeseen hotel difficulties, a new site of either Savannah, Georgia, or Albany, New York, will be chosen. Angela Andrews was asked to undertake hotel negotiations with both cities and report back to the Executive Committee for selection of the final location. He also noted that Sacramento, California, has been selected as the site of the 2013 professional development seminar.

On behalf of Brad Hendrickson and Paul Campos, Maryann Horch gave a briefing of the work of the special committee on the ASLCS Guidebook to the State Capitols. She noted that about half of the responses are complete and that committee members will be contacting states that have not responded. Once responses have been compiled, each state will get a draft for review.

During the reporting of the International Communication and Development Committee, Denise Weeks noted that Russell Grove, Clerk, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of New South Wales, would be retiring November 1, 2011. It was recommended by the committee that Russell be made an honorary member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. With unanimous consent, the business meeting was recessed. Upon the call of President Marchant, the Executive Committee came to order. A quorum present, motion was made by Rob Marchant, seconded by George Bishop, to grant honorary membership in ASLCS to Mr. Russell Grove. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Committee adjourned and President Marchant called the business meeting back to order.

President Marchant announced the following had been chosen to receive Legislative Staff Achievement Awards:

Ann Cornwell, Director and Secretary of the Senate (AR)
Bruce Jamerson, Clerk of the House of Delegates (VA) (given posthumously, 1957-2011)

Ms. Cornwell proceeded to the podium, where she received her award, expressed her appreciation and gratitude to members of the Society and acknowledged the presence of Arkansas State Senators Mary Anne Salmon and Jimmy Jeffress and Arkansas staff Sabrina Lewellen.

Mr. George Bishop, Deputy Clerk Administrative and Support Services, Virginia House of Delegates, accepted the award bestowed on the late Bruce Jamerson. He thanked the Society on behalf of Bruce’s wife, Elizabeth, expressed to members how proud Bruce would be in receiving the award and reminded members that Bruce thought of them as members of his extended family.

Susan Schaar, Chair of the No-Host 2011 Professional Development Seminar, gave a briefing of the upcoming meeting September 28 - October 2 in Branson, MO.

The President expressed his thanks, along with that of Pat Harris, Joyce Wright and George Bishop, to their hosts of the recently concluded Association of Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada (CATTS) meeting. Pat Harris reminded members of the upcoming Joint Canadian/American meeting to be held October 13-17 in Montgomery, AL.

On motion of Ann Cornwell, seconded by Denise Weeks, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry L. Spieler
Secretary of Senate (MO)
President-elect, ASLCS
Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee Meeting Minutes  
NCSL Legislative Summit  
August 8, 2011  San Antonio, TX

Call to Order  
The meeting of the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee was called to order by Laura Clemens (OH).

Attendance  
The following members of the committee were present: George Bishop (VA), Laura Clemens, Chair (OH), Cheryl Laube (AZ), Patrick O'Donnell (NE), Ron Smith (LA), Patsy Spaw (TX), Alfred Speer (LA), Terry Spieler (MO).

Approval of Minutes  
Upon a motion by Cheryl Laube, seconded by Butch Speer, the minutes of the last meeting, held April 16, 2011, during the ASLCS Spring Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, were approved.

Old Business

New Business  
The Executive Committee assigned to the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee the task of making recommendations to the standing orders regarding the publication of the Professional Journal. The Executive Committee approved the publishing of the Professional Journal only once a year, rather than twice, and established that it be published no later than July 1. This would require a change to 16(E)(2) of the standing orders. The new language would read “The Journal shall have one edition published annually, to be published not later than July 1.” Discussion centered on the practicality of the July 1 date. Members felt a date of not later than September 1 would be more realistic given the session schedules and the ability of potential authors to devote the time to write an article. It would also more appropriately align to the ASLCS meeting schedule. On motion of George Bishop, seconded by Laura Clemens, the committee unanimously approved the language change, and agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee the later date of September 1 as the publication deadline.

Adjournment  
Upon a motion by George Bishop, seconded by Laura Clemens, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Clemens (OH)
Canadian-American Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
NCSL Legislative Summit
August 8, 2011  San Antonio, TX

Call to Order
The meeting of the Canadian-American Relations Committee was called to order by Denise Weeks, NC.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Ann Cornwell (AR), Polly Emerson (TX), Lourdes Guerra (TX), Pat Harris (AL), Crystaline Jones (AK), Ann Krekelberg (AK), Dowe Littleton (AL), Luzi Lowell (AK), Denise Weeks (NC), Joyce Wright (AL).

Other members/guests in attendance included Joy Murphy, AL; Kirsten Waid, AK and Bill Horn, AL.

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Pat Harris, seconded by Dowe Littleton, the minutes of the last meeting, held April 16, 2011, during the Spring meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, were approved.

