HIGHLIGHTS: NASHVILLE SUMMIT

NCSL’s 45th annual Legislative Summit in Nashville had it all, from engaging, full-house policy sessions to country music legend Dolly Parton talking about her Imagination Library project, which distributes books to kids. Oh, and she sang. You can find recorded sessions and other resources at ncsl.org.

And plan now to join us next year in Indianapolis, Aug. 10-13.

NEW OFFICERS: top left, Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos became NCSL’s 47th president; top right, outgoing president Illinois Senator Toi Hutchison greets Vos, who will serve until next year’s Summit in Indianapolis; above, outgoing Staff Chair Jon Heining, general counsel for the Texas Legislative Council, passes the gavel to Martha Wigton, director of Georgia’s House Budget and Research Office.

ON BEING MOORE, left: Wes Moore, a combat veteran, Rhodes Scholar, White House Fellow, business leader and author of “The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates,” spoke about transformational leadership.
SUMMIT EXHIBIT HALL AND SESSIONS, clockwise from above: Every booth in the Exhibit Hall was filled, and many exhibits, like this one on virtual reality, drew enthusiastic crowds; country music legend Dolly Parton spoke about her Imagination Library project, which has distributed nearly 125 million books to kids 5 and younger; presidential historian John Meacham said that, even in turbulent times, “History has the capacity to bring us together”; U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee urged lawmakers to simplify the student loan application process; the audience at one of this year’s many standing-room-only policy sessions.