The Legislative Administrator

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Dear ASLCS Colleagues:

Greetings and warm wishes from the Commonwealth of Virginia! Spring is in full force here, and fortunately it has not yielded to heat of summer. For those of you who should have adjourned by now, I hope that sine die came as expected. For those still immersed in the rigors of session, I hope that you are able to enjoy the glory of the season.

Our Spring Meeting in Boston was remarkable! I am pleased to report that the meeting held March 18-20, 2005, had the highest attendance of a meeting of its kind in recent years. The Society accomplished a great deal in this short period of time, with much of the focus being placed on the planning of our annual Professional Development Seminar in Springfield, Illinois, September 21-26, 2005. Mark your calendars and look for more information to arrive via your email or your mailbox.

On behalf of all Society members who attended the Spring Meeting, let me express my sincere appreciation to Steve James of the Massachusetts House and Bill Welch of the Massachusetts Senate for hosting such an outstanding meeting. And, of course, many thanks are due to Natalie O’Donnell for pulling everything together. Additionally, a word of thanks also goes to our corporate sponsors, and to the Speaker of the Massachusetts House and the President of the Massachusetts Senate for their financial assistance and in-kind contributions. Their support ensured the success of our meeting, and we are truly grateful.

The next time that the Society will gather together will be August 16 – August 21, 2005, at the NCSL Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. I hope that you have already made your plans to attend this meeting. While the full meeting agenda is not yet finalized, I can report to you and encourage you to attend the following:

- Tuesday, August 16 – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm ASLCS Committee Meetings
- Thursday, August 18 – ASLCS Staff Section Luncheon
- Friday, August 19 – Legislative Staff Luncheon

Also, although the date and time are not yet firm, we will be co-sponsoring an international program at the Annual Meeting, very similar to the one we developed last year in San Francisco. As always, you can find up-to-the-minute meeting information online at www.ncsl.org.

When you look at the calendar, you will notice that there is precious little time between Seattle and our Fall PDS in Springfield, Illinois. As such, we will be working to develop the program before we meet in Seattle. Program Chair Marilyn Eddins, her committee, the Illinois Host Committee and Natalie will all be working hard in the next few months to ensure a top-notch experience in the Land of Lincoln. In order to kick-off the process, I will be making a site visit to the Springfield on June 8 – 10. And in case you have not heard about it, you may want to visit www.alplm.org to learn about the brand new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. This exciting facility was dedicated last month and will be a highlight of our trip to Springfield in September.

As your President, I have attended and will continue to attend several meetings this year representing you and the Society. As a member of the Legislative Staff Coordinating Council (LSCC), I have been serving on the Legislative Institution Task Force which is working on recommendations to present in Seattle regarding succession planning. Many legislatures are or will soon be feeling the affects caused by the retirement of persons with years of institutional memory. The objective of this Task Force is to develop best practices that
President’s Message

will provide legislatures with a tool box to help them assess the need to actively pursue succession planning and to identify steps to help them through the process.

Our friends in Canada have extended an invitation to attend their Clerks-at-the-Table Meeting, August 1-5 in the Ottawa region. Dowe Littleton had planned to attend, but will be unable to because Alabama will be hosting the annual meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) in Mobile at that time. Scheduled to join me at this meeting are Steve James, Chair, Canadian/American Relations and Steve Marshall, who will be attending in Dowe’s place.

And our neighbors, “South of the Border,” ANOMAC, are also scheduling their annual meeting in August. At this time, I do not know the dates for this meeting, but look forward to representing the Society in Mexico.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest Principal Clerks and Secretaries:

- Karen Goldman, Secretary of the Senate, Colorado
- Caroline Spotts, Principal Clerk of the House, Indiana
- Albin “Al” Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House, Minnesota
- Bill Lombardi, Secretary of the Senate, Montana
- Joel Kintsel, Chief Clerk of the House, Oklahoma
- Charles Reid, Clerk of the House, South Carolina
- Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, Washington
- Patricia Benskin, Chief Clerk of the House, Wyoming
- Manuel Torres Nieves, Secretary of the Senate, Puerto Rico
- Jose Enrique Melendez Ortíz, Jr., Secretary of the House, Puerto Rico

I hope that each new member will make an effort to become actively involved in our Society. In this organization you will find a dedicated group of individuals who are devoted to preserving and protecting the legislative process in each of the state legislatures. In addition, you will meet individuals with whom I am confident you will forge a long-lasting personal and professional friendship.

As always, please contact me with your thoughts and ideas about how to make your Society better. Best wishes to you and yours. I look forward to seeing many of you in Seattle.

Sincerely,
Bruce Jamerson
President, ASLCS
2004-2005 Executive Committee

Bruce Jamerson, VA
President

JoAnn Hedrick, DE
President Elect

Laura Clemens, OH
Secretary/Treasurer

Dowe Littleton, AL
Associate Vice President

Patsy Spaw, TX
Elected Principal

Tara Perkinson, VA
Elected Associate

Steve James, MA
Appointed Principal

Millie McFarland, ME
Appointed Principal

Cheryl Laube, AZ
Appointed Associate

Steve Marshall, VT
Appointed Associate

Norm Moore, AZ
Past President

Carmela Bills, VA
Past Associate Vice President
Call to Order

President Bruce Jamerson called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries to order.

Quorum

Members present:

Bruce Jamerson, President
Norman Moore, Immediate Past President
JoAnn Hedrick, President-elect
Laura Clemens, Secretary-Treasurer
Dowe Littleton, Associate Vice-President
Carmela Bills, Immediate Past Associate Vice-President
Patsy Spaw, Elected Principal
Steve James, Appointed Principal
Tara Perkinson, Elected Associate
Cheryl Laube, Appointed Associate
Steve Marshall, Appointed Associate

NCSL Staff present: Natalie O’Donnell

Member absent: Millie McFarland, Appointed Principal

Approval of Minutes

Patsy Spaw moved that the minutes of the September 22, 2004 Executive Committee meeting be approved. Carmela Bills seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Steve Marshall moved that the minutes of the 2004 Business meeting be approved. Dowe Littleton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The minutes of the September 27, 2004 Executive Committee were amended to reflect the correct spelling of Carmela Bill’s name. JoAnn Hedrick moved that the correction be made. Steve James seconded the motion and the minutes were amended. Norm Moore moved that the minutes as amended be approved. Steve James seconded the motion and the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Steve James moved that the Treasurer’s Report of the ASLCS Dues Account be amended to reflect that the $1,477.84 reimbursement to Norm Moore is for both the President’s gifts and Mr. Moore’s travel to the ANOMAC meeting. Dowe Littleton seconded the motion and the correction was approved unanimously.
Steve Marshall moved that the October 19, 2004 and the December 8, 2004 Treasurer’s report be approved. Steve James seconded the motion and the Treasurer’s reports were approved unanimously.

Copies of the Treasurer’s reports are attached to the minutes.

Old Business

**ASLCS Financial Reports**

Natalie O’Donnell presented the ASLCS Financial Reports. The Special Meetings Fund (L190) account has a balance of $59,090.86 as of Dec 9, 2004. The Shared Profits (L177) account has a balance of $11,501.25 as of Dec. 9, 2004 with the Betty King Scholarship still outstanding.

**Logo Items – Pin Maps**

Norm Moore reported that the pin maps have been ordered and will be available for purchase soon. An amount of $2,284.64 was paid by Wisconsin. Norm moved that this amount be reimbursed through the Special Meetings account. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Hedrick and approved unanimously.

**Archives Committee**

Dowe Littleton reported for the Archives Committee. There appears to be no way to digitize collections. While it is relatively cheap to scan, it is very expensive to maintain and index. Dowe will provide an update in March.

**New Business**

**Internal Audit Committee**

Laura Clemens reported for the internal audit committee. All receipts and disbursements passing through the Dues Account for the previous year were examined. The balance of $38,378.96 was confirmed by the internal audit committee. Norm Moore moved that the report of the Internal Audit Committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Steve Marshall and the report was approved unanimously.

**Associate Exchange Program**

Tara Perkinson moved that the two applicants for the Associate Exchange Program, Nathan Hatfield from Virginia and Tammy Wright from New Hampshire, be approved. The motion was seconded by Carmela Bills and approved unanimously.

A broad discussion was held on how to boost the number of applicants for the AEP, including the need to better communicate with Principals on their responsibilities, and the need to reconsider the reciprocation issue.

President Jamerson appointed a subcommittee consisting of Dowe Littleton, Chair, Carmela Bills, Tara Perkinson, Cheryl Laube and Steve Marshall to review the program. The subcommittee is to present their report to the full Executive Committee at the Spring meeting in Boston.
Laura Clemens moved that the candidates be reimbursed for expenses invoiced up to $500. Norm Moore seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Reimbursement Requests

Norm Moore discussed giving prior approval for travel expenses related to the LSCC meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, January 28-30, 2005. JoAnn Hedrick moved that the prior approval be given to President Jamerson and Norm Moore. The motion was seconded by Carmela Bills and was approved unanimously.

2006 Spring Meeting

JoAnn Hedrick reported that the 2006 Spring Meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas March 31 – April 2, 2006.

2005 Fall Profession Development Seminar

The 2005 Fall Profession Development Seminar will be held in Springfield Illinois September 22-27.

2006 Fall Professional Development Seminar

The 2006 Fall Professional Development Seminar will be held in Austin, Texas.

Other Business

President Jamerson reported that there are 50 rooms reserved for the Spring Meeting in Boston for Friday and Saturday evenings.

President Jamerson reported that Mona Huestis will no longer be serving as Secretary of the Senate in Colorado, but will be able to continue service to ASLCS as an employee of the Colorado House of Representatives.

President Jamerson reported that due to the change in administration in Oklahoma, Joe Blough is no longer employed by the Oklahoma House of Representatives, creating a vacancy on the Mason’s Manual Commission. A notice of vacancy will go out to the society in January 2005.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, JoAnn Hedrick moved to adjourn. Carmela Bills seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned without objection.
## Treasurer’s Report

### ASLCS Dues Account

**Balance as of September 20, 2004**

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### Disbursements:

- **9/23/2004**
  - Idaho State Senate
  - Postage to mail 2003-2004 Roster
  - Amount: $620.56

- **9/23/2004**
  - Custom Printing
  - Printing the 2003-2004 Roster
  - Amount: $6,686.00

- **9/23/2004**
  - Treasurer of Virginia
  - Framing photo collage for presentation to ANOMAC
  - Amount: $273.00

- **9/25/2004**
  - Norman Moore
  - Reimbursement for President’s Gifts
  - Reimbursement for ANOMAC travel
  - Amount: $1,477.84

- **9/26/04**
  - Norma Chastain
  - Reimbursement for purchase of camera bag and disc for digital camera
  - Amount: $70.39

- **9/19/04**
  - Southwestern Litho, Inc
  - Printing of the Legislative Administrator
  - Amount: $2,248.48

**Total disbursements since September 20, 2004**

**$11,376.27**
Treasurer’s Report
ASLCS Dues Account
as of December 8, 2004

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Total disbursements since October 19, 2004 $1,349.42
Call to Order

President Bruce Jamerson called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries to order.

Quorum

Members present:

Bruce Jamerson, President
JoAnn Hedrick, President-elect
Laura Clemens, Secretary-Treasurer
Dowe Littleton, Associate Vice-President
Carmela Bills, Immediate Past Associate Vice-President
Patsy Spaw, Elected Principal
Steve James, Appointed Principal
Millie McFarland, Appointed Principal
Tara Perkinson, Elected Associate
Steve Marshall, Appointed Associate

NCSL Staff present: Natalie O’Donnell

Members absent: Norman Moore, Immediate Past President
Cheryl Laube, Appointed Associate

Approval of Minutes

Carmela Bills moved that the minutes of the December 10, 2004 Executive Committee meeting (via conference call) be approved. Steve James seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Laura Clemens presented the Treasurer’s report. JoAnn Hedrick moved that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Patsy Spaw seconded the motion and the Treasurer’s report was approved unanimously. The Treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes.

Old Business

ASLCS Financial Reports

Natalie O’Donnell presented the ASLCS Financial Reports. The Special Meetings Fund (L190) has a balance of $68,402.00 as of March 12, 2005. The Shared Profits Account (L177) has a balance of $10,755.00 as of March 12, 2005.
Update on Upcoming ASLCS Meetings

The Spring Meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on March 31 – April 2, 2006.

A contract has been signed for the Professional Development Seminar in Austin, Texas for September 19-26, 2006 at the Omni Hotel.

Laura Clemens moved that President Jamerson send a letter of appreciation to the Massachusetts leadership for their hospitality towards ASLCS and the hosting of the dinner on Saturday evening. Millie McFarland seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business

NCSL Tax I.D. Number

- Because ASLCS uses the tax I.D. number of NCSL, President Jamerson asked that as society members raise funds for ASLCS that the checks be written to NCSL, with “ASLCS Special Meetings Fund” written on the memo line.

- The Dues Account is managed by ASLCS, with the Secretary/Treasurer responsible for all deposits and withdrawals. This account is transferred from state to state as the Secretary/Treasurer is a one year appointment. This results in one account needing to be closed before a new account can be opened, causing delays in invoices being paid and money deposited. Additionally, some state accounting offices have difficulties making the address change in their systems every year. Once again, since ASLCS uses the NCSL tax I.D. number it is confusing for some systems when the address changes. President Jamerson appointed a subcommittee to look at the possibility of having an account at a national bank located in Denver, CO. The new Secretary/Treasurer would simply have to sign a signature card at the beginning of his/her tenure. The following members were appointed to the subcommittee: Laura Clemens, Chair, Patsy Spaw and Steve Marshal. Natalie O’Donnell will work with NCSL. The subcommittee will report back to the Executive Committee at the NCSL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

Changes to Shared Profits Account and Profits from Professional Development Seminars

President Jamerson and Natalie O’Donnell explained that there was a loss of $100.48 on the 2004 Professional Development Seminar in Baltimore. The transfer of this amount from the L190 account was approved, leaving a profit of $15,208.02. This money will remain in the L190 account.

A new Profit Account has been created. The money in this account can be used for anything associated with an ASLCS meeting. For instance, speaker honorarium and Betty King Scholarships can be paid from this account, but not expenses for the Legislative Administrator or the Roster. Any future money collected for meetings through registration fees will go into this account. Any additional fundraising done by individual members of the society can still go into the L177 interest bearing account.

The NCSL assessment fee will come from the new Profit Account.
Other Business

- Jim Schratz (AK) and Rob Marchant (WI), representing the Technology and Innovation Committee, explained that software exists which allows video streaming of meetings. They suggested this could be used for a portion of the Professional Development Seminar. President Jamerson asked Rob to talk to the vendor about the possibility of them doing limited sessions of the Professional Development Seminar such as the parliamentary procedure session or discussions on technology advances. Dowe Littleton moved that the committee proceed with the necessary discussions. Steve Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Jim and Rob will report back to the Executive Committee at the NCSL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

- Budget and Revenue Committee reported that letters asking for contributions for the Springfield meeting have been drafted and will be sent out by President Jamerson. Other members of the Society who are able to do fundraising will make individual requests to groups they have a personal or state relationship with.

- Archives and Record Retention Committee – Dowe Littleton provided an update on the ability to digitize the Society archives. While it was not as cost prohibitive as earlier believed, archives must be maintained, incurring an ongoing expense. Steve James questioned whether we could divide the archives between two states, reducing the storage needs of Nevada and increasing security. Millie McFarland suggested we digitize only those items in the collection that we only have one copy of. The subcommittee will continue to meet and report back to the Executive Committee at the NCSL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

- Associate Exchange Program – Tara Perkinson recommended that the Society define the training opportunities associates will receive by participating, permit exchanges during the interim, increase the number of host states and make the length of time more flexible. Formal recommendations will be presented to the Executive Committee at the NCSL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

Announcements

Dowe Littleton informed the Executive Committee that Henry Shepard was very ill and moved that a letter be sent by President Jamerson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, expressing our support during this difficult time. The motion was properly seconded and agreed to unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Carmela Bills moved to adjourn. JoAnn Hedrick seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned without objection.
Treasurer’s Report
ASLCS Dues Account
as of March 17, 2005

Balance as of December 8, 2004  $25,653.27
Total Deposits  14,040.00
Subtotal  39,693.27
Less Disbursements  568.82

Balance as of March 17, 2005  $39,124.45

Disbursements:
3/5/2005  Norman Moore  568.82
Travel to LSCC

Total disbursements since December 8, 2004  $ 568.82
Victoria, British Columbia (B.C.) – recipients of the Order of British Columbia for 2005 were recently announced by Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo. Her Honour praised the citizens of B.C, who have attributed to strengthening the province in a variety of ways. “Our province welcomes each recipient to the distinction that their dedication merits as members of the Order of British Columbia”

One of this year’s recipients is also an honorary member of our society, Mr. E. George MacMinn, Q.C. or Victoria, B.C., senior parliamentary officer of the B.C. Legislative Assembly.

