Inside the Legislative Process Meeting Minutes

2018 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar
Madison, Wisconsin
September 27, 2018

Call to Order
The meeting of Inside the Legislative Process was called to order by Donna Robinson Holiday (Ky.), chair.

Attendance
The following members were present: Barrett Dudley (Ark.), Jay Braxton (Va.), Heshani Wijemanne (Calif.), Erin Gillitzer (Wis.), Mary Ann Krol (Ky.), Tamitha Jackson (Ark.), Tad Mayfield (Mo.), Jennifer Welch (Va.), Daniel Loyd (Ark.), Morgan Speer (Colo.), Heather Fahey (Ariz.), Polly Clark (Mo.), Stephen Zerdelian (Mass.), Ruby Johnson (La.), Jeff Beighley (Wis.), Misty Greene (N.C.), Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), Lisa Ortiz McCutcheon (N.M.), Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), Nate Sanko (Pa.), and Max Majors (Colo.)

Guests in attendance were: Brenda Erickson, NCSL, ASLCS President-Elect Pat Harris (Ala.), Robert Benoit (Canada).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Jay Braxton (Va.), seconded by Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), the minutes of the last meeting held at the NCSL Summit in Los Angeles, California, were approved.

Old Business
The chair discussed topics that were discussed at the previous meeting for the Inside the Legislative Process website. The committee had requested that the chair produce a mock-up of the ASLCS Inside the Legislative Process website so the committee could give recommendations for updates to the site.

New Business
Committee members received copies of the mock-up proposed website changes. They discussed visual changes to the website, as well as adding listserv questions and answers and posting them online by topic and by state to make the site more user-friendly for clerk staff, as well as others, to search.

The committee requested that the site be more state-specific, with principals’ names and roster information, as well as states’ session schedules and responsibilities of each principals’ office. They also suggested creating 6-8 “bubbles” with topics such as listserv, published sections, states (map), historical information, and topics by year. The ‘bubbles” can be periodically rotated, with a hot topic “bubble” in the top left corner of the website.

Jay Braxton (Va.) suggested this page could serve as a one-stop shop for information. Upon the motion of Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), the committee agreed to proceed with webpage updates.
to be worked on by all committee members via email. Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.) also suggested a map with a link to each legislative website.

Jeff Beighley (Wis.) requested that when future surveys are sent to all principals, all support staff be alerted that a survey has been sent, so they may follow up to make sure the surveys are completed by their chamber.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), seconded by Jay Braxton (Va.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Robinson Holiday (Ky.), chair