

International Communication and Development Committee

2019 NCSL Legislative Summit
Nashville, Tennessee
August 5, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting of the International Communication and Development Committee was called to order by Obie Rutledge (Ore.), chair.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Obie Rutledge (Ore.), chair, Alfred W. Speer (La.), vice chair, Joyce Wright (Ala.), vice chair, Liz Clark (Alaska), Claire Clift (Nev.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Brad Hendrickson (Wash.), Bill Horn (Ala.), Crystaline Jones (Alaska), Susan Kannarr (Kan.), Amanda Lindqvist (Mass.), Steve Marshall (Vt.), Nanette Mitchell (Tenn.), and Tammy Wehrle (Wis.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Yolanda Dixon (La.), seconded by Claire Clift (Nev.), the minutes from the committee meeting held at the 2019 Spring Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming were approved.

New Business

Obie Rutledge (Ore.) reported his goal is to have the 2019 International Directory completed by the 2019 PDS in Seattle.

As discussed in previous meetings, the committee has been focusing on expanding ASLCS's relationships with other international legislative/parliamentary organizations. Obie led the effort to contact the countries that make up the Parliamentary Commonwealths in the United Kingdom. He received very positive feedback and was pleased to report that delegates from both Wales and Scotland have accepted the invitation and will be attending the Seattle PDS in September. The attendee from Wales has agreed to serve on a panel, and we are currently awaiting a response from the attendee from Scotland. Northern Ireland is unable to attend due to Session logistics. Obie stated that the contact with the British Isles countries is a small step toward the much larger mission of building relationships with other countries.

Obie discussed the importance of the committee members to welcome and make comfortable the two delegates from the British Isles as well as the other international guests in attendance. He suggested that a few of the committee members go to dinner as a group with the international guests.

Obie reminded everyone that the annual ANOMAC meeting is coming up and is tentatively scheduled to take place at the end of August. The location is still unknown at this time. The President, Associate Vice President, and International Communication and Development Committee Chair or their designees do attend the meetings each year. Obie reiterated that participation is essential in forming a strong relationship with our friends to the south and encouraged ASLCS members to attend the meeting. Obie recognized Liz Clark (Alaska), who

talked about the costs associated with attending the meeting (beyond getting there) being somewhat minimal since all meals and accommodations are provided. She stated that ANOMAC society is always very welcoming and hospitable to the ASLCS members who attend, and they do generally provide translators for the meetings. The dress for the meetings is professional.

At this time, there are not any members from ANOMAC signed up to attend the PDS in Seattle. Obie will follow up with Holly South about reaching out to them again. Brad Hendrickson (Wash.) confirmed that he has employees who may be available to provide Spanish translation services during the meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Steve Marshall (Vt.), seconded by Liz Clark (Alaska), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wright (Ala.), vice chair