Old Business
Denise Weeks reminded the committee that in conjunction with the International Communications and Development Committee, the Canadian-American Relations Committee will host a reception for International guests on the first evening of the PDS in Branson, MO. Pat Harris reported on the recent Canadian Clerks at the Table meeting that he attended in New Brunswick, Canada. He also gave an update and distributed the draft agenda for the Joint Canadian-American meeting scheduled for Oct. 13-17 in Montgomery, AL. He said that Canadian attendance was expected to be greater than in previous years and encouraged all ASLCS members to attend. Denise Weeks and Debbie Deller will be contacting attendees to serve on panels for the program.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Pat Harris, seconded by Dowe Littleton, the meeting was adjourned.
Call to Order
The meeting of the Inside the Legislative Process Committee was called to order by Ann Krekelberg (AK) in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chairs.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Susan Furlong Reil (NV), Tisha Gieser (AK), Kathy Jackson (UT), Ann Krekelberg (AK), Mardi Alexander (TX).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Tisha Gieser, seconded by Ann Krekelberg, the minutes of the last meeting held April 16, 2011, during the ASLCS Spring Meeting, in Pittsburgh, PA, were approved.

Old Business
Members discussed the email sent by Brenda Erickson of NCSL containing the first draft of three of the survey result sections to be published in the next edition of *Inside the Legislative Process* (ILP). The committee confirmed that they would individually review the sections and respond to Brenda with edits by the end of August; the fourth and final section is forthcoming. Ann Krekelberg relayed Brenda's message that the second draft of the sections would be made available to the committee before the Professional Development Seminar in Branson. The 2010 edition of ILP should be posted on the NCSL website in the fall.

New Business
Tisha Gieser noted that many chambers did not complete the latest survey and inquired about strategies for increasing participation in the future. Ideas suggested included simplifying the survey or scheduling a "study hall" during future Professional Development Seminars to allow staff to complete the surveys in a quiet focused environment away from the business of their offices.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Mardi Alexander, seconded by Susan Furlong Reil, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tisha Gieser (AK)
Call to Order
The meeting of the International Communication and Development Committee was called to order by Denise Weeks, NC, Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Jay Braxton, Vice-Chair (VA), Polly Emerson (TX), Lourdes Guerra (TX), Crystaline Jones (AK), Ann Krekelberg (AK), Neva Marie Parker (CA), Denise Weeks, Chair (NC).

Other members/guests in attendance included Sandy Tenney (UT), Sarah Clapp (NC), Leigh Gipple (NC), Ann Cornwell (AR), and Rob Marchant, President (WI).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Sandy Tenney, seconded by Jay Braxton, the minutes of the last meeting held April 16, 2011, during the Spring Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, were approved.

Old Business
There was not any Old Business pending before the committee.

New Business
Chair Weeks shared copies of the updated International Directory with the committee.

Chair Weeks discussed the reception to be held for international guests at the PDS in Branson, MO. The reception will be co-sponsored with the Canadian-American Relations Committee and be held on Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Hospitality Suite.

Rob Marchant, ASLCS President, talked to committee about his work with officials and staff of the Kenyan National Assembly. They are in the process of transitioning from a parliamentary system to a bicameral legislature. The committee supported President Marchant’s planned request to the Executive Committee to invite the Kenyan staff to the PDS in Branson in September.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Ann Cornwell (AR), seconded by Ann Krekelberg (AK), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Braxton, VA, Vice Chair
Call to Order
The meeting of the Legislative Administrator Committee was called to order by Laura Clemens (OH), Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Laura Clemens, Chair (OH), Dowe Littleton, Vice-Chair (AL), Susan Furlong Reil (NV), Paula Rossetto (CA), Patience Worrel, Vice-Chair (TX).

Other members/guests in attendance included Joyce Wright (AL), Pat Saville (KS), Charlotte Mary (VA), Angi Murphy (VA) and Norma Chastain (AZ).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Patience Worrel, seconded by Dowe Littleton, the minutes of the last meeting held April 16, 2011, during the ASLCS Spring Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, and the minutes of the September 11, 2010 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar held in Milwaukee, WI, were approved.

Old Business
For both the winter and the spring issues, feedback continues to be positive. Chair Clemens noted that she has received some bios for new Clerks and Secretaries as well as obituaries for those who have recently deceased.

New Business
The committee discussed items for the next issue of the Legislative Administrator. The issue will contain the President’s letter, minutes of Executive Committee meetings, minutes of standing committees, more bios of new clerks and secretaries, obituaries, and associate exchange reports. The issue will also feature the Legislative Staff Achievement Award recipients, as well as a promo for the Professional Development Seminar in Branson, MO.

The committee discussed the short amount of time to put the next issue together and the importance of receiving articles and minutes in a timely fashion.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Patience Worrel, seconded by Dowe Littleton, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Clemens, OH, Chair
Call to Order
The meeting of the Membership and Communication Committee was called to order by Susan Kannarr, KS, Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Bonnie Alexander (ID), David Byerman (NV), Susan Kannarr, Chair (KS), Cheryl Laube (AZ), Suzi Lowell (AK), Terry Spieler (MO), Bonnie Trivette (NC), Linda Tubbs (TX), and Kirsten Waid (AK).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by David Byerman (NV), seconded by Linda Tubbs (TX), the minutes of the last meeting, held April 16, 2011, during the Spring Meeting, in Pittsburgh, PA, were approved.

