President’s Message

Dear Friends,

It is truly an honor to be serving as your president this year and I look forward to working with each and every one of you. My goal is to involve as many members of the Society as possible as we strive to preserve our institution and its legacy. At the same time, I know we must also change to meet the new and challenging demands of our jobs. The confidence you have placed in me as your President is humbling, and I thank you.

I am humbled because of the many talented leaders who have preceded me. I am humbled because close to 300 colleagues are a part of the greatest staff section of NCSL and their expectations are high. And I am humbled because I consider you my friends and family and along with that comes a great deal of responsibility.

First, I want to extend a huge thank you to Patsy Spaw, Robert Haney and their staff for a fantastic time in Austin. Working with George Bishop and the Program Committee they planned an incredible professional development seminar. The social events were very entertaining, from Esther’s Follies to the wildlife refuge. They provided a necessary balance to the plenary and concurrent sessions and hopefully everyone left with some ideas they can implement back home. The meeting received excellent reviews from those who filled out the evaluations and I am so proud of everyone who gave their heart and soul into making this a special event for all of us.

Thank you to everyone who agreed to step into leadership roles - some for the first time and others answering the call once again. As in our legislatures, the real work is done in the committees and ASLCS is only as strong as the leaders we have in these positions and the effort every member makes on each committee.

Thank you, JoAnn for your leadership role. You truly mentored me over the years and you have left the Society stronger because of your leadership. You never hesitated to take my calls and give me advice when asked. And even when asked, you allowed me to come to my own decisions and I have grown in confidence and ability because of it. Sit back and relax!

This is an exciting time for all of us. We have seen our legislatures change and develop. Technology has become more of an everyday presence in our chambers and offices. Term limits affects every aspect of our jobs and learning how to adjust and cope will be challenging. We heard through the PDS that part of our responsibility is to preserve and protect the institution of the legislature, to teach others about it and to guide it through the changing world. That is the same responsibility that I feel toward ASLCS. I will spend this year focused on preserving and protecting the integrity of our Society, to teach our new members its history and getting them involved in its future.

I am excited about this year! Please share with me your ideas, comments, and questions. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Laura P. Clemens
Clerk Ohio House of Representatives
And ASLCS President
2006-2007 Executive Committee

Laura Clemens, OH
President

Patsy Spaw, TX
President-elect

Millicent MacFarland, ME
Secretary-Treasurer

Cheryl Laube, AZ
Associate Vice-President

Gregory Gray, WV
Elected Principal

Robert Marchant, WI
Appointed Principal

Suzi Lowell, AK
Appointed Principal

Brad Hendrickson, WA
Elected Associate

Carmen Cauthen, NC
Appointed Associate

Scott Kaiser, IL
Appointed Associate

JoAnn Hedrick, DE
Immediate Past President

Tara Perkinson, VA
Immediate Past Associate
Vice-President
Monday, September 25, 2006  
Omni Austin Downtown  
Austin, TX

Call to Order
President Laura Clemens called the meeting of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries to order.

Quorum
Executive Committee members present were Laura Clemens, President; Patsy Spaw, President-Elect; Millie MacFarland, Secretary-Treasurer; Cheryl Laube, Associate Vice President; Greg Gray, Elected Principal Member; Brad Hendrickson, Elected Associate Member; Suzi Lowell, Appointed Principal Member; Rob Marchant, Appointed Principal Member; Carmen Cauthen, Appointed Associate Member; Scott Kaiser, Appointed Associate Member; JoAnn Hedrick, Immediate Past President and Tara Perkinson, Immediate Past Associate Vice President. Kay Warnock of NCSL staff was present. Other society members present were Judy Hall, Ann Cornwell, Susan Schaar, Karen Wadsworth and Pat Saville. A quorum was present.

Approval Of Minutes
Approval of the September 20, 2006 Executive Committee meeting minutes was deferred.

Approval Of Treasurer’s Report
Millie MacFarland presented the Treasurer’s Report with a balance of $44,415.45 as of September 26, 2006.

