Canadian American Relations Meeting Minutes

2019 NCSL Legislative Summit
Nashville, Tennessee
August 5, 2019

Call to Order
The meeting of the Canadian American Relations committee was called to order by Brad Young (Ohio), Vice Chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Brad Young (Ohio), Steve Marshall (Vt.), Claire Clift (Nev.), Bill MaGill (Vt.), Ali Sagraves (Ohio), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Bill Horn (Ala.), Joyce Wright (Ala.), Susan Kannarr (Kan.), Crys Jones (Alaska), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), Liz Clark (Alaska), Obie Rutledge (Ore.), Lenore Naranjo (N.M.), Ann-Marie Sweeney (Pa.), Diana Ramsey (W.Va.), Bladen Finch (Va.), Portia Brown (Va.), Melanie Newby (Va.), Michelle Wright (Va.), Lee Cassis (W.Va.).

Approval of Minutes
Upon motion by Susan Kannarr (Kan.), seconded by Ann Cornwell (Ark.), the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming were approved.

Old Business
Vice Chair Young greeted committee members and guests on behalf of committee Chair Paul Smith who he reported was unable to attend. Chair Smith was in Ottawa at the Clerks at the Table (CATTs) meeting. Brad Young reported Chair Smith had also been busily working in New Hampshire to ensure the upcoming Canadian American Joint meeting will be a rousing success. Committee members and guests spent a moment introducing themselves to the group before Vice Chair Young reviewed the committee's mission. Vice Chair Young shared an overview of the planned activities for the upcoming joint Canadian-American meeting in Concord, New Hampshire and encouraged committee members to attend. Additionally, Vice Chair Young reminded the group of the Canadian-American exchange program and urged participation in this worthwhile exercise.

New Business
Two special guests, Andy Janes and Ash Miller, both employed at Canadian consulates in the United States, introduced themselves and described the work they do on behalf of Canada. They advocate on behalf of the Canadian government and advance governmental priorities on policy issues as well as assisting Canadian citizens with local concerns. The two were warmly welcomed by the committee and thanked for their participation in the meeting.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Lee Cassis (W.Va.), seconded by Claire Clift (Nev.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Clark (Alaska), Vice Chair