New Business
The Chair presented handouts of the New Attendee Handbook (Revision 3) and stated that it contains a number of changes from previous years, including new information, additional pictures of the Executive Committee and revised language in several sections. It was suggested that the handbook be available online, and Angela Andrews stated it could be placed on the ASLCS website with links to the appropriate online information. It was also suggested that acronyms be included in the handbook so that new members could better understand the terminology commonly used during the meetings and in publications.

The next order of business was the New Attendee Orientation at the fall Professional Development Seminar in Branson, Missouri in September. The theme, “Show Me,” was discussed. The committee discussed the concurrent session being held prior to the orientation covering the structure of ASLCS and NCSL and commented that this could lessen the need for a lengthy description at the orientation meeting. Many ideas were shared about what to do during the meeting in addition to the traditional exchanging of pins due to budget restrictions limiting states that could bring them. Suggestions were made to allow signatures at the back of the new attendee booklet and signed business cards to be counted as “pins” for the purposes of the contest. Various icebreaker activities were discussed centering on participants sharing information about their respective states. The use of a national or international map for participants to mark with pushpins indicating where they were from was discussed. Using maps along with binoculars, compasses, magnifying glasses and other items was discussed for table decorations.
Making international attendees feel more welcome was discussed. One suggestion was the possibility of dual sponsorship, and an email will be sent asking for sponsors who might speak the attendees’ languages or have knowledge of their countries.

The usefulness of sending out suggestions and guidelines for all sponsors was discussed, and the chair stated that sample letters and a checklist would be sent out when sponsors were assigned.

**New Business**
The issue of what information is sent out to new members upon paying dues was discussed. The chair stated that a revised member pamphlet is being worked on and that it could be part of the information sent out. Members discussed the need to promote the ASLCS to new Clerks and Secretaries to help boost participation in the society.

**Adjournment**
Upon a motion by Suzi Lowell (AK), seconded by Kirsten Waid (AK), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kannarr, KS, Chair
Bonnie Trivette, NC, Acting Recorder
Professional Journal Committee Meeting Minutes
NCSL Legislative Summit
August 8, 2011  San Antonio, TX

Call to Order
The meeting of the Professional Journal Committee was called to order by Angi Murphy (VA), Co-Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Melanie Newby, Co-Chair (VA), Bonnie Alexander (ID), Mardi Alexander (TX), Angi Murphy, Co-Chair (VA).

Other members/guests in attendance included Trish Obrion (VA) and Geneva Tulasz (VA).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Trish OBrion (VA), seconded by Mardi Alexander (TX), the minutes for the meetings held September 12, 2010, during the Professional Development Seminar in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and April 16, 2011 during the Spring Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were both unanimously approved.

Old Business
Committee members discussed publishing the Journal annually instead of biannually.

New Business
The committee was notified that the most recent Journal publication had been mailed prior to the NCSL meeting. The committee also discussed three potential articles for the next Journal publication. Committee members suggested topics for future Journals.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Trish OBrion (VA), seconded by Geneva Tulasz (VA) the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Newby (VA)
Committee Co-Chair
Call to Order
The meeting of the Program Development Committee was called to order by Sandy Tenney (UT), Committee Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: George Bishop (VA), Jay Braxton (VA), Norma Chastain (AZ), Janice Gadd, Vice-Chair (UT), Nathan Hatfield (VA), Kathy Jackson (UT), Susan Kannarr (KS), Cheryl Laube, Vice-Chair (AZ), Paula Rossetto (CA), Pat Saville (KS), Susan Clarke Schaar (VA), Terry Spieler (MO), Sandy Tenney, Chair (UT), Bonnie Trivette (NC), Linda Tubbs (TX), Patience Worrell (TX).

Other members/guests in attendance included David Byerman (NV), Susan Furlong (NV), Emily Howard (VA), Rob Marchant (WI), Charlotte Mary (VA), Lenore Naranjo (NM), Tara Perkinson (VA), and Michelle Wright (VA)

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Terry Spieler, seconded by Pat Saville, the minutes of the last meeting held April 16, 2011, during the Spring Meeting, in Pittsburgh, PA were approved.

New Business
Sandy Tenney (UT), Chair, explained the descriptions of the concurrent sessions scheduled for the upcoming ASLCS Fall Professional Development Seminar (PDS) to be held in Branson Missouri:

♦ ASLCS, NCSL, LSCC - Acronyms Galore! What does it all mean?
♦ Welcome to the State Capitol: A primer on tours, gift shops and capitol security
♦ Mind your Manners! Civility and Decorm in today’s Legislature
♦ Two Thumbs Up for Technology! (sponsored by the Technology Committee)
♦ Human Resources and the Legislative Institution
♦ Comparing International Legislative Practices (sponsored by the International Communication and Development Committee)
♦ Legislative Off-the-Record
♦ Redistricting and the Legislative Process (sponsored by the Support Staff Committee)

She asked everyone to look over the descriptions to see if there are any subjects of interest in which committee members may be willing to either participate as a moderator or as a panelist.

David Byerman (NV) suggested, regarding the Welcome to the State Capitol session that it would be beneficial for the moderator and panelists to have some advance data regarding
what kind of security each capitol may have. He also suggested that for the Redistricting session the Census Bureau could be a wealth of information.