Balance as of August 9, 2006 ..................$44,865.13  
Total Deposits ............................................$140.00  
Subtotal ............................................................$45,005.13  
Less Disbursements ......................................$552.02  
Miscellaneous fees & charges ......................$37.66  
Balance as of September 26, 2006 ...............$44,415.45

Patsy Spaw moved that the report be accepted and JoAnn Hedrick seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted.

Approval Of President’s Executive Committee Appointments
Greg Gray moved that President Clemens’ appointments be adopted and Patsy Spaw seconded the motion. Presidents’ appointments were adopted unanimously.

Old Business
JoAnn Hedrick discussed a standing order that designates the President, Associate Vice-President and Chair of the Canadian/American Relations Committee as the designated attendees at the annual CATTS (Canadian Clerks-at-the Table) meeting to represent ASLCS. She stated that our standing order bars other members an opportunity to accept invitations to attend. Our Canadian counterparts want to be able to invite other society members depending on the ability of the host to accommodate them. Following a discussion, Brad Hendrickson agreed to draft language that would allow other society members to attend CATTS meetings by invitation from our Canadian counterparts.

Susan Schaar discussed a proposal to have a concurrent meeting with the National Association of Legislative Information Technology staff section (NALIT) and suggested that such a meeting could be hosted in VA in the year 2010. The advantages of a concurrent meeting were presented by Tim Rice from NALIT. President Clemens asked for an opportunity to seek additional information at the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee. The matter was tabled for decision at a future meeting.

New Business
In the absence of Natalie O’Donnell, President Clemens briefed committee members on our Special Meeting Fund, Fall Meeting Account, Professional Development Revolving Account and Dues Account and discussed the purposes of these accounts.

JoAnn Hedrick presented the recommendations of the Budget and Revenue Committee on three matters. 1) Committee recommends that our loyal and faithful sponsors be approached once a year for support rather than several times a year based on our meeting schedule. Sponsors would still have the ability to host particular events at our meetings, such as a lunch or breakfast. Brad
Hendrickson moved that the recommendation be adopted, Patsy Spaw seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted. 2) A review of the $6,500 budget for the production and mailing of The Legislative Administrator was discussed. The committee explored options to lower the cost of the production and recommended that the offers of the Washington State Senate, Florida House of Representatives and the Delaware House of Representatives to print The Legislative Administrator be adopted. The committee further recommended a 10% increase in the budgets for all of our publications. JoAnn Hedrick moved and Tara Perkinson seconded the motion to adopt the recommendations and the motion was adopted unanimously. 3) The committee was charged with development of standardized levels for our national contributors. The committee recommended three levels of recognition; Platinum, Gold and Silver. JoAnn Hedrick moved and Carmen Cauthen seconded the motion to adopt the committee’s recommendations and the motion was adopted unanimously.

JoAnn Hedrick moved that the society send a $100.00 contribution in honor and remembrance of Ms. O’Donnell’s grandmother, Natalie M. Allegrini Carolfi. Rob Marchant seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Other Business

Committee members discussed potential sites for the 2009 Annual Professional Development Seminar and the possibility of the state of Hawaii hosting the meeting. After a general discussion it was decided that a survey would be sent to all principal members regarding Hawaii as a potential site.

JoAnn Hedrick asked for reimbursement for $251.90 for mailing costs to support activities at the annual meeting. Brad Hendrickson moved that she be reimbursed and Cheryl Laube seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Ann Cornwell asked for information relative to expenses for the 2008 Reno, NV meeting site which will be provided by NCSL staff.

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie MacFarland
Secretary/Treasurer
2006-2007 Annual Business Meeting

Call to Order
President JoAnn Hedrick called the Business Meeting of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries to order.

Judy Hall (OR) moved to waive the roll call of the states. Steve Marshall (VT) seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes
Ann Cornwell (AK) moved that the minutes of the business meeting held in Springfield be approved. Karen Wadsworth (NH) seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report
Patsy Spaw (TX) presented the Treasurer’s report. The balance in the ASLCS Dues Account as of September 23, 2006, was $44,415.45. Laura Clemens (OH) moved that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Denise Weeks (NC) seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Special Thanks
President Hedrick recognized the Texas Host Committee and thanked them for their work in hosting the conference.
Special thanks was also extended to Thomson West for its continued support of ASLCS and for hosting the business luncheon.

