

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

2018 NCSL Legislative Summit
Los Angeles, Calif.
July 30, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting of the Technology Committee was called to order by Vice Chair John Hollman (Ill.) at 3:17 p.m.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Joshua Babel (Ariz.), Sarah Curry (Ore.), Robert Haney (Texas), John Hollman (Ill.), Crystaline Jones (Alaska), Carrie Maulin (Idaho), Jeff Renk (Wis.), Patience Worrel (Texas), Bernard Dean (Wash.), and Erica Manson (Va.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Joshua Babel (Ariz.) and seconded by Carrie Maulin (Idaho), the minutes of the last meeting, held during the 2018 Spring Business Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, were approved.

Old Business

Selection of Topic and Presenters for the PDS in Madison, Wisconsin: A discussion started regarding the three topics that had been placed into consideration: Electronic Sponsorships, Bridging the Information Technology Gap, and Remote/Electronic Testimony. Sarah Curry (Ore.) explained the electronic sponsorship system that her state is creating, and Robert Haney (Texas) said his state had implemented something similar in an effort to remove the need of data entry by his employees. He mentioned a few bumps that occurred when the practice created a conflict with the rules of the chamber and what was necessary to reconcile it.

Bridging the Information Technology Gap for Workers was discussed on what technological programs older employees might need to learn in order to use the same resources that younger employees may be utilizing on a regular basis. It was pointed out that this could be part of a broader discussion on learning lessons from different generations. It was suggested that perhaps the committee should reach out to the society membership to see what technology the offices currently use to share information (Dropbox, Google Documents, etc.) and to seek input on what the membership may like to see in a training seminar.

Remote/Electronic Testimony was discussed as Jeff Renk (Wis.) said that his state is building their system for Electronic Witness Slip and could possibly have someone available to present in Madison at the PDS. Robert Haney (Texas), Bernard Dean (Wash.), Joshua Babel (Ariz.), and John Hollman (Ill.) said their states have implemented electronic witness slips. For Remote Testimony, Crys Jones (Alaska) stated that her state has allowed it for a while now, while Carrie Maulin (Idaho) says only the Education Committee has allowed it on a trial basis in her state.

It was decided to combine the Electronic Sponsorship and Remote/Electronic Testimony topics in a general discussion of what states have done for “Outsourcing Your Inputting.” Many of the attendees at the meeting said that they would be willing to join a panel to explain what their states have been doing in order to open a dialogue for the concurrent session. John Hollman (Ill.) said he would reach out to Joy Engelby (Mo.) to refine the topic and format and then would reach out to the group for its input in finalizing the topic.

New Business

Potential Updates to the ASLCS Website or Facebook Group: ASLCS President Robert Haney (Texas) reminded the group that the Technology Committee is tasked with reviewing the ASLCS Website and Facebook Group for potential policy changes. John Hollman (Ill.) recalled that the last time there was a change to the Facebook policy was in 2016 so that it was time to consider further changes. Joshua Babel (Ariz.) pointed out that he just found out about the group; it was decided that the Technology Committee should have a spot at the Legislative Expo in Madison to encourage members to join the group if they have not done so already. Crys Jones (Alaska) pointed out that it might be helpful to do this with the Roster Committee table. John Hollman (Ill.) said he would reach out to Dana Rademan Miller (Mo.) for advice because he thought she was involved with the Facebook drive at the Baton Rouge PDS in 2014. It was also suggested that the Technology Committee should encourage more posts from states on what is happening in their area—perhaps a mini “State at a Glance” or a monthly “What Does Your State Do?”

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon a motion by Sarah Curry (Ore.) and seconded by Patience Worrel (Texas), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hollman (Ill.)
Vice Chair