Canadian-American Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

2018 NCSL Legislative Summit
Los Angeles, Calif.
July 30, 2018

Call to Order
The meeting of the Membership and Communication Committee was called to order by Paul Smith (N.H.), chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Corey Carnahan (Kan.), Liz Clark (Alaska), Claire Clift (Nev.), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), Sarah Curry (Ore.), Bernard Dean (Wash.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Polly Emerson (Texas), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Janice Gadd (Utah), Pat Harris (Ala.), Crystaline Jones (Alaska), Susan Kannarr (Kan.), Marshall Long (Ala.), William MaGill (Vt.), Steve Marshall (Vt.), Tracy Ortiz (Texas), Obie Rutledge (Ore.), Gina Shaffer (Ala.), Paul Smith (N.H.), Patsy Spaw (Texas), Alfred “Butch” Speer (La.), Ann-Marie Sweeney (Pa.), Joyce Wright (Ala.), and Brad Young (Ohio).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by William MaGill (Vt.), seconded by Susan Kannarr (Kan.), the minutes of the last meeting held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the ASLCS Spring Business Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, were approved.

Old Business
The chair reminded the committee that the biennial Joint Canadian-American Clerks Conference will take place September 3-7, 2019, in Concord, New Hampshire. He also stated that he discussed with Francois Arsenault, President of the Association of Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada (CATTs), whether or not the Canadians would like to continue the volleyball match conducted during the Joint Meeting. President Arsenault indicated that they would very much like to continue the match.

New Business
The chair stated that the annual CATTs Professional Development Seminar will take place August 6-10, 2018, in Iqaluit, Nunavut. Brad Young (Ohio), vice chair, will be attending on behalf of President Robert Haney (Texas) and Emily White (Mo.), vice chair, will be attending on behalf of Chair Smith. He also mentioned that he will be working on a program for the 2019 Joint Meeting and that Brad Young (Ohio), vice chair, will also be discussing program content with President Arsenault while attending the CATTs PDS.

Paul Smith (N.H.), chair, concluded his remarks by mentioning that the committee will continue its work with the ASLCS Executive Committee to better promote the Jane Richards Scholarship and increase interest and participation in the Canadian-American Exchange Program.

Obie Rutledge (Ore.) asked the chair if he had a preliminary agenda for the 2019 Joint Meeting. The chair replied that he was in the process of receiving ethical clearance for fundraising and then would be able to discuss activities in further detail. The chair said that a room block would be made available at a Holiday Inn one-half block from the New Hampshire State House, and
that he was hoping to incorporate a day cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee as part of the activities. Claire Clift (Nev.) suggested that Chair Smith speak with his local chamber of commerce, as they may often donate financial or other resources to conferences held in their respective areas.

Brad Young (Ohio) provided the committee with a summary of the agenda items scheduled for the 2018 CATTs PDS. Topics for discussion include parliamentary privilege, rules regarding omnibus legislation, leaves of absence for members, sexual harassment and the #MeToo movement, and working with younger and less experienced members.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Susan Kannarr (Kan.), seconded by Susan Furlong (Nev.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Young (Ohio), vice chair