President Hedrick recognized the former ASLCS presidents in attendance at the annual meeting:
1974..........................McDowell Lee (AL)
1977....................... Patrick Flahaven (MN)
1985......................... Jane Richards (AZ)
1986......................... Pat O’Donnell (NE)
1990.........................Butch Speer (LA)
1992.......................... John Phelps (FL)
1994.........................Ramona Kenady (OR)
1997..........................Susan Schaar (VA)
1998..........................Denise Weeks (NC)
2000..........................Pat Saville (KS)
2001..........................Judy Hall (OR)
2002..........................Ann Cornwell (AR)
2003..........................Norman Moore (AZ)
2004..........................Bruce Jamerson (VA)

Ed Burdick was recognized for his service to ASLCS. Al Mathiowetz (MN) accepted the Ed Burdick Resolution and Retirement Certificate on behalf of Mr. Burdick.

NCSL Staff Chair Greetings
President Hedrick recognized Susan Schaar (VA), Immediate Past NCSL Staff Chair, to bring greetings from Steve Miller, NCSL Staff Chair.

Introduction of International Guests
President Hedrick recognized the attendance of international guests: George MacMinn from British Columbia, John Mandy from Australia, and Blair Armitage from Ontario. John Mandy was introduced for a report on ANZACATT, the Australian and New Zealand association of clerks, followed by a report from Blair Armitage on CATTS, the Canadian association of clerks.

Committee Reports
Each Standing Committee made a committee report as follows:

“C” Committees:
Canadian-American Relations - Karen Wadsworth (NH)
Professional Journal - Hobie Lehman (VA)
Program Development - George Bishop (VA)
Roster - Rose Ramsey (VA)

“A” Committees:
Bylaws and Standing Orders - Jeannine Wood (ID)
Inside the Legislative Process - Susie Lowell/Kirsten Waid (AK)
Site Selection - Norma Chastain (AZ)
Technology and Innovation - Rob Marchant (WI)

“B” Committees:
International Communication and Development -
Diane Bell (FL)/Carmela Bills (VA)
Legislative Administrator - Ramona Kenady/Judy Hall (OR)
Membership and Communication - Carmen Cauthen (NC),
Judy Barrows (ME), Nathan Hatfield (VA)
Support Staff - Inga Emerson (DE)

Nominating Committee Report
Bruce Jamerson presented the Nominating Committee report recommending election of the following persons as ASLCS officers:
President - Laura P. Clemens, Clerk of the Ohio House
President-elect - Patsy Spaw, Secretary of the Texas Senate
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Secretary-Treasurer - Millicent M. MacFarland, Clerk of the Maine House
Associate Vice-President - Cheryl A. Laube, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Arizona House
Elected Principal Member - Gregory M. Gray, Clerk of the West Virginia House
Elected Associate Member - Brad Hendrickson, Deputy Clerk of the Washington Senate.

Karl Lilly (WV) moved that the Nominating Committee report be accepted and that the officers be elected as recommended. Ramona Kenady (OR) seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

2007 Annual Professional Development Seminar
David Gibson, Secretary of the Vermont Senate, and Don Milne, Clerk of the Vermont House, were recognized to report on the plans for the annual professional development seminar to be held in Burlington, Vermont, September 12-17, 2007.

Adjournment
There being no other business to come before the Business Meeting, Millie MacFarland (ME) moved that the Business Meeting be adjourned. Ann Cornwell (AR) seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary-Treasurer
Perhaps the best thing that can be said of Linda Hawker is that she enjoys the respect of everyone with whom she works. From the staff in the Secretary’s office to the facilities maintenance people to the most senior Senators, Linda is universally appreciated and held in very high esteem. Her appreciation for the legislative process and the many traditions, customs and practices of the Senate are deeply held and long standing. With some 35 years of service to the Senate, she has seen more than a few Senators come and go. Some were outstanding members, others less notable, but Linda has always treated each one with the respect they deserve as an elected representative of the citizens of Illinois.

