Professional Journal Committee Meeting Minutes

Professional Development Seminar
Boise, Idaho
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016

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

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Bernadette McNulty, Chair (Calif.), Ann Krekelberg, Vice-Chair (Alaska), Tammy Wright, Vice-Chair (N.H.), Joy Engelby (Mo.), Gary Holt (Wash.), Mary Ann Krol (Ky.), Wendy Harding (Wyo.), Heshani Wijemanne (Calif.), Jason Hataway (Nev.), Ginny Edwards (Va.), Gail Romanowski (Minn.), Geneva Tulasz (Va.), Kay Inabnet (Wis.), Sarah Burhop (Wis.), Erin Gillitzer (Wis.), Jaci Delight (Calif.), Mandi McGowan (Ore.), Laura Bell (Wash.), Adriane Crouse (Mo.), Martha Jarrow (Ark.), Brian Ebbert (Calif.), Tamitha M. Jackson (Ark.), Steven M. Tilley (La.).

Chair McNulty thanked the new members of the Professional Journal committee. She gave a brief history of the committee and suggested that committee members become familiar with the publication by reviewing past volumes online. She clarified that the job of the committee is to seek out articles and edit them for the publication.

Approval of Minutes
No minutes to adopt from the Spring Meeting in Alexandria, Va. Ann Krekelberg, Vice Chair, provided minutes from NCSL Summit, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 8, 2016. Upon motion by Ann Krekelberg (Alaska), seconded by Tammy Wright (N.H.), the minutes from Chicago’s committee meeting were approved.

Old Business
Chair McNulty updated the committee members on the three proposals made to the Executive Committee by the Professional Journal Committee:

1) Allow academia to submit articles for the Journal.
2) Omit printing of the Journal and post online for ASLCS members, as well as offer the pdf for emailing or printing by members.
3) Create an online portal to submit articles that allows Professional Journal Committee members to read and review articles.

Committee members discussed alternatives to the proposals should the Executive Committee reject them. Some ideas for savings on printing costs were: print Journal for article authors and print one copy for each chamber of each state. Chair McNulty clarified if we only print one copy for each chamber the standing orders would need to be amended. The standing orders clearly state that every dues paying member of ASLCS receive a copy of the Professional Journal. A clarification was offered to the online portal submission process. The committee could work with ASLCS Technology committee and NCSL to create a secure website that would allow for
authors to submit their articles, in addition to allowing committee members to access and read the articles prior to the selection and publishing of the Professional Journal.

**New Business**
Chair McNulty opened up the floor to discuss ideas for finding articles for the 2017 Professional Journal. Suggestions were to approach Legislative Research departments; write about any interesting or historical events occurring in Chamber. Chair McNulty has asked the international attendees of the Boise PDS to submit articles. The optimal article will be five pages minimum, 10 pages maximum. Goal for the 2017 edition of the Professional Journal: all articles in by end of July to be reviewed and printed (or emailed) by September.

The committee members agreed that communication from the Chair and Vice-Chairs is easiest via email.

**Adjournment**
Upon motion by Jacquelyn Delight (Calif.), seconded by Jason Hataway (Nev.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), Chair