

Inside the Legislative Process Committee Meeting Minutes

2016 NCSL Legislative Summit
Chicago, Ill.
Monday, Aug. 8, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting of the Inside the Legislative Process Committee was called to order by Corey Carnahan (Kan.), Chair.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Donna Holiday (Ky.), Vice Chair, and Trish O’Brion (Va.).

Other members/guests in attendance included Elaine Suazo-Miller (N.M.), Ginny Edwards (Va.), Rose Ramsey (Va.), and Brenda Erickson, NCSL.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Donna Holiday (Ky.), seconded by Trish O’Brion (Va.), the minutes of the last meeting held Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the ASLCS Spring Business Meeting in Alexandria, Va., were approved.

Old Business

The chair recognized Brenda Erickson, NCSL, to update the committee on the survey question that was initially distributed in 2015 regarding ethics policies. The committee was provided a handout showing which chambers had not responded. In total, nearly 40 chambers had not provided input on the survey.

The committee discussed ways to increase the response rate for the ethics survey. Ms. Erickson noted some states have policies prohibiting responses to any type of survey while others have rarely responded to prior ones. Following the discussion, the committee expressed its interest in closing this survey topic and finish compiling the results.

New Business

The committee then discussed topics for the next survey to be distributed in late 2016. (At the 2016 Spring Business Meeting, the committee reviewed the potential topics of use of technology or staffing responsibilities/job duties.) Following the discussion, the committee decided to proceed with the survey question on job duties. The committee suggested a two-column survey question where job titles in the first column could be matched with various job duties in the second column. The committee will conduct further review of the survey format at the 2016 PDS in Boise.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Trish O’Brion (Va.), seconded by Donna Holiday (Ky.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Corey Carnahan (Kan.), Chair