Linda Hawker began her dedicated service to the State of Illinois in 1968. She came to the Illinois Senate in 1971 where she has had a remarkable career, serving in several different capacities of leadership including the last twenty in the Secretary’s Office. Linda’s tenure has spanned six Senate Presidents and she has advised countless members of the legislature and staff during her time in the Capitol. Linda’s patient demeanor and cheerful voice have become synonymous with the Senate and her wise counsel will be missed by many.

As a supervisor, Linda Hawker has always been fair and extremely supportive of her staff. That fact is evidenced by the effort put forth on her behalf whenever a task needs doing. Linda has become a friend and mentor to many in her employ while at once expecting the best effort from each one. She has been extremely active in her hometown of Springfield, serving on numerous boards and giving freely of her time and talents to make our community a better place to live and work. That involvement has been a very positive reflection on the General Assembly and its membership.

Linda’s large family has always been important in her life. As we all know, in this business family time often gets sacrificed for late nights at the office and weekend sessions. Now Linda can spend more time with her kids, grandkids and her many brothers and sisters, not bowing to the legislative calendar.

Over her years in the Secretary’s Office, Linda has played a significant role in the on-going renovation of the Capitol building, culminating with her leadership of the 2006 total renovation of the Senate Chamber, which will have its unveiling on Linda’s last day in office.

Linda’s involvement with ASLCS has been significant and long standing. She has hosted not one, but two Professional Development Seminars. She also played a key role in hosting NCSL’s 2000 annual meeting in Chicago. Linda’s been involved in numerous ASLCS committees including service on the Society’s Executive Committee and Mason’s Manual Commission. Linda has a strong belief in the value of the Society’s ability to provide us all with better ideas and stronger relationships. I know she values the friendships she has made among our membership. I have heard her often speak fondly of so many of our colleagues and the wonderful times together learning, laughing and growing.

Finally, as a colleague, I couldn’t have wished for anyone better with which to serve than Linda Hawker. Even though Linda and I represent different sides of the political aisle, she has always treated me as an equal, valued my opinions and done her best to help address my concerns and the concerns of my members. Linda has always put the institution of the Senate first. She is class and grace and strength and she will be missed.
My Dear Friend Linda:
I have many fond memories of our friendship. I will always remember that you were one of the first people that I met at an ASLCS meeting in the early nineties and how warm, friendly and gracious you were to me. Through all these years of joys, sadness, triumphs, challenges and chats you have always offered encouragement and support. We all owe you a debt of gratitude for your dedication to the legislative institution and the Society. You have touched the hearts and minds of many people. You will always have a special place in my heart. I am a better person because of you.

Submitted by Norman Moore
Chief Clerk of the House, Arizona

We are certainly losing a dear friend and outstanding colleague with the retirement of Linda Hawker. Linda and I have been good friends for many years. We have shared concurrent session programs, executive committee meetings, food, conversation and personal lives. I could always count on Linda for excellent advice on legislative issues and we always had a good time together. She has been an outstanding Secretary of the Illinois Senate and a kind and caring friend. I wish her the best of luck in whatever she decides to do. Hopefully we will see her at some future ASLCS meetings.

Submitted by Pat Saville
Secretary of the Senate, Kansas

Linda Hawker is a wonderful combination of knowledge, experience, charm, wit, and tenacity. Her experience and capabilities have helped make her very effective. What is more unique about Linda, however, is her attitude. She has achieved great success while having a lot of fun. I have very much enjoyed spending time with her in meetings and on projects that would have otherwise been tedious. And, she can always break the tension with the right words at the right moment. A presence like that is rare. I miss her already.

Submitted by Brad Bolin
Assistant Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Illinois

I have had the pleasure of knowing and being a friend of Linda Hawker for many years. She has a special charm about her that is admired by all. She has been a great member of ASLCS and will be missed by all. Linda, thanks for giving so much to the legislative institution. Best of luck and enjoy retirement.

