

ASLCS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Conference Call
October 10, 2017

The meeting of the ASLCS Executive Committee was called to order by President Robert Haney at 11:32 a.m. (Eastern).

A quorum of the Executive Committee was present with the following members in attendance: Robert Haney (Texas), President; Paul Smith (N.H.), Secretary-Treasurer; Yolanda Dixon (La.), Associate Vice President; Brad Young (Ohio), Susan Kannarr (Kan.), Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), Jay Braxton (Va.), William MaGill (Vt.), Tim Sekerak (Ore.), Sabrina Lewellen (Ark.). Also present: Holly South (NCSL).

Old Business

The subcommittee had a conference call with NCSL with regard to conference planning with respect to Wisconsin's PDS. A memo was drafted by NCSL which essentially stated that they believed allowing Wisconsin, in conjunction with NCSL staff, should move forward with the process (not utilizing Conference Direct) of working on the site for the 2018 PDS. Discussion ensued with respect to lowest available rates vs. government rates and the ability to place that into contracts; what the actual process is regarding contracts and how they can be negotiated independent of the third party; what the rates have been in the past in relation to Wisconsin. A consensus of opinion developed through the discussion that attempting to explicitly limit the maximum room rate for the PDS to the federal per diem amount was an impracticable way of controlling overall costs borne by participants given all the various cost elements for our use of the type of facility we require. Rather, it was considered sufficient in the case of the 2018 PDS to allow Wisconsin and NCSL to proceed (without the involvement of Conference Direct) with the hotel negotiations given the understanding that the Society wanted to obtain the "lowest possible" room rate for the 2018 PDS. Motion made to allow Wisconsin to proceed in conjunction with NCSL, by Brad Young, seconded by Jay Braxton. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Paul Smith updated the committee with dates for the 2019 Joint Canadian-American meeting. Tentatively suggested in Phoenix for the first week in October, to secure better room rates and amenities, the dates of September 3-7 have been worked out, similar to the schedule from the 2017 meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Bernadette McNulty moved to adjourn, without objection the President declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. (Eastern)

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul C. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer