Professional Journal Committee Meeting Minutes

The Journal of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, known as the Journal or the Professional Journal, publishes articles on parliamentary procedure, management, technology, and other topics of interest to legislative staff.

2019 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar
Seattle, Wash.
Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019

Call to Order
The meeting of the Professional Journal Committee was called to order by Heshani Wijemanne (Calif.).

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Zach Twilla (Calif.), Francisca Zabala (Calif.), Erin Gillitzer (Wis.), Lacy Ramirez (Ore.), Mandi McGowan (Ore.), Jeanine Wittenberg (Nev.), Morgan Barton (Mo.), Tamitha Jackson (Ark.), Felisha Brown (Miss.), and Melissa Bybee-Fields (Ky.).

Also in attendance: Blair Hill (Ala.), Jamie Oswalt (Ala.), Becky Welch (Okla.), Becky King (Ky.), and Xris Hess (W.Va.).

Approval of Minutes
Upon motion by Morgan Barton (Mo.), seconded by Zach Twilla (Calif.), the minutes from the meeting held on August 5, 2019 at the NCSL Legislative Summit in Nashville, Tennessee were approved.

Old Business
The Case Law Subcommittee is close to being on track for publication in late October. Members still need to do some final editing and properly lay out the case summaries and preface into one document.

New Business
There were no updates from either of the remaining subcommittees - Technology and Legislative Procedure. Lacy Ramirez (Ore.) expressed interest in joining the Legislative Procedure subcommittee.

The committee brainstormed new material for the Professional Journal. Several ideas were discussed as potential topics, including: the braille technology we learned about in Washington, succession planning for those moving onto retirement, an overview of the impeachment of the entire West Virginia Supreme Court, and a possible member/district representation analysis, based upon research conducted by one of the committee members, Zach Twilla (Calif.).

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Jeanine Wittenberg (Nev.), seconded by Felisha Brown (Miss.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heshani Wijemanne (Calif.)