Canadian-American Relations Meeting Minutes

2019 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar
Seattle, Wash.
Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019

Call to Order
The meeting of the Canadian American Relations committee was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Emily White (Mo.), chair.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Liz Clark (Alaska), vice chair; Jason Hataway (Nev.), Lori Roland (Alaska), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Patsy Spaw (Texas), Brad Hendrickson (Wash.), Nanette Mitchell (Tenn.), Darek Grant (Maine), Jeff Takacs (Fla.), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), Jackie Schulz (Alaska), Bernard Dean (Wash.), Lenore Naranjo (N.M.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Susan Kannarr (Kan.), Janice Gadd (Utah), Lendi Ensor (Alaska), Crystaline Jones (Alaska), Lee Cassis (W.Va.), Brad Young (Ohio), Andrew Carpenter (Colo.), Buddy Johnson (Ark.), Bill Horn ( Ala.), Marshall Long (Ala.), Andrew Heist (Alaska), Rebecca Silbernagel (Vt.), Jeremy Weiss (Vt.), Julieanna McManus (Nev.), Adanna Hydes (Ky.), Jessica Upadhye (Calif.), Butch Speer (La.), Joyce Wright (Ala.) and Paul Smith (N.H.).

Approval of Minutes
Upon motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), and without objection, the corrected committee minutes from the NCSL Summit in Nashville, Tenn. were approved.

Old Business
Chair White thanked ASLCS President-Elect Paul Smith for his work in putting together an engaging and successful Joint Canadian-American Meeting in Concord, New Hampshire earlier in the month.

New Business
President-Elect Smith announced Prince Edward Island as the location for the 2020 Canadian Clerks at the Table (CATTs) meeting and encouraged members to think about attending. He added that the Joint Canadian-American meeting in 2021 will be held at an as-yet unknown location in Canada and committee members are also encouraged to contemplate attending that meeting. President Smith ended his remarks by thanking Butch Speer (La.) for his exemplary effort in organizing a plenary for this Seattle Professional Development Seminar (PDS). Mr. Speer acknowledged the thanks and graciously stated that it had been a “team effort.”

Chair White mentioned the committee may consider sponsoring another plenary or concurrent session on the topic of parliamentary privilege at a future PDS. She additionally urged committee members to explore ASLCS’s Jane Richards Scholarship which is awarded biennially to one society member to defray costs associated with attending a Canadian-American meeting. Joyce Wright (Ala.) indicated she had been awarded the scholarship and would be happy to share her experience with any interested committee members.
Beverley Isles from the Canadian House of Commons also mentioned the Parliamentary Officers’ Study Program – a comprehensive course designed to train parliamentary officers that is held annually in Ottawa. She indicated she would check into issuing an invitation to ASLCS members on behalf of CATTS.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Ann Cornwell (Ark.), seconded by Brad Hendrickson (Wash.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Clark (Alaska), vice chair