

Site Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

2019 NCSL Legislative Summit
Nashville, Tennessee
August 5, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting of the Site Selection Committee was called to order by Lee Cassis (W.Va.), chair, at 3:15 p.m.

Attendance

Lee Cassis (W.Va.), chair, Ron Smith (La.), vice chair, Mandi McGowan (Ore.), vice chair, Felisha Brown (Miss.), Angela Smith (La.), Sarah Armistead (Va.), Jeannine Layell (Va.), Jackie Scott (Va.), Kim Cox (Tenn.), Tammy Letzler (Tenn.), Greg Glass (Tenn.), Nanette Mitchell (Tenn.), Melissa Bybee-Fields (Ky.), Ali Sagraves (Ohio), Patience Worrel (Texas), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), Michelle Wright (Va.), Melanie Newby (Va.), Portia Brown (Va.), Bladen Finch (Va.), Rene Williams (La.), Dr. Tammy Wehrle (Wis.), Jim Drake (Ariz.), Tara Jenkins (Tenn.), Marshall Long (Ala.), Bill Horn (Ala.), Joyce Wright (Ala.), Alan Whittington (Tenn.), Sarah Bannister (Wash.), Diana Ramsey (W.Va.), and Obie Rutledge (Ore.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Ann Cornwell (Ark.), seconded by Ali Sagraves (Ohio), the minutes of the last meeting held April 27, 2019, during the Spring Business Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, were approved.

Old Business

Chair Cassis announced that the 2020 PDS would be held in Portland, Maine. He informed the committee that Darek Grant and Jennifer McGowan of Maine made a presentation to host during the Spring Business Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The committee reviewed their proposal and formally recommended it to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

Sarah Bannister (Wash.) gave an update for the 2019 PDS to be held in Seattle, Washington. Social events will include a reception at the top of the Columbia Tower that offers amazing views of the city, and a dinner cruise on Elliot Bay. She spoke about the walkability of the city and was hopeful that the weather would cooperate.

New Business

Chair Cassis mentioned that Oregon had a strong interest in hosting the 2021 PDS in Portland, Oregon. Obie Rutledge (Ore.) expressed that Oregon would like to host the 2021 PDS, but had some concerns, such as going from west coast (Seattle) to east coast (Maine) and back to the west coast (Oregon) in consecutive years, and cost (Portland is expensive, comparable to Seattle). Sarah Bannister (Wash.) stated that Washington has had to expand their block of rooms twice for the Seattle PDS. After discussion amongst the members of the committee, no concerns were raised and there was no objection to Oregon hosting in 2021. Obie asked if it was possible to get a commitment from the Executive Committee as early as the PDS in Seattle so that Oregon

would have ample time to plan their PDS. Chair Cassis pledged to work with the Executive Committee and the Oregon delegation to make this happen. In the event Oregon is not able host in 2021, the Committee discussed some potential host states such as Kentucky, Arkansas, Ohio, and Texas.

Chair Cassis asked that if anyone had any interest in hosting in 2022 to please let him know.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ann Cornwell (Ark.), seconded by Angela Smith (La.), the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Cassis (W.Va.), chair