

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

ASLCS 2019 Spring Business Meeting
Jackson, Wyoming
April 27, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting of the Technology Committee was called to order by Vice Chair John Hollman (Ill.) at 9:02 a.m.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: John Hollman (Ill.), vice chair; Joy Engelby (Mo.), Robert Haney (Texas), Carrie Maulin (Idaho), and Adam Reames (Mich.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion to approve by Joy Engelby (Mo.) and seconded by Carrie Maulin (Idaho), the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday, September 27, 2018, during the Professional Development Seminar in Madison, were approved.

Old Business

Facebook policy

The group had a discussion on the need for another administrator for the society's Facebook group. John Hollman (Ill.) thought the chair of the Technology Committee was supposed to be an administrator through the society's Standing Orders, but would check on that.

Roster Committee needs

The Technology Committee was asked to assist the Roster Committee in its work of putting the society's roster online. Joy Engelby (Mo.) advised that the Roster Committee had been working with NCSL to complete the work and that there was not a need for assistance at this time.

Inviting new vendors

The Technology Committee was asked to contemplate inviting new vendors who may have an interest showing their products to the society. Since the PDS is in Seattle, Wash., the group thought that Microsoft might be able to provide a demonstration of its work products for those in the society who are not familiar with it. The committee did not want to act on this until it knew what the host committee's outreach to the company was so there would not be any conflicting requests.

Guidelines for presentations

At the PDS in Madison, Wis., it was suggested that the committee provide presentation guidelines since it was difficult to see slides in some of the presentations. The committee also suggested that for competing concurrent sessions, if there is one scheduled that may be

extremely popular, it would be better to elevate that session to a plenary. The committee will suggest that to the Program Development Committee.

New Business

2019 PDS concurrent session ideas

John Hollman (Ill.) advised the group that Josh Babel (Ariz.) was interested in a session on how states video stream their sessions. The group commented that there are a variety of ways that the states currently do this: some contract it out to vendors, some do this in-house, some contract it through another agency in their state. There was a discussion on whether it was appropriate to invite vendors to present during this session; the group did not want either to turn it into a sales demonstration or risk members starting to air their grievances against a specific vendor. Carrie Maulin (Idaho) mentioned that she has an interest in hearing if other states use closed captioning.

Robert Haney (Texas) suggested that the group consider the issues that clerks and secretaries face when negotiating with third-party vendors, especially when it involves technology. Most members of the society are likely not technology experts, yet are thrown in that role to create or manage products for their chamber; it is difficult to know exactly what one should be doing or should not be doing that might create more problems later. He thought this could be a part of a “What I wish I had known” session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Joy Engelby (Mo.), seconded by Carrie Maulin (Idaho), the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hollman (Ill.), vice chair