Angela Andrews, NCSL liaison, stated she would check with NCSL staff to see if this type of information is available.

It was suggested that the plenary session on Social Media given by Meagan Dorsch should cover the larger picture and the technology concurrent session scheduled for later that day would elaborate on what the various states are doing and how this is accomplished day to day.

Chair Tenney requested those who are willing to volunteer to do so by Tuesday, August 16, 2011, otherwise the Committee leadership will be contacting committee members to seek volunteers.

The following is a current list of those members who have volunteered to serve as moderators and panelists for the concurrent sessions:

ASLCS, NCSL - Susan Kannarr (KS), Susan Schaar
Welcome to the State Capitol… - Norma Chastain (AZ), Susan Furlong (NV)
Mind your Manners! - Bernadette McNulty (CA)
Technology - David Byerman (NV)
Human Resource - Rob Marchant (WI)

Since the Community Service Project sponsored by LexisNexis at the 2010 Fall PDS held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was such an overwhelming success, LexisNexis will again sponsor a service project at the Branson PDS. Chair Tenney explained the two possible projects:

Womens Crisis Center - assembling bath or kitchen themed emergency relief kits
Tyler Project - assembling care packages for troops

After some discussion, the committee recommended that Terry Spieler (MO), Secretary of the Missouri Senate, work with LexisNexis and the No-Host Committee to determine the service project in which the society will participate.

Susan Schaar (VA), No Host Committee Chair, gave an update on the upcoming PDS, stating Branson has a small airport with limited airline service. She added the Springfield airport is a 45-minute drive from the hotel with no airport shuttle. Susan reported that the hotel is fantastic, with several golf courses nearby as well as great fishing. The PDS will start with a reception at the Titanic Museum, which has an unbelievable collection. The social event will be attending the show “Legends,” and at the State Dinner we will be entertained by comedian Jeanne Robertson. She encouraged everyone to come to Branson.

Sandy Tenney suggested that regarding the open evening on Friday that something could be sent out to the society regarding what shows are playing, to allow people to plan their evening in advance. Susan Schaar stated one show that was highly recommended was “Six.”

Rob Marchant (WI), ASLCS President, thanked the Committee leadership and the No-Host Committee for all their hard work and added that the Branson PDS should be a great meeting.

Terry Spieler (MO), explained that since Branson is too far away for a capitol visit, they are bringing the capitol to Branson by way of a 16-minute video. She explained the video will be looped and played during the Legislative Expo. She also explained that during the breakfast on Wednesday, Raenne Presley, Mayor of Branson, will be giving a welcoming presentation.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Susan Kannarr (KS), seconded by Bonnie Trivette (NC), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Laube (AZ), Vice Chair and Recorder
Roster Committee Meeting Minutes
NCSL Legislative Summit
August 8, 2011  San Antonio, TX

*****The Roster Committee did not meet in San Antonio*****
Call to Order
The meeting of the Site Selection Committee was called to order by Pat Harris (AL), Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Jay Braxton (VA), Ann Cornwell (AR), Janice Gadd (UT), Pat Harris, Chair (AL), Emily Howard (VA), Russell Humphrey (TN), Melanie Reekes-Newby (VA), Paula Rossetto (CA), Sandy Tenney (UT), Linda Tubbs, Vice Chair (TX), Kirsten Waid (AK), Denise Weeks (NC), Alan Whittington (TN), Patience Worrel (TX), Joyce Wright (AL).

Other members/guests in attendance included Norma Chastain (AZ), Nathan Hatfield (VA), Bill Horn (AL), Dowe Littleton (AL), Suzi Lowell (AK), Charlotte Mary (VA), Angi Murphy (VA), Jay Murphy (AL), Trish Obrien (VA), Pat Saville (KS), Bonnie Trivette (NC), Geneva Tulusz (VA), Michelle Wright (VA).

Old Business
Chair Harris reminded the Committee that based on the previous recommendation of the Committee the 2012 Professional Development Seminar (PDS) would be a No-Host event held in Portland, Maine.

Rob Marchant informed society members that as a result of issues with the hotel that had been chosen, the 2012 PDS would not be able to be held in Portland. He also stated that the Executive Committee was looking at Albany, NY, and Savannah, GA, as possible alternative sites for the meeting.

Chair Harris reminded the Committee that the 2011 PDS would be September 28 – October 2, 2011, in Branson, MO. He also reminded the Committee that the 2011 Joint Canadian-American meeting would be held October 13 – 17 in Montgomery, AL. He encouraged as many Principals and designees as possible to attend.
New Business
Chair Harris stated that a formal offer had been received from California to host the 2013 PDS in Sacramento. Paula Rossetto (CA) said that she wanted to thank ASLCS President Rob Marchant for sending a letter to the leadership in the California House and Senate, which she said had been extremely helpful in getting their support to host the meeting. She also said that the meeting will likely be held in October of 2013. Denise Weeks (NC) moved that the Committee accept the offer from California to host the 2013 PDS in Sacramento and present the choice to the Executive Committee for approval. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hatfield (VA) and was agreed to by the Committee.

