

# **Inside the Legislative Process Committee Meeting Minutes**

2019 NCSL Legislative Summit  
Nashville, Tennessee  
August 5, 2019

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Donna Robinson Holiday (Ky.), chair.

## **Attendance**

Members in attendance were: Donna Robinson Holiday (Ky.), chair, Lourdes Litchfield (Texas), Amanda Lindqvist (Mass.), Mary Gibson (Mass.), Lisa Ortiz McCutcheon (N.M.), Lenore Naranjo (N.M.), Barrett Dudley (Ark.), Erin Gillitzer (Wis.), Joannetta Kendrick (Miss.), Tammy Cowart (Miss.), Johanna Henry (Mo.), Brad Hendrickson (Wash.), Ann-Marie Sweeney (Pa.).

Also present at the meeting: Brenda Erickson (NCSL).

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to adopt the minutes from the April 27, 2019 committee meeting in Jackson, Wyoming was made by Barrett Dudley (Ark.) and seconded by Lenore Naranjo (N.M.).

## **Old Business**

Barrett Dudley gave a brief summary of the meeting in Wyoming where he was acting chairman in lieu of Donna Holiday, who was not present at the meeting. At that meeting, Brenda Erickson (NCSL) gave the committee an update on redesign of the NSCL and ASLCS websites. She shared with the committee that the visual changes discussed in Madison were on hold pending completion of the redesign. Barrett Dudley (Ark.) provided a printed copy of the website as it currently looks and asked the group what changes they would like to see. It was agreed that the committee's main goal is to make retrieving Inside the Legislative Process' information easier and more user friendly.

## **New Business**

Brenda Erickson updated the committee on future plans for Inside the Legislative Process. The committee is in a period of transition. The world is changing and how we send and receive information is also changing. The committee has worked on coming up with ideas on how to make Inside the Legislative Process viable and more user friendly for both clerks and their staffs and all legislators and legislative staff alike. The committee has received numerous ideas and suggestions from committee members for over two years, and it is our hope that whatever the future holds for this important information, that it is more accessible and easily searchable.

The big questions are...what information do you want/need, and how do you want it? Is a web page the answer? Is Facebook a better platform? Do you want the information in stories or articles? We hope this can be looked at strategically in the future, with suggestions from ASLCS members and staff, and also from the work of this committee, a new platform can be found that everyone will find helpful for their jobs.

**Adjournment**

Lourdes Litchfield (Texas) made the motion to adjourn and Barrett Dudley (Ark.) seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Robinson Holiday (Ky.), chair