

Legislative Leadership

The Art, the Politics and the Challenge

Innovation and Leadership in Challenging Times

RITZ CARLTON HOTEL – SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO – DECEMBER 8-10, 2011

AGENDA

Thursday, December 8

- 3:30 p.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** SALON II
Presiding: Senator Stephen Morris, Senate President, Kansas, NCSL President
- 4–5:30 p.m. WHAT'S ON THEIR MINDS ? WHAT AMERICANS THINK TODAY** SALON II
Presiding: Senator Stephen Morris, Senate President, Kansas, NCSL President
Speaker: Michael Dimock, Associate Director of Research, Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Washington, D.C.
Michael Dimock is with the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, an independent, nonpartisan public opinion research organization that studies attitudes toward politics, the press and public policy issues. He'll be discussing the latest polling information on what Americans think about gridlock in Washington, D.C., and what issues matter most to the public and how they will affect next year's election.
- 6:30–7 p.m. RECEPTION** VISTA MAR TERRACE, RITZ-CARLTON
- 7–9 p.m. DINNER** LAS CARACOLAS, RITZ-CARLTON
Join us for dinner on the beach (flat shoes recommended).
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Friday, December 9

- 8–8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** SALON I FOYER
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- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND THE TIMES WE ARE IN** SALON I
Consider the possibility that what we are going through is not a bump in the road but a sea change. What if the "new normal" looks more like the present than the past? What if it is characterized by uncertain, unpredictable futures, inadequate information, and constant, rapid change? How will you adapt? How will you help your constituents and your legislative colleagues adapt as well? In a highly interactive conversation, we will consider what legislative leadership should look like in this new reality. We will discuss what new different notions of leadership might be necessary or useful and what current practices might soon be obsolete. Bring an example of what is keeping you awake at night and an open mind.
Presiding : Senator Bruce Starr, Oregon, NCSL Vice President
Faculty: Marty Linsky, Cambridge Leadership Associates, LLC and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Massachusetts

Friday, December 9 - Continue

- 12:30–2 p.m.** **LUNCH WITH DONNA BRAZILE** **SALON II**
Donna Brazile, a 30-year veteran of Democratic politics, is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, a syndicated columnist for United Media, and a columnist for Ms. Magazine and O. She is a contributor to CNN and regularly appears on ABC's "This Week With Christiane Amanpour." She managed Al Gore's 2000 bid for the White House, making her the first African-American woman to manage a national campaign for president.
Presiding : **Senator Richard Moore**, Massachusetts, President of the NCSL Foundation and NCSL Immediate Past President
Speaker: **Donna Brazile**, founder and managing director of Brazile & Associates LLC, Washington, D.C.
- 2:15–3:30 p.m.** **WHAT NOW FOR THE ECONOMY?** **SALON I**
The failure of the "super committee" to come up with a deficit reduction plan has everyone talking about the implications for the nation and the states. Three of the nation's leading experts on the federal budget will share their perspectives on the year ahead and how they think the economy will fare.
Presiding: **Representative Terie Norelli**, New Hampshire, NCSL President Elect
Speakers: **Robert N. Campbell III**, U.S. State Government Leader, Deloitte LLP, Austin, Texas
William Hoagland, Vice President for Federal Affairs, CIGNA, Washington, D.C.
David Walker, Founder and CEO of the Comeback America Initiative, former United States Comptroller General
- 3:30–4 p.m.** **UPDATE ON NCSL FEDERAL DEFICIT REDUCTION TASK FORCE** **SALON I**
Speaker: **Representative Terie Norelli**, New Hampshire, NCSL President Elect
- 5:30 p.m.** **TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EVENING** **LOBBY**
- 6:30–9 p.m.** **RECEPTION AND DINNER** **LA FORTELEZA**
All are invited to a reception and dinner at La Fortaleza, the governor's mansion. Transportation is provided. Attire is coat and tie for men, cocktail wear for women.

Saturday, December 10

- 8–9 a.m.** **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** **SALON I FOYER**
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- 9–10:15 a.m.** **THE 2012 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE** **SALON I**
Karl Rove, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Adviser to President George W. Bush, is a Fox News contributor, a columnist for the Wall Street Journal and author of "Courage and Consequence." He will talk about his views on the national political outlook.
Presiding: **Senator Stephen Morris**, Senate President, Kansas, NCSL President
Introduction: **Senator Jeffrey Wentworth**, Texas
Speaker: **Karl Rove**, Fox News Contributor and Wall Street Journal Columnist, Washington, D.C.
- 10:30–11:30 a.m.** **FISCAL OUTLOOK AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON STATE BUDGETS** **SALON I**
States face unprecedented challenges in balancing state budgets. Explore the latest data on state fiscal conditions and look at current economic trends that will be driving state budget decisions in 2012.
Presiding: **Senator Stephen Morris**, Senate President, Kansas, NCSL President
Speaker: **Corina Eckl**, Director of State Services, NCSL, Colorado