There being no more business, on motion of Russell Humphries (TN) and seconded by Alan Wittington (TN), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Howard, VA, recorder
Call to Order
The meeting of the Support Staff Committee was called to order by Alan Whittington, TN, Chairman.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: George Bishop (VA), Janice Gadd (UT), Tisha Gieser, Vice Chair (AK), Maryann Horch (VA), Emily Howard (VA), Kathy Jackson (UT), Alan Whittington, Chair (TN), Joyce Wright (AL).

Other members/guests in attendance included: Mardi Alexander (TX), Nathan Hatfield (VA), Bill Horn (AL), Jay Murphy (AL), Trish Obrien (VA), Jay Pearson (VA), Ron Smith (LA), Michelle Wright (VA), and Angela Andrews (NCSL).

Old Business
Chair Whittington stated that the Committee needed to discuss and review plans for the sessions for which the Support Staff Committee was responsible at the 2011 Professional Development Seminar (PDS) in Branson, including the concurrent session, the Legislative Expo, and the Staff Breakout sessions.

Chair Whittington reminded the Committee that the concurrent session would be on Redistricting, with an emphasis on the background and a breakdown of how the process works. He stated that he would like to get volunteers for the panel who have various types of roles to play in the process, with a particular interest in getting a legislative staffer from a state in which they are very involved with helping to craft the legislation. He asked if any of the Committee members were from a state where staff was very involved, but the majority were from states where the process was member-driven.

Chair Whittington stated that after discussion with Angela Andrews (NCSL) he wanted to get feedback from the Committee on whether to have a specific theme for the Legislative Expo.
Angela suggested that perhaps having a certain theme would help people focus on what to bring to share at the Expo. Committee members felt that it would be better to leave the Expo theme open, to avoid the possibility of people feeling that they didn't have anything to contribute to a particular topic. The suggestion was made that participants could let Alan or Tisha know what they would be bringing and that the information may then lead to an overall "theme" which could be posted on the meeting blog. As a way to advertise for the Expo, Maryann Horch (VA) offered to use the Flip camera to tape a message about the Expo, which could be added to the blog. Angela Andrews stated that the Expo would be held on Friday, September 30 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Nathan Hatfield (VA) stated that having a two-hour timeframe in the morning and without any other meetings being scheduled at the same time was very helpful and would allow for increased participation.

Chair Whittington reminded the Committee that based on the positive feedback from the 2010 PDS the Staff Breakout sessions would be done in 3 groups:
- Principals – Clerks and Secretaries
- Administrative and Support Staff
- Legislative Operations Staff

It was mentioned that including descriptions of which jobs fell into each group would be helpful in determining which breakout session to attend. Chair Whittington stated that there would need to be moderators for each of the groups. Committee members recalled that the moderators for both Administrative and Support Staff and Legislative Operations Staff came to the Breakout sessions with several topics for discussion. This approach was seen as very helpful because it allowed for a "jumping off" point but also allowed the attendees to present their own ideas and topics.

**Adjournment**
Upon a motion by George Bishop (VA) and seconded by Joyce Wright (AL), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Howard, VA, recorder
Call to Order
The meeting of the Technology Committee was called to order by Maryann Horch, VA, Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Bonnie Alexander (ID), Polly Emerson (TX), Lourdes Guerra (TX), Maryann Horch, Chair (VA), Chrystaline Jones (AK), Susan Kannarr (KS), Neva Marie Parker, Vice Chair (CA).

Other members/guests in attendance included David Byerman (NV) and Angela Andrews (NCSL).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Susan Kannarr, seconded by Polly Emerson, the minutes of the last meeting held April 16, 2011, during the ASLCS Spring Business Meeting held in Pittsburgh, PA, were approved.

New Business
The committee discussed the 2011 Professional Development Seminar (PDS) in Branson, MO. David Byerman confirmed that he would be on the panel to discuss social media-Twitter in particular. Bonnie Alexander also volunteered to be on the panel. She also discussed the Technology upgrades they did during the renovation of their Capitol and e-publications. Crystaline Jones reminded the committee that some chambers block social media tool use. There was discussion by the committee that it would be interesting to know which chambers block social media tools and which ones embrace their use. Angela Andrews said she thought NCSL might have a listing with this information.

Old Business
Susan Kannarr mentioned the possibility of the Technology committee (or a designated committee) to list the pros and cons of changing process/systems. Do you take on the whole change at one time (like they did in Kansas) or do you change it in increments? How does technology affect/influence the process from Bill drafting to publication. Perhaps this could be a topic for next year's Technology session.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Polly Emerson, seconded by Crystaline Jones, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Emerson, TX, Recorder
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
A GLANCE AT PAST PRINCIPALS & ASSOCIATES AND THEIR LIVES AFTER THE LEGISLATURE

Arkansas (Submitted by Ann Cornwell)

The Secretary of the Senate before me was Hal Moody, who died in spring of 2010 at the age of 89. After his retirement in 1993 he created a newsletter called the Moody-Gram. It was published every quarter with news of current and past political events in AR. He did this as a free service and people loved getting it because he knew so much history of the political environment of AR. Hal was elected to the House of Representatives in 1947 serving a couple of terms. In 1957 he came back to the House as Chief Clerk, until 1968, when he moved over to the Senate as Assistant Secretary of the Senate. In 1983 he became Secretary of the Senate until he retired in 1994 and I became Secretary of the Senate. The Chief Clerk and Secretary of the Senate positions were both part-time until mid-80's.

