

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

2017 Spring Meeting
Kansas City, Mo.
Saturday April 20, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting of the Technology Committee was called to order by Chair Scott Kaiser (Ill.).

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Scott Kaiser (Ill.), Chair, Nancy Ellison (Utah), 2nd Vice Chair, Aholiba Albert (Palau), Jay Braxton (Va.), Joy Engelby (Mo.), Robert Haney (Texas), John Hollman (Ill.), Carrie Maulin (Idaho), Dana Rademan Miller (Mo.), Ali Sagraves (Ohio), Timothy Sekerak (Ore.), Patience Worrel (Texas).

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Ali Sagraves (Ohio), seconded by Jay Braxton (Va.), the minutes from the last committee meeting held on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, in Boise, Idaho, were approved.

Old Business

Chair Kaiser opened the meeting and reported on the results of the survey we sent out regarding topics for the concurrent session that we are in charge for the September meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. He also touched on a couple of ongoing topics such as the Roster, the digitization of ASLCS history, and other items to improve the technology of ASLCS itself.

New Business

The committee discussed the six topics from the survey. Robert Haney touched on how improving technology often affects rules of chambers, open and public meetings laws, leadership, and how there are political costs to legislators wanting to “change the 80-year old traditions,” etc. The other topics touched on were cosponsors, lobbyist registration, constituent services, and E-Witness slips. John Hollman and Scott Kaiser are going to approach Arizona regarding a possible demonstration of constituent services items and e-witness slips. The committee decided on “paperless chambers” as a main topic for the concurrent session. Joy Engelby was assigned to create a “cute” name for the session. We discussed the format of the meeting – perhaps 2-3 presenters for 20 minutes each and then time for Q&A. It was suggested that we ask our presenters to focus on “what is successful” and “what is not successful” in regards to their assigned topic, while keeping in mind the definition of “success” (lack of opposition?). The question of how technology might speed up the legislative process in such a way that it takes away its deliberativeness was raised.

Angela Andrews from NCSL joined the meeting and answered questions regarding the roster and reported to the committee that NCSL is working hard to coordinate three databases to help with the issues. Both Angela and Tim Sekerek talked about facilitating remote participation in ASLCS through the NCSL platform for E-Meetings. The Technology Committee may be asked to test E-Meetings and Joy Engelby, Dana Rademan Miller, and Carrie Maulin will work with Angela Andrews on this project.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ali Sagraves (Ohio), seconded by John Hollman (Ill.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Ellison (Utah), 2nd Vice Chair