



FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC • QUÉBEC CITY • SEPT. 17-20, 2015

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday, Sept. 17	
3-5:30 p.m. <i>Fairmont Haldimand Room</i>	Registration
5:30–7 p.m. <i>Fairmont Haldimand Room</i>	Opening Reception Hosted by the Delegation of the National Assembly for Relations with the United States vice-chairs, François Ouimet and Guy Leclair.
	Dinner on your own
Friday, Sept. 18	
7:30–9 a.m.	Registration
8–9 a.m. <i>Fairmont Frontenac Room</i>	Breakfast
9–9:15 a.m.	Walk to Québec Parliament
9:15–9:45 a.m.	Tour of National Assembly
9:45—10 a.m.	Group Photograph in the Foyer of the National Assembly
10–10:30 a.m. <i>Québec Parliament National Assembly</i>	Welcome and Introductions <i>Presiding:</i> Jacques Chagnon, president of Québec National Assembly Curt Bramble, NCSL president and Senate president pro tem, Utah
10:30 a.m.–Noon <i>Québec Parliament National Assembly</i>	Leadership and Sport One of Canada’s most influential leaders in the world of sports will share thoughts about leadership and what it takes to guide large, complex organizations. <i>Presiding:</i> Jacques Chagnon, president of Québec National Assembly <i>Speaker:</i> Marcel Aubut, president of Canadian Olympic Committee, Quebec

Friday, Sept. 18, continued	
Noon–1 p.m.	<p>Lunch <i>Graciously hosted by Premier of Québec Philippe Couillard</i></p>
1:15–2:30 p.m. <i>Québec Parliament Legislative Council</i>	<p>“Brain Rules” with Dr. John Medina</p> <p>Scientists have uncovered details about the brain that every legislative leader should know. Hear one of the top molecular biologists in the field describe the “rules” of how our brains work and what those rules mean for transforming our daily lives and leadership skills. Medina’s book, “Brain Rules,” was a runaway New York Times bestseller.</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, NCSL president-elect, Iowa</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Dr. John Medina, professor of Bioengineering, University of Washington School of Medicine, Washington</p>
2:30–3 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
3–4:15 p.m. <i>Québec Parliament Legislative Council</i>	<p>Leadership Lessons for Today from George Washington and Samuel de Champlain</p> <p>David Hackett Fischer is the Warren Professor of History at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. He has received many prizes and awards for his teaching and writing, including the Pulitzer Prize in history for his highly acclaimed book about George Washington and the pivotal crossing of the Delaware River by the Continental Army.</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Jacques Chagnon, president of Québec National Assembly</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> David Hackett Fischer, historian and author, Massachusetts</p>
7:15 p.m.	<p>Walk to Chapelle du Musée de l’Amérique francophone</p>
7:30–9:30 p.m.	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Join your colleagues at the historic Chapelle du Musée de l’Amérique francophone for an evening of entertainment, delicious food and delightful company.</p> <p><i>Graciously hosted by the president of the National Assembly</i></p>

Saturday, Sept. 19	
7:30–9 a.m.	Registration
8–9 a.m. <i>Fairmont Frontenac Room</i>	Breakfast
9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Fairmont Salle de Montmagny</i>	<p>Demographics and State Policy</p> <p>Beyond the “top line” demographics of an aging and more diverse population, what should leaders be thinking about when trying to make sound policy choices? Peter Francese is one of the leading authorities in the field and founder of American Demographics magazine.</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Senator Debbie Smith, NCSL immediate past president, Nevada</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Peter Francese, director, Demographic Forecasts, New England Economic Partnership, New Hampshire</p>
10:30–10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – Noon <i>Fairmont Salle de Montmagny</i>	<p>Understanding Canadian and U.S. Relations and Politics</p> <p>What makes Québec tick? Political analyst and journalist Michel C. Auger along with Québec’s most respected observer of American/Canadian politics, John Parisella, will discuss the history and status of Canadian and Québécois politics. They will also offer the Québécois view of American politics and what it all means for our closest neighbors.</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Senator Deb Peters, NCSL vice president, South Dakota</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Michel C. Auger, commentator, Québec John Parisella, political analyst on Québec, Canada and U.S. politics, Québec</p>
Noon – 1 p.m. <i>Fairmont Beaubarnois</i>	Lunch
1-2 p.m. <i>Fairmont Salle de Montmagny</i>	<p>The Economy in 2016 and Implications for State Finances</p> <p>There are many uncertainties in the world economy headed into the fourth quarter of 2015 and continuing into the new year. What does it all mean for states and budgeting in 2016?</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> François Ouimet, first vice-president of the National Assembly, Québec</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Natalie Cohen, director of Research, Wells Fargo Securities, New York</p>

Saturday, Sept. 19, continued

2-3 p.m.	World Energy Council Perspective on Forces Shaping Worldwide Energy Supply & Demand Global energy supply and demand are constantly shifting, and the energy sector is going through a fundamental revolution. How will the upheaval end and what do these historic changes mean for your state and you as a top state leader? <i>Presiding:</i> Senate President Pro Tem Curt Bramble, NCSL president, Utah <i>Speaker:</i> Marie-José Nadeau, chair, World Energy Council, Quebec
3:15pm	Depart for the Citadelle of Québec
3:30-5 p.m.	Guided Tour of the Citadelle
6-7 p.m.	Closing Reception
	Dinner on your own

Sunday, Sept. 20

8-9 a.m. <i>Fairmont Frontenac Room</i>	Breakfast
9-10:30 a.m. <i>Fairmont Frontenac Room</i>	Supreme Court Preview The U.S. Supreme Court is making big decisions this year. Hear from an expert analyst on what the Supreme Court will discuss and decide this fall ... and what it means for your state. <i>Presiding:</i> Senate President Pro Tem Curt Bramble, NCSL president, Utah <i>Speaker:</i> Lisa Soronen, executive director, State Local Legal Center