Colorado (Submitted by Marilyn Eddins)

I think all know that Lorraine Lombardi, former Chief Clerk, and Joan Albi, former Secretary of the Senate, passed away years ago.

JR Rodrigue, Chief Clerk from 1993 until 2004, is still happily married to her college sweetheart, Jim Bujalski. They are care-givers to JR's middle son and divide their time between Denver, Reno, and their mountain home.

Lee Bahrych, Chief Clerk from 1985 until 1993, is now living in an independent-living facility in Denver. She is still taking classes at a local university and is still considered the "lady of the House".

Two former Secretaries of the Senate: Mona Heustis is the Director of Human Resources for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. She is still working hard and enjoying life.

Karen Goldman is traveling and knitting. She is managing a yarn shop and loving that part of her life.

Florida (Submitted by Diane Bell)

Carol Jo (“C.J.”) Beaty 1987-2002. She retired as Assistant Clerk in 2002. She built a new house on part of her deceased husband’s family farm in 1999-2000 in Perry, Taylor County, Florida. Her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live with her. She and her sister had an antique shop for a few years, but she closed it about a year ago when she bought a vacation home in the North Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains where she spends as much time as possible. I spent a week with her there in late July. We have stayed in close contact with each other since her retirement.

Florida continued……

**John Phelps** retired from the Florida House of Representatives as Clerk in November 2006 and was Curator of the Historic Capitol until the late summer-early fall of 2010 when he became the Senate Rules staff director. He loves his job there! The Chair of Senate Rules is one of our former (and favorite) Speakers of the House, who is now a Senator. John’s e-mail address is phelps.john@flsenate.gov if you would like to contact him.

**Idaho** (Submitted by Bonnie Alexander)

**Jeannine Wood**, recently retired Secretary of the Idaho Senate, now spends her days lunching with friends, playing with one-year-old grandson, and enjoying her family’s mountain property with husband Chuck.

**Illinois** (Submitted by Brad Bolin)

From **Tony Rossi** - It is always nice to reconnect with the ASLCS. I consider the 10 years I spent as Clerk or Assistant Clerk of the Illinois House the highlight of my professional career. Since leaving the Clerk’s Office in 2003, I have served as Executive Director of the Illinois Capital Development Board, and Deputy Chief of Staff to a former Illinois Governor that pitches pistachios. With 20 years of public service under my belt, I have spent the last 4 years assisting in the management of a governmental consulting firm in Illinois. Give my best to ASLCS. Tony

**Tony Leon**, Assistant Clerk and Clerk from 1978 through 1992. Since then, Tony has kept busy with his historic preservation interests. He is currently a member of the Illinois Historic Preservation Board and is busy restoring his current home, which has been accepted for phase one to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit his website at [www.pasfieldhouse.com](http://www.pasfieldhouse.com) to see Tony’s loving restoration of the Pasfield House bed and breakfast where he works as the innkeeper. He invites everybody to come to Springfield, see the Abraham Lincoln sites, and stay at his bed and breakfast.

**Terry McLennand**, Illinois House Chief Clerk, 1995-97, Assistant Clerk, 1992-1995. After leaving the Clerks office in 1997, Terry has spent the last 15 years as a legislative liaison, first with a state regulatory agency and then the last 11 eleven years with the University of Illinois. Terry is the Associate Director of Federal Relations and is based in the President’s University office in Urbana-Champaign. Prior to handling Congressional relations and tracking Federal issues, Terry had been the Assistant Director of State Relations and had taken the experience gained in the Clerk’s office and designed an on-line legislative tracking and comment system that has been utilized by the five campus University system. The ASLCS family was a great support group for all the Clerks and Secretaries and allowed us to share creative ideas to deal with the unique issues our offices dealt with. Cheers to all. mclennnd@uillinois.edu

**Kansas** (Submitted by Susan Kannarr)

I am still in contact with **Janet Jones**, who was the Chief Clerk of the House in Kansas just prior to me (1989-2008). Janet’s husband, Robert “Buck” Jones, passed away earlier this year, on February 28, 2011, after a lengthy illness. She still lives in Topeka and is enjoying her retirement from the Kansas House. We have monthly luncheons for current and former clerk’s office staff, and Janet is an active participant. She is also still a dues-paying member for ASLCS and is included in the last roster. I’m sure she would love to hear from her former colleagues.
Kansas continued…….

Geneva Seward, who was Janet’s predecessor and served from 1977-1988, is also still living in Topeka, but I don’t really know much more.

Kentucky (Submitted by Jean Burgin)

Lois Pulliam is now enjoying retirement from LRC. She served as House Clerk 1999-2005. Lois returns when we are in Legislative session to work for as secretary for the Bill Summary Report. This is a report printed daily which summarized bills filed for legislation. A very valuable tool to our House members.