Mr. E. George MacMinn is the most senior parliamentary officer of the B.C. Legislative Assembly, and the longest serving table officer in Commonwealth Parliament. He is widely recognized internationally as a pre-eminent on parliamentary law, practice, precedent and procedure. Mr. MacMinn has also set exemplary standards for volunteer work and fundraising in the community. He was awarded the Queen’s Medal for Outstanding Service to the Legislative Assembly in 2003.

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE!!
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Arizona

Anyone who entered the 2005 legislative session with the notion that, after claiming victory with Proposition 200 in the November elections, anti-illegal-immigration lawmakers would rest on their laurels was, in a word, wrong.

Republicans introduced 28 pieces of legislation that would reduce the number of people entering Arizona illegally. Of these bills, five were signed by the governor, five more were vetoed and the rest never made it out of the Legislature. Democrats objected the strongest over the most heinous in their eyes, the attempt to limit the education opportunities of illegal residents of the state. This bill, though vetoed, would have only allowed citizens’ access to adult education programs, childcare subsidies for working parents, would have prevented non-citizens from receiving state financial aid for college and would have required them to pay the out-of-state tuition rates at state universities. The Democrats argued this bill unfairly punished children whose parents brought them to Arizona from Mexico. They feel the children should not be punished because their parents came to the United States illegally and not being able to afford college should not fall on their shoulders.

The final version of the bill passed in the House 33-19 and the Senate 16-12. Governor Napolitano vetoed it. Republicans and Democrats alike agree the clashes over how to deal with illegal immigration stem from the frustration of citizens and lawmakers - the two sides just don’t agree on how to solve the problem. As the state’s demographics shift - - some predictions are that, by 2025, Arizona will be home to more Latinos than non-hispanic whites - - the battle to stem the tide of illegal immigrants through a denial of services is probably far from over. In fact, more likely, it has just begun.

Vetoes Set New Record for Arizona Governors

Arizona’s Governor has created a league of her own when it comes to vetoes of bills passed by this past session’s Legislature - - 58 bills to be exact, ranging from allowing guns in establishments where alcohol is served, creating public school tuition vouchers and having the state try to build a private prison in Mexico.

Democratic Governor Napolitano’s, veto total this year is more than double the previous record for the number of bills vetoed in one session. Republican Jane Hull held the record with 28 vetoes in 2001. That puts her well ahead of Mrs. Hull (17.5) and Democrat Bruce Babbitt (12.7), the two other recent governors with the highest veto averages, according to figures compiled by the Arizona Capitol Times. Observers say Ms. Napolitano’s high number of vetoes wasn’t surprising as she may feel empowered to take some fairly strong action since her approval ratings are much higher than those of the Legislature and her background as a former prosecutor may have helped shape a management style that lends itself to decisive action.

Idaho

During the 2005 session of the Idaho Legislature, one of its senators chose to resign rather than face a full hearing in front of the Senate at which time it was almost certain he would be expelled.

The situation evolved after the senator introduced legislation to change the method of measuring the required distance between a liquor store and a school. Current Idaho law provides that the distance is to be measured from property line to property line, and he proposed changing the law to measure the distance from door to door. The senator owns a quick-serve market in his hometown, right across the street from a school. The close proximity of the school made his market ineligible to receive a contract liquor sale license, but his proposed change in the law would have made his store eligible to receive such license.
At no time, when appearing before the germane committee to garner its support to send the bill to the floor, did he disclose any personal interest he might have in the legislation. Nor did he disclose any potential monetary benefit that might be gained, even though questions of this sort had been asked by committee members. At that point in time, the media started delving into the matter. Their investigation found that the senator was facing bankruptcy, he was delinquent in payment of taxes, and that the store in question was for sale. The senator himself requested that an ethics committee be appointed “to clear his name” on a potential conflict of interest.

An Ethics Committee was appointed pursuant to Senate Rules. At the second meeting of the committee, the senator testified under oath that there was an existing Liquor Dispensary rule that prohibits a state legislator, a close relative, or business partner from receiving a license to allow contract sales of liquor. Under questioning, he said he had known this information all along, and that there was no way possible for him to have a conflict of interest. However, further questioning from Ethics Committee members revealed that, in fact, he was not aware of this rule when he introduced his legislation, contrary to what he had stated in sworn testimony, and that he had only learned of the existence of the rule the previous weekend.

The Ethics Committee concluded that the enactment of the bill would have provided a potential personal monetary benefit to him, even if he was not personally eligible to be a contract distributor, and he should have disclosed that to the germane committee. They further concluded that he gave false or deceptive information to the committee, and while testifying under oath, he wilfully provided false information to the Ethics Committee.

The Ethics Committee recommended that the senator be censured and stripped of any leadership responsibilities. This recommendation angered many other senators and they were determined to have him expelled from the Senate, and felt they had the two-thirds votes needed for expulsion. After much deliberation, the senator decided to resign his Senate seat rather than face the “blood shed” that was sure to happen the next day when the hearing was held before the full Senate.

