

Program Development Committee Meeting Minutes

2017 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar
Phoenix, Ariz.
Thursday, September 28, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting of the Program Development Committee was called to order at 3:30 p.m., by Jennifer Novak (Idaho), chair.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Jennifer Novak (Idaho), chair, Ann Marie Walp (Tenn.), vice chair, Jeff Woodard (Ala.), Susan Aceves (Ariz.), Joshua Babel (Ariz.), Heather Fahey (Ariz.), Barrett Dudley (Ark.), Martha Jarrow (Ark.), Sabrina Lewellen (Ark.), Anabel Urbina (Calif.), Morgan Speer (Colo.), Carrie Maulin (Idaho), John Hollman (Ill.), Jay Jacobs (Ky.), Mary Ann Krol (Ky.), Gayle Smith (Ky.), Ruby Johnson (La.), Glenn Koepp (La.), Maria Acerra (Mass.), Elizabeth Thompson (Mass.), Felisha Brown (Miss.), Lisa Davis (Miss.), Julie Bochat (Mo.), Lucy Darris (Mo.), Elaine Logan (Mo.), Sarah Schaben (Mo.), Donna Schulte (Mo.), Jason Hataway (Nev.), Gena Plummer (Nev.), Jeannie Wittenberg (Nev.), Sherry Rodriguez (Nev.), Liza Ortiz McCutcheon (N.M.), Ali Sagraves (Ohio), Kathryn Steveline (Ohio), Greg Glass (Tenn.), Nanette Mitchell (Tenn.), Nicole Albers (Texas), Scott Caffey (Texas), Lourdes Litchfield (Texas), Nanci Longoria (Texas), Tracy Ortiz (Texas), Patience Worrel (Texas), Mary Andrus (Utah), Nancy Ellison (Utah), Sarah Armistead (Va.), Jay Braxton (Va.), Catherine Hooe (Va.), Maryann Horch (Va.), Jeannine Layell (Va.), Paul Nardo (Va.), Jay Pearson (Va.), Tara Perkinson (Va.), and Jacqueline Scott (Va.).

Other members/guests in attendance included: ASLCS President Robert Haney (Texas), Leslie Gonye (Australia), Judy Barrows (Maine), James White (N.C.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Barrett Dudley (Ark.), seconded by Jay Braxton (Va.), the minutes of the last meeting held Sunday, August 6, 2017, at the 2017 NCSL Legislative Summit in Boston, Massachusetts, were approved.

Old Business

Chair Jennifer Novak (Idaho) welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened up discussion regarding thoughts on the Phoenix, Arizona professional development seminar. Mary Ann Horch (Va.) and Jay Braxton (Va.) both made comments on the plenary sessions saying that they preferred the first session to the second due to it being more engaging and enjoying that the speaker was funny and energetic. Mary Ann commented that she appreciated the variety of choices in the concurrent sessions. The chair noted that we are responsible for 8 concurrent sessions at the 2018 PDS.

Ali Sagraves (Ohio) offered several concurrent session ideas that were discussed in the Support Staff Committee meeting. Those ideas included: (1) Transition of institutional knowledge and the creation of a manual; (2) Innovation in your own position; (3) How states allow members names to be added to a bill; and (4) Voting in a new age.

Mary Ann discussed how much she enjoyed the international presentation and noted that she preferred that it not be a concurrent session. Several other members also commented that they enjoyed having the Legislative Expo in combination with breakfast.

The chair introduced ASLCS President Robert Haney (Texas) who made brief remarks welcoming everyone to the committee.

New Business

The chair asked for anyone on the Technology committee to report on their discussion regarding concurrent sessions. John Hollman (Ill.) said that they would have ideas ready for presentation at the Spring Meeting. The chair asked if there was any type of session that members would like to see at the 2018 PDS. Glenn Koepp (La.) spoke on behalf of Butch Speer (La.) and said he would like to see a storytelling session where members tell how they got to their current position. Jay Braxton said he would like to see a session about where to find the next generation of legislative staff. Ruby Johnson (La.) would like to see a group exercise session and more information on health and wellness. Glenn Koepp suggested that a local storyteller such as a Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General would be an interesting option for a separate session.

The chair encouraged everyone to please fill out the evaluation form for the 2017 PDS and asked for any other ideas. Lisa Davis (Miss.) suggested a concurrent session about investing retirement money and how to still be involved in the society after retirement. James White (N.C.) said he would also like to see something geared towards young professionals. The chair added that principals who have been involved for a long time could share what they wish they had known in the beginning (shared wisdom).

Adjournment

Upon a motion by John Hollman (Ill.), seconded by Jennifer Novak (Idaho), the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Walp (Tenn.), vice chair