The Clerk before Lois, Evelyn Marston, passed away last summer. She had lung cancer. Many Clerks and Secretaries may remember Evelyn. She was the Clerk from 1982 to 1998. Thanks.

Ohio (Submitted by Laura Clemens)

Fred Mills was Clerk of the House from 1995-1999 and is now a lobbyist for Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. He is a constant figure in the hallways of the Statehouse. Prior to Fred Mills, Bill Schaeffer was Clerk, and we all know where he is now!

Matt Schuler, former Senate Clerk, is now the Senate Chief of Staff and spends any downtime with his four beautiful children.

David Battocletti, former Senate Clerk, is currently a lobbyist for Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn, and like Fred, is often seen roaming the halls.

Brad Young, former assistant clerk, is the Legislative Director for Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel. Prior to that, he was a deputy director for the district office of Congressman Austria.

Oklahoma

Larry Warden Larry continues to enjoy retirement. He still meets up with Joe Blough and Mike Fina for lunch periodically. His son and daughter-in-law moved back to Oklahoma, allowing him and his wife to spend time with his grandchildren.

Joe Blough Joe is the Chief deputy county commissioner for Commissioner Willard Johnson, Oklahoma County District 1. His spare time is spent attending his children’s sporting events. His wife, Wendy, and Joe spend most of their time in the car taking their four children.

Mike Fina Since leaving the legislature, Mike was mayor of the City of Piedmont and served on City Council. He currently works as a deputy administrator for the Department of Central Services for the state of Oklahoma.

Mississippi (Submitted by Diane Tyner Ashley)

Charles Jackson (1980 to 2000) lives in a small town close to the capitol city. He and his wife operate a no-kill animal shelter, Animal Rescue Fund of Mississippi (ARF).
Ed Perry (2000-2004) retired to his hometown of Oxford, Mississippi, also home to the Ole Miss Rebels. He spends his time following two of his favorite pursuits—golf and football.

Utah (Submitted by Sandy Tenney)

Former Utah House Clerk Carole Peterson writes: I retired from the Utah House of Representatives in 2005 after having served for 30 years (20 years as Chief Clerk). Retirement opened up many opportunities for us. It reunited me with our children and grandchildren. What a joy and blessing it is for us to have our three children and their spouses and 10 grandchildren living very close to us. We have cruised to the Caribbean Islands, Mexican Rivera, and Hawaii.

Memories of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries are very dear to my heart. Each state is represented with the highest quality of individuals serving in the State Houses and State Senates. I feel honored to have been a part of this prestigious group. My best wishes to all of you. I hope to be able to attend an annual meeting in the near future to renew old friendships and meet new participants.

Texas (Submitted by Patsy Spaw)

Charles "Charlie Schnabel (Secretary of the Texas Senate 1955-1977; President of ASLCS 1970-71) served as Deputy Commissioner at the Texas Department of MHMR when he left the Senate. Later he joined former Texas Senator and then Congressman Charlie Wilson as his chief of staff in Washington, D.C. If you have read the book Charlie Wilson's War or seen the movie, you know the story of the Afghan freedom fighters. In the movie Charlie Schnabel is the really cute redhead; producers didn't like the idea of Charlie Wilson having any male employees--messed up the image--and so Schnabel became a female in the movie! In real life, Charlie Schnabel has many war stories about the mujahedeen and his time spent in Afghanistan dressing as one of them, living with them, and actually fighting with them—possibly the most interesting "post-secretary of the Senate" activities of all our colleagues. Following those adventures, Mr. Schnabel returned to Austin after his stint with Congressman Wilson and is currently a registered lobbyist, which means I see him quite often during legislative sessions.

Betty King (Secretary of the Texas Senate 1977-2001; President of ASLCS 1984-85; NCSL Staff Chair, 1988-89) retired primarily because of her husband's health and despite the pleas of her senators. Betty enjoys spending time with her daughter and grandsons and continues her many community and social activities--Girls Scouts, Lyric Opera, Settlement Home (organization for abused and neglected young women), Governor's Mansion docent, book club, and former Senate employees' lunch bunch. Betty was in San Antonio for the Legislative Summit and was warmly greeted by many longtime legislative and NCSL friends. She continues to amaze all of us with her zest for life and her keen interest in and concern for legislative bodies and staff across the country.