Louisiana

The Louisiana Senate began this regular session with two vacancies in their 39 member body, a circumstance that no one can remember occurring before. The question of how many members constitute a quorum, of how many votes are necessary to pass bills, and how many votes are required to gain two-thirds of the elected members of the Senate arose. This regular session is limited in the number and type of bills which may be considered, being primarily a fiscal session. There are several tax increases, many fee increases (each of which require two-thirds vote to enact) and of course the general appropriations bill to fund state government pending in the session. The Senate was divided in their interpretation of the constitutional provisions, specifically on the proper interpretation of the words “elected members” on whether those words referred to the elected, seated, and sworn members of the Senate on the day a vote is taken or to the entire membership authorized to be elected to the Senate. A suit was filed by two Senators against the President of the Senate and the Senate Parliamentarian seeking the Court’s interpretation of these words, since such interpretation will control the assessment of a quorum and how many votes it will take to pass bills. The House of Representatives intervened on the side of the Senators claiming the words meant the entire membership authorized to be elected to the Senate. [Marionnaux et al. v. Hines et al., 2005 WL 1163919 (La.), 2005-1191 (La. 5/17/05)] The LA Supreme Court exercised its supervisory jurisdiction and took the case on briefs and oral argument less than 10 days after the suit was filed. The Court decided that the Louisiana constitutional provisions “elected members” and “members elected” means the entire membership authorized to be elected to the Senate (and of course to the House of Representatives). The question of the affect of vacancies on the quorum and votes required to pass bills in Louisiana is now forever quiet.
Massachusetts

Last year, as was widely reported, a landmark decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) ruled that same sex marriage is legal in the Bay State under the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Since May of 2004, hundreds of same sex couples have become legally married here.

Subsequent to the SJC ruling, a Constitutional Convention of Representatives and Senators meeting in Joint Session in the House of Representatives Chamber in Boston gave initial approval to a Legislative amendment to the Constitution providing that “only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in the commonwealth. Two persons of the same sex shall have the right to form a civil union if they otherwise meet the requirements set forth by law for marriage. Civil unions for same sex persons are established by this Article and shall provide entirely the same benefits, protections, rights, privileges and obligations that are afforded to persons married under the law of the commonwealth. All laws applicable to marriage shall also apply to civil unions.” If again agreed to by the 2005-2006 Legislature and the voters at the next state election, this Legislative Amendment would take effect in December of 2006.

According to a recent article appearing in the Boston Globe, it now appears that the Legislative Amendment may be in jeopardy. Reportedly, the 101 votes necessary to again agreed to the amendment may not be attainable, thus ending the attempt to outlaw same sex marriages and establish civil unions via a Legislative Amendment.

The Globe article indicated that those opposing same sex marriages, faced with the possible defeat of the Legislative Amendment, are now considering changing their strategy to instead use the initiative process to accomplish their goal. The petitioners reportedly plan on circulating and submitting an Initiative Amendment to the Constitution which would define a legal marriage as being only that which is the union of a man and a woman. The measure would contain no reference to “civil unions”, according to the Globe story.

To qualify as an Initiative Amendment to the Constitution a measure requires the signatures of “not less than three percent of the entire vote cast for governor at the preceding biennial state election”. Once the signatures are certified the measure would need the affirmative votes of only one fourth of the members of the House and Senate of two successive Legislative Joint Sessions for it to qualify for placement on the ballot for the state election of 2008, and if approved by the voters it would become part of the Constitution. If the strategy works, same sex marriages would be outlawed in the Commonwealth. If this occurs, the status of such marriages solemnized since May of 2004 would arguably appear to be in violation of the amended Constitution, and may be in question.

Stay tuned . . .

Nebraska

On December 2, 2004, President George Bush nominated Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns to serve as United States Secretary of Agriculture. On January 21, 2005, Johanns became the first member of President Bush’s second-term cabinet to be confirmed by the Senate.

Consequently, Lieutenant Governor David Heineman made the transition to become Nebraska’s 39th Governor on January 21, 2005. In his capacity as Lt. Governor, he served as Nebraska’s Director of Homeland Security, Chairman of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, as well as Presiding Officer of the Nebraska Legislature.

While the Legislature prepared to convene and begin the session, the question of whether Johanns or Heineman would present the Legislature with the budget, and when it would be presented, poised great uncertainty on how, and in what direction the Legislature would be able to proceed. Ultimately the Legislature received a joint presentation on the budget from Johanns and Heineman.
The transition between the Johanns and Heineman administrations also resulted in an interesting parliamentary dilemma for the Legislature. The departure of the previous Speaker of the Legislature and the lack of a Lieutenant Governor to act as a Presiding Officer created a bit of a dilemma in the legislative leadership, making it difficult to plan and conduct opening day activities. The senior member of the Legislature, who normally abstains from the body's ceremonial activities, agreed to preside until a new Speaker could be elected, allowing the Legislature to conduct its opening day business. The session has been a busy but productive one. We are scheduled to “Sine Die” on June 3rd.

**Oregon**

In Oregon, the Senate President and House Speaker are forming a Public Commission on the Legislature. This blue-ribbon panel of citizens, journalists, legislators and other key stakeholders will spend more than a year observing and analyzing Oregon’s legislative structure and operation. By January 2007, it will recommend changes to improve the legislature’s effectiveness as an equal branch of state government.

**Tennessee**

Tennessee’s General Assembly adjourned May 28 closing a session unlike any others. On May 26, four legislators, a former legislator and two others were arrested in a bribery sting by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Those arrested are accused of accepting money to sponsor and support legislation advocated by a company set up by the federal government.

Tennessee’s health care program for the poor, uninsured and uninsurable, TennCare, again was the focus of debate during the 2005 session. Implementation of the TennCare program changes passed by the Legislature in 2004 has been delayed by several court orders.

