Professional Journal Committee

*Meeting*: 2015 Professional Development Seminar  
*Location*: Raleigh, North Carolina  
*Date*: Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Professional Journal Committee was called to order by Bernadette McNulty (CA), Chair.

**Attendance**

The following members of the committee were present: Ann Krekelberg (AK), Co-Vice Chair, Bonnie Alexander (ID), Co-Vice Chair, Jason Hataway (NV), Sarah Curry (OR), Anne Landgrebe (WV), Emily White (MO), and Ethan Strutton (MO).

Other members/guests in attendance included Susan Furlong (NV), President, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASLCS), and Paul Smith (NH), outgoing Professional Journal Chair.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the meeting minutes for Monday, August 3, 2015 at the NCSL Legislative Summit in Seattle, WA, was deferred.

**Old Business**

The 2015 *Professional Journal* will be printed and mailed by the end of October. The difficulty in obtaining articles for the publication remains a concern. There is a need to explore options to keep the publication viable such as outreach to academia.

**New Business**

Bonnie Alexander expanded on her idea of how to get the best articles submitted to the *Professional Journal* every year, and having an editorial board review them for the best five and printing them. She shared with the committee the research she completed which was inspired by a co-worker’s daughter.
The daughter published an article in the Skyline Journal using a digital portal called "Digital Commons." This concept was met with enthusiasm as well as questions. Chair McNulty said she would compose a proposal of this concept to be presented to the Executive Committee at the Spring meeting.

Paul Smith stated he had prepared a proposal for the Executive Committee, which he would submit at its meeting tomorrow that involved authorizing a sum of $1,000 to be offered as incentive to authors who submitted articles to the Professional Journal. How the $1,000 was to be divided was not clear.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Bernadette McNulty, seconded by Jason Hataway, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Krekelberg (AK), Co-Vice Chair