Virginia (Submitted by Paul Nardo)

Joseph H. Holleman, Jr. Joe was elected Clerk in 1974 and retired in 1991. He and his wife, Ann, live in Richmond, Virginia, and enjoy traveling and spending time at their beach house at Sandbridge in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
Don Schneider, retired Chief Clerk of the Senate, is now living in Englewood, Florida, on the Gulf Coast. He and Cindy are enjoying their retirement. Florida provides them with the opportunity to boat, walk the beaches and ride their bikes year around. Don continues to consult on legislative institution building projects in developing democracies. He was recently in Kenya and Pakistan. Don and Cindy return to Wisconsin in the summer to enjoy the beauty of the North woods and reconnect with family and friends. You can contact Don at dondjs1@msn.com. If in the Englewood vicinity, stop in to say hello.
Three words come to mind when asked about participating in the Associate Exchange Program this year: engaging, educational and memorable. Not only was I fortunate to participate in such a rewarding program, but I was also delighted to miss the first major heat wave of the year in Virginia. My time in California was brief; I arrived on Memorial Day, spent four days with the Senate on a house of origin deadline and returned to Virginia on Saturday. There are many people to whom I owe a great deal of thanks for sharing their time and making my experience worthwhile and unforgettable:

Matt Carlock (Senate Special Services) who graciously provided transportation from Sacramento International Airport to my hotel upon arrival on the West Coast;

Sheron Violini (Constituent Services) for an overview of the Senate Mail Program, the extensive tour of Senate Reprographics (from equipment to staff members) and samples of certificates, brochures, postcards and booklets (all of which did fit in my suitcase);

Dave Wilkening (Senate Floor Analyses) for a full explanation about how they analyze legislation, research and furnish history on each bill topic;

Shannon Shellenberg (Office of International Relations), who shared stories about the people she has hosted, countries she has traveled and her tips of the trade for preparing to host visitors from across the globe;

Ezilda Samoville (Office of International Relations), who not only discussed her responsibilities but also opened her home to me Thursday evening. She and her husband provided a comfortable atmosphere, delicious meal and engaging conversation about travel, family and Virginia;

Alison Graff (Capitol Tours), who provided an abbreviated, personal tour of the hallways and exhibit spaces in the Capitol with fun, interesting and quirky facts;

The ladies in the Capitol Tour Office, who greeted me with a pleasant smile and shared their knowledge, insight and enthusiasm about the Capitol;

Senator Doug La Malfa for inviting me in to see his legislative office, Senator Christine Kehoe for my formal introduction to the Senate during session and Senators Ted Gaines and Mark DeSaulnier for personally introducing themselves and sharing their passionate interest in Virginia’s historic treasures (including Montpelier, James Madison’s home);

Tony Beard, Chief Sargeant at Arms, for the behind-the-scenes tour of the Capitol, overview of his responsibilities, introduction to staff and insight into security operations, technology and procedures to keep everyone safe;

Kip Wiley (Office of Research) for the interesting history of how the office was formed and the transformation into its modern-day operation. His extensive knowledge of the legislature and how various offices have evolved;
Sandra Daly (Enrollment), who worked around my ever-changing schedule to discuss how Engrossing and Enrolling is different in California but very similar to how it’s done in Virginia;

Finally, and most importantly, a special thank-you to the Secretary of the Senate, Gregory Schmidt, and his staff: Bernadette McNulty, Paula Rossetto, Marlissa Hernandez, Neva Marie Parker, Susan DeLaFuente, Holly Hummelt, Jamie Taylor, Zach Twilla, and Mathew Burns. Thank you for the opportunity to experience the California State Senate firsthand in the midst of a house of origin deadline. You were hospitable, pleasant and fun to be around. I extend a special thank you to Neva for the photographs, transportation and tour of “the void” and Cupola (even though I only made it halfway up); Paula for the driving tour of downtown Sacramento, arranging the surprise introduction on the Senate Floor during Session (since my family and co-workers were watching online) and her overall enthusiasm for the sights in and around the Capital City; and, Bernadette for sharing her office, teaching me some desk terminology and answering all my questions through e-mail prior to my arrival.

This was a rewarding and engaging experience; should you have an opportunity to participate, I recommend it highly

Bladen Finch

08/02/11
The Minnesota House of Representatives was honored to be selected a participant in the 2011 ASLCS Associate Exchange Program.

The program gave us the opportunity to demonstrate and exchange information with Liz Jones-Queensland, Journal Clerk from the Wisconsin Senate, our neighboring state. The timing of the visit was perfect. The legislature was in the final month (May) of session allowing Liz to observe a couple days of action filled floor sessions as well as a number of other activities.

The visit began with an introduction of staff and review of the Chief Clerk's Office mission statement. Although Liz was here to learn about the details of composing a journal and the desk procedure, we shared with her our many other responsibilities. We scheduled various meetings with staff from all of our departments, including Index, the public contact and distribution center, the journal production and floor documents area, IT and a visit to the House television production studio. We demonstrated how the House journal is produced from beginning to end while Liz shared with our staff the operation of the Wisconsin Senate Journal process.

Staff from the Minnesota Senate spent an afternoon with her reviewing their journal process and a morning daily session at the Senate desk. We found time for her to meet with the Revisor of Statutes Office. The office provides joint engrossing, enrolling, amendment drafting and bill drafting services for the House and Senate.

The highlight was having Liz join us at the Desk during several House floor sessions to see firsthand how we conduct our daily business. This allowed Speaker Kurt Zellers and newly elected Representative Carly Melin, a high school classmate, an opportunity to formally introduce Liz to the entire body.

We sincerely thank Liz for her interest in coming to Minnesota. We were inspired by her enthusiasm and desire to share her perspective of the difference between the two states and highly recommend the exchange program to other associates in our Society.
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