In response to those delays, Governor Phil Bredesen (D) has proposed to eliminate more than 300,000 people from TennCare to control increasing costs, a change that was, until recently, delayed by court challenges.

On May 28, the Legislature passed a budget based on the assumption that the state will prevail in its efforts to reduce TennCare enrollment. If the state is not allowed to reduce TennCare enrollment, a special session will be needed to budget for those increased costs.

Noteworthy legislation passed this year includes a bill to strengthen disclosure and ethics laws for public officials; a bill placing limits on the sale of some over the counter cold medication because of the growing methamphetamine problem; and a bill establishing a voluntary Pre-K program for “at-risk” children. The Legislature also passed a resolution that will place a proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage on the 2006 ballot.

A special session could also be called to further address ethics legislation.

**Utah**

The $212 million Capitol Restoration/Base Isolation Project is moving full speed ahead. While demolishing the interior of the building, some interesting artifacts were uncovered—namely, an 1888 law book; several pair of men's work boots, one of which was wrapped in a 1924 advertisement for the boots; whiskey bottles; a mummified rat; and an antique elevator cage door that had been covered up and no one knew existed. This is a huge find because there are no pictures that would enable the architects to recreate these beautiful brass cages. With this discovery, the grill can be replicated.

The move back into the Capitol should be in November or December of 2007.
Virginia

Jefferson’s Capitol Closed for Restoration

Virginia’s Capitol, originally designed by Thomas Jefferson, is undergoing the most extensive restoration and expansion project in the past one hundred years. As a result, the House of Delegates, Senate and Governor have moved their offices from the Capitol to the nearby and newly renovated Old State Library Building.

Jefferson’s Capitol was originally constructed in 1788. In 1906, a House wing and a Senate wing were added to the Jeffersonian design. While there have been several modifications to the interior since that time, there has not been an effort to expand the size of the Capitol until now. An underground extension will be placed beneath the front lawn of the Capitol, reaching from the base of Capitol Hill at Bank Street to the new entrance to the Capitol beneath the front portico. Visitors, who for several years have entered the Capitol building from the side and rear entrances, will now enter the Capitol from the Extension at Bank Street and will experience Jefferson’s “Temple on the Hill” as it was intended. The extension will house new multi-purpose rooms for the House and Senate, new space for exhibits, a new gift shop and snack bar area, and improved space for the press.

Space in the historic Capitol will be restored to its appearance at the time the wings were added in 1906. Both legislative chambers will return to the decorative paint schemes that were originally applied at the time that they were first unveiled at the turn of the last century. Other historic paint finishes will be restored, and the original desks in both chambers will receive a restoration treatment. Lighting will be upgraded, but the fixtures will be reproductions of the historic lamps of the early 20th Century.

Excavation and exterior construction was begun in 2004. However, interior construction began in earnest after the General Assembly’s Reconvened Session in April. Most of the artwork, all of the furniture, and all of the staff were packed and moved during the month of April. Only two items will remain in the Capitol during construction – the “Storming of the Redoubt” painting in the Old Senate Chamber and Houdon’s priceless statue of George Washington in the Rotunda. Art conservators designed and built extraordinary protective cases for these treasures to ensure that they will remain unharmed during the construction process.

The newly restored Capitol and its new Extension will open in December 2006 – in time for the Commonwealth’s yearlong celebration in 2007 of the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown. As a result, the 2006 Session of the General Assembly will take place in chambers built specifically for this purpose in the newly renovated Old State Library Building. The Old State Library was abandoned in the early 90’s after the completion of a state-of-the-art facility opened a few blocks away. It has remained vacant until now. The old reading rooms have been outfitted as chambers for the House and Senate. Both Clerk’s Offices and their Capitol staff have been assigned temporary office space in the building as well. The Old State Library will be dedicated and hopefully re-named in June 2005.

Washington

"As Washington State commemorates the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, several political eruptions are grabbing local, state and national headlines. As part of fallout from the closest-ever (on a percentage bases) gubernatorial election in U.S. history, legal challenges to our recent Governor’s race continue. Former Washington State Attorney General, Christine Gregoire was declared the winner over Republican Dino Rossi by 129 votes in the 2004 gubernatorial race after two recounts amid legal challenges and political controversy. In January, Christine Gregoire was sworn in as Washington's 22nd Governor over the objections of Republican supporters of Gregoire's opponent, and former state senator, Dino Rossi. The Republican party
has filed a legal challenge in Chelan County Superior Court with the trial getting underway on May 23rd. Most experts expect the legal challenges to continue and eventually land in the State Supreme Court and possibly the federal court system as well.

Spokane's Mayor, and former Senate Majority Leader, Jim West (R -Spokane) is fighting off allegations that he used positions of public trust - as a sheriff's deputy, Boy Scout leader and powerful politician- to develop sexual relationships with boys and young men. According to the Spokesman Review, West has also been accused by several Spokane area men of sexual abuse during the mid-1970's. In addition to all the media coverage, FBI and City of Spokane investigations are underway."

25th anniversary of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens

Gregoire/Rossi gubernatorial race court challenge
http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2002278755_election18m.html

Former Senate Majority Leader, now Spokane Mayor Jim West scandal
http://www.spokesmanreview.com/jimwest/

West Virginia

SPECIAL SESSIONS A RECURRING THEME IN WEST VIRGINIA

New Governor Joe Manchin has called three special sessions so far this year and a fourth session is scheduled for September. Due to last minute amendments in the waning hours of the regular session, two of the three special sessions have been mainly to fix legislation errors and override vetos. Eighty-five percent of the legislation passed during the regular session this year passed during the final week with about half passing the final day.

