

International Communication and Development Committee

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

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, Effie Ameen (Colo.), Liz Clark (Alaska), Claire Clift (Nev.), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Janice Gadd (Utah), Leann Gallagher (Calif.), Jason Hataway (Nev.), Bill Horn (Ala.), Russell Humphrey (Tenn.), Crystaline Jones (Alaska), Steven Marshall (Vt.), Nanette Mitchell (Tenn.), Jackie Schulz (Alaska), Sherri Stacks (Ark.), Patsy Spaw (Texas), Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), Lori Roland (Alaska), Robert Haney (Texas), and Tammy Wehrle (Wis.).

Other attendees present include: Annette Boucher (Nova Scotia), Andrew Carpenter (Colo.), Phillip Cottingham (Texas), Deborah Deller (Ontario), Mary Gibson (Mass.), Marshall Long (Ala.), Mandi McGowan (Ore.), Jamie Oswald (Ala.), Denise Weeks (N.C.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Joyce Wright (Ala.), seconded by Janice Gadd (Utah), the minutes from the committee meeting held at the 2018 NCSL Legislative Summit in Los Angeles, California were approved.

Old Business

Obie Rutledge (Ore.) recognized Liz Clark (Alaska), who reported that the International Directory is available online through the ASLCS website. Information will be updated as it is received but the hope is to have a completely updated version available in October.

Robert Haney (Texas) and Liz Clark (Alaska) reported on the ANOMAC meeting that they both recently attended in Toluca, Mexico. While there, Robert and Liz encouraged the members of ANOMAC to attend the 2019 PDS in Seattle. All agreed that maintaining communication with Edna Fuentes is key to keeping a relationship with ANOMAC. It was also suggested that the letter that is sent to their association inviting them to the ASLCS Professional Development Seminars be sent in Spanish rather than English.

It was then noted that the Central American Legislative Clerks Association (ATELCA) is no longer in existence. The Clerks from this Association are possibly being included in and attending the ANOMAC meetings. The ASLCS Standing Orders will need to be amended to remove ATELCA as an ASLCS International Partner.

New Business

Obie recognized President-Elect Pat Harris who stopped in to talk about what the committee's objective will be for the year. Pat is interested in expanding ALSACS's relationships with other international legislative/parliamentary organizations. The initial focus will be to reach out to the Parliamentary Commonwealths in the United Kingdom. A subcommittee chaired by Russell Humphrey (Tenn.) was appointed to work on this task. The members appointed to serve with Russell on the subcommittee are Butch Speer, Obie Rutledge, and Joyce Wright.

Discussion then focused on outreach to the American Territories to encourage their attendance at the ALSACS meetings. It was determined that there needs to be discussion as to whose responsibility it is to contact those legislative staffs.

Obie recognized two of our international guests who were present at the meeting. Deborah Deller, retired Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in Ontario, and Annette M. Boucher, Legislative Counsel and Assistant Clerk of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Claire Clift (Nev.), seconded by Effie Ameen (Colo.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wright (Ala.), vice chair