Some legislators have talked about having a one to three day "veto session" that would meet after the close of a regular session. This "veto session" would allow the Legislature to reconsider or override the veto of any bill. So far there has been no serious consideration of the proposal.
Nation’s Legislatures meet in Seattle Aug. 16-20
Bill Gates is Keynote speaker

Washington State and the city of Seattle will host the National Conference of State Legislatures ‘Strong States Strong Nation’ annual meeting and exhibition on August 16 – 20, the first time in 20 years the NCSL has met in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Some 7,000 delegates from across the nation are expected for the four-day convention, and all of Washington is in a festive mood to host and entertain delegates and their families and to welcome them to the four corners of the state.

The event will be held at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center in downtown Seattle. Some eight major Seattle hotels will provide accommodations and facilities for the conference. The Seattle Pacific Science Center, Seattle’s landmark Space Needle, Safeco Stadium, home of the Seattle Mariners, and the Experience Music Project facility (EMP) will all be part of the four-day event.

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft -- and the world’s wealthiest man -- will open NCSL’s 2005 annual conference on Wednesday, August 17. Gates started Microsoft, the world’s leading software company in 1975, and his vision and leadership have changed the way the world uses computers.

Other notable speakers to the event are:

**Dr. Lee Hartwell**, who won the 2001 Nobel Prize, is from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and is a professor of Genetics at University of Washington;

**Dr. Uwe Reinhardt**, professor of political economy at Princeton University, is one of the nation’s leading authorities on health care economics;

**Dr. Leroy Hood**, of the University of Washington founded the Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle to pioneer systems approaches to biology and medicine. He is a world renowned researcher on molecular genomics;

And, **Carr Hagerman**, proponent of the FISH! Philosophy, which introduces fun into your workplace equation and challenges the way you look at the world.

Visitors to the conference will have an opportunity to extend their stay to see the great Pacific Northwest including: the Puget Sound with Mount Rainier in the background; travel to Mount St. Helens the Pacific beaches, the Columbia River; and enjoy the culture of this very unique place in our world.

[http://www.ncslseattle.com](http://www.ncslseattle.com)
## ASLCS Seattle Agenda

**NCSL - Seattle, Washington • August 15-20, 2005**

### Agenda (CURRENT AS OF JULY 22, 2005)

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5:00 pm-10:00 pm  
**Welcome Reception**  
*Seattle’s Sports Scene*

Seattle boasts two of the finest new stadiums, Qwest Field and Safeco Field. Qwest Field -- home of the Seahawks -- is set against a background of Puget Sound and snowy mountains. While you’re waiting for the Mariners to take on the Kansas City Royals at Safeco Field (across the street from Qwest Field) you can enjoy interactive football games, larger-than-life football inflatables and the best slide burgers, foot-long hotdogs and fries in Seattle. Then, there’s reserved seating for NCSL delegates and guests at the Mariners’ game! Truly an evening to remember!

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<td>Bill Gates is Chairman and Chief Software Architect, Microsoft Corporation, Seattle. Gates started the world's leading software company in 1975. His vision and leadership have changed the way the world uses computers. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with an endowment of $27 billion, is dedicated to global health and learning.</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch in the Exhibit Hall</strong></td>
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<td>Enjoy lunch and visit the exhibit hall! It features hundreds of exhibitors: businesses; public interest groups and associations; federal, state and local government agencies; trade associations; political groups; and consulting firms. Information and entertainment for all!</td>
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<td>This session is intended for new and potential officers of the 10 NCSL staff sections, and those interested in how the staff sections operate. It will cover the responsibilities of staff section officers, their role in the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee, and the relationship of staff sections to the NCSL executive committee and standing committees. Lunch will be provided.</td>
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<td><strong>Sharpening Top Notch Skills</strong></td>
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This session focuses on strengthening the skills and techniques needed to work more effectively in service to learning institutions.

1:15 pm-3:30 pm **Part I—Maintaining Your Tools for Better Legislative Construction**

Good communication is essential. This first part of the program will focus on the changing nature of communication and how to harness it effectively in the legislative environment. Presenting complex technical information clearly, navigating a diverse workplace and across generations, and honing your contact with outside stake-holders will all be explored.

Moderator: Judy Hall, Secretary of the Senate, Legislative Assembly, Oregon

Speakers: Delegate Robert Brink, Virginia
John Turcotte, President, Turcotte Public Administration Consulting and Training, Tallahassee, Florida

Panelists: Alice Bolin, Senior Legislative Analyst, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Clark County, Nevada
Michael Sunseri, Director of Photography, Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky

3:45 pm-5:00 pm **Part II—Whistle While You Work**

The second part of the program explores techniques for reducing stress in the legislative workplace. Many legislators and legislative staff have methods for maintaining their cool, their political balance, and their high work standards when legislative activity is at its most frenzied. This session will offer an opportunity for attendees to share their professional experiences when tensions are high and deadlines loom.

Moderator: Frank Parisi, Principal Research Analyst, Office of Legislative Services, New Jersey

Speaker: Laura Asbell, Asbell Professional Group, Spokane, Washington

Panelists: Karl Aro, Executive Director, Department of Legislative Services, Maryland
Representative Rosie Berger, Wyoming
Representative Rob Eissler, Texas
Senator Peter Groff, President Pro Tempore, Colorado
David Henderson, Legislative Administrator, Legislative Administration, Oregon
Clarence Russ, Chief Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives, Louisiana

1:15 pm-5:00 pm **NCSL Standing Committee Meetings**

*Convention and Trade Center*

NCSL’s 15 standing committees will hold informational sessions and policy meetings. The programs are open to all meeting attendees.

5:15 pm-7:00 pm **Mason’s Manual Commission Meeting**

*306, Convention and Trade Center*

Presiding: John Phelps, Clerk of the House, House of Representatives, Florida

**States’ Night**

**Thursday August 18, 2005**

7:30 am-8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

*East Lobby, Level 6, Convention and Trade Center*

8:00 am-5:00 pm **Registration**

*South Lobby, Level 4, Convention and Trade Center*
8:00 am-11:30 am  **NCSL Standing Committee Meetings**  
*Convention and Trade Center*

NCSL’s 15 standing committees will hold informational sessions and policy meetings. The programs are open to all meeting attendees.

9:00 am-4:00 pm  **Exhibit Hall Open**  
*Convention and Trade Center*

11:45 am-1:15 pm  **ASLCS Luncheon and Business Meeting**  
*Cutters Bayhouse, 2001 Western Avenue, Seattle, WA*

Presiding: Bruce Jamerson, Clerk of the Virginia House of Delegates and ASLCS President

Sponsored by International Roll-Call

Transportation will be provided. ASLCS members will meet at the Convention Center and be bused to and from the restaurant.

1:30 pm-3:30  **ASLCS Executive Committee Meeting**  
*428/430, 4th Floor, Sheraton Hotel*

Presiding: Bruce Jamerson, Clerk of the Virginia House of Delegates and ASLCS President

3:30 pm-5:00 pm  **Concurrent Session – Maintaining Civility and Decorum**  
*613/614, Convention and Trade Center*

Cosponsored by the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries

Loss of civility…lack of decorum…negative image of legislators. Just a few examples of words that are all too often heard nowadays. Why is this happening? What can be done to stop the trend?

3:30 pm-5:00 pm  **Concurrent Sessions**  
*Convention and Trade Center*

- The Art of Public Debate
- Can State and Local Governments Break Their Addition to Discriminatory Taxes?
- Driver Distraction—How Much Is Too Much?
- Helping Children in Immigrant Families Succeed
- Methamphetamine: The New Crack
- Natural Gas Domestic Supply and Demand Forecast: State Policy Opportunities
- Obesity: An American Public Health Epidemic
- Patient Safety and Medical Liability
- The Perfect Storm: The Impending Crisis for Higher Education and What State Legislators Can Do
- The Price and Priorities of Government
- Social Security and Private Accounts: Why Should States Care?
- State Tribal Relations: Strategies for Cooperation

6:30 pm-9:30 pm  **Washington Social Event**  
*Pacific Science Center/ Experience Music Project/ Space Needle*

Discover the diversity of Washington and the most famous sites of Seattle. At the Pacific Science Center, you can delight in a tropical stroll with hundreds of butterflies, re-ignite you imagination with interactive exhibits or simply relax and dine with the dinosaurs. Experience the power and joy of music at EMP—a one of a kind museum—where you can explore the amazing collection of popular music artifacts, create your own music or get a taste of rock stardom. From the Space Needle’s Observation level, you can enjoy sweeping vistas of Puget Sound, Mount Rainer, the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, Lake Washington and Seattle. Come and enjoy some of the best that the Northwest has to offer.
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<td>Speaker: Uwe Reinhardt, James Madison Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey</td>
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<td>All legislators and legislative staff will want to participate in the NCSL annual business meeting, the culmination of NCSL's year. All other meeting participants are welcome to observe. The business meeting includes debates on the policy issues that will guide NCSL's federal lobbying in the coming year, as well as elections for officers and the executive committee, and approval of the NCSL budget</td>
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<td>Carr Hagerman brings you the FISH! philosophy, which can bring fun into your workplace, change your perspective, and challenge your world view. He will leave you with the impression that you can change the world, and have some fun while you're at it!</td>
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<td>This session looks at ways to get the most out of your voting system. You'll hear about Illinois' reengineering of its voting system, developed in house. A leading technology expert will discuss the future of display technology, assessing the various options available to legislatures.</td>
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2:15 pm-4:00 pm  **Concurrent Sessions**  
*Convention and Trade Center*
- Congress and State Taxes
- Electronic Waste
- Every Vote Counts
- Fostering Business Development
- How to be an Effective Committee Chair
- Income Already Earned: How to Help Constituents Take Advantage of EITC
- It Costs WHAT? Uninsured, Underinsured and Hospital Uncompensated Care
- School Choice
- School Siting—How Far Away Makes Sense?
- Substance Abuse

**States’ Night**

### Saturday August 20, 2005

8:00 am-10:00 am  **Registration**
*South Lobby, Level 4, Convention and Trade Center*

8:00 am-9:00 am  **Coffee Service**
East Lobby, Level 6, Convention and Trade Center

8:30 am-10:00 am  **Plenary Session**
6 A/B, Convention and Trade Center
Speaker: Mara Liasson, National Political Correspondent, National Public Radio, Washington, D.C.

Mara Liasson is a political correspondent for Fox News Channel and serves as a panelist on *Fox News Sunday*. She is best known as the national political correspondent for NPR, and is regularly heard on *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*. She provides extensive coverage of politics from Washington, and also reports on political trends outside the Beltway.

10:15 am-Noon  **Tennessee Kick-off**
606-609, Convention and Trade Center
Future ASLCS Meetings

NCSL Annual Meeting
August 15-20, 2005
Seattle, Washington

ASLCS 39th Professional Development Seminar and Annual Meeting

September 21-26, 2005
Springfiled, Illinois
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