Submitted by Dave Avant
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Senate, Alabama

The ASLCS is more than just a professional organization. For me, it has evolved into an opportunity to meet people who have the same job responsibilities, but who have somewhere excelled in the administration of institutions pivotal to the well-being of one’s home state. More important, ASLCS provides opportunities to make friends.

Linda Hawker is a person who has excelled in her profession. While I haven’t worked in the Illinois Legislature, Linda’s special qualities were very evident when we attended the Springfield professional development conference. Linda was the proverbial “grace under fire”—overseeing staff, taking care of unforeseen ‘glitches’, adjusting arrangements, and making sure everyone felt welcomed and at ease.

She did it all flawlessly, calmly and without outwardly displaying the stress she was under, and it was done with a smile and twinkle in her eye.

Linda, you will be missed as a senior Principal. You will be missed as a Principal to be admired, followed, emulated and copied. And you will be missed as a good friend. We await your visit to the 50th State. Aloha and Mahalo,

Submitted by Pat Mau-Shimizu
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, Hawaii

I know I will miss Linda Hawker. It is just a part of her nature to be supportive of those around her. I certainly have benefited from that as a young member of ASLCS. Of course, she’s also a hoot to be around, which doesn’t hurt. Hanging out with Linda is never boring. I’ve never known someone who could say something so funny so fast. Hopefully Linda will find time in her busy retirement to pay a visit to Madison and let me take her to lunch.

Submitted by Rob Marchant
Chief Clerk of the Senate, Wisconsin
Farewell Thoughts - Linda Hawker continued

I am truly going to miss you. It is always so nice to see you at the ASLCS meetings. There is always a constant smile on your face, a funny story to tell, and years of experience to share. I have never met anyone who can talk so fast, but I’ve finally figured it out that it’s because you have so much enthusiasm for life that you just have to share it! I know Illinois is a better place because of your many years of service, but now its time to spend time with your family, do the traveling you enjoy so much, and focus on taking care of you. I hope you will stay in touch with your many friends in ASLCS, because it’s your wisdom, strength and humor that has encouraged many of us to be better people. Thank you.

Submitted by Laura Clemens
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Ohio

In the Illinois Senate Linda Hawker is an institution. She embodies what the senate has been, what it has become, and what it aspires to be as a deliberative body. Her leaving will create a void that it is simply impossible to fill. There are very few in our profession that have been so much a part of developing and shaping their office and their respective chamber as Linda has done as Secretary. Linda Hawker will always be Madame Secretary in the Illinois Senate.

I have also learned working with Linda over the last couple of years that she is a compassionate colleague who cares deeply about our profession not just here in Illinois but in nurturing its development through participation in ASLCS. Her all out commitment and enthusiasm in hosting her second conference in 2005 was beyond compare and a strong example of what bond she has with the Society.

Linda has earned the right to move on but we will be deeply disappointed if we do not continue to see her around the halls of the Illinois Capitol and at ASLCS meetings across the land. Knowing Linda I am sure she will continue to be a good friend and a dependable resource for all of us for many, many years to come.

Submitted by Mark Mahoney
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Illinois

Linda’s many contributions to ASLCS will be missed by all of us. She has been wonderful to work with over the years and I admire her dedication and commitment to the legislative institution. She has been a wonderful friend and I hope that she will continue to visit us at future ASLCS meetings. Have fun in retirement Linda - you deserve it!

Susan Schaar
Farewell to our friend

David H. Kneale

David H. Kneale, ESQ. Retires after 37 years in the California State Senate

By Gregory P. Schmidt, Secretary of the Senate, California State Senate

Forty years ago, the people of California made a radical change in government, establishing a full-time Legislature in response to the rapid growth and increased complexity of state government. At that time, and for the immediate years following, California’s legislative branch hired and trained a cadre of professionals who would carry the burden of governance into the 21st century. Senate staff at that time was led by Secretary Joe Beek, who had served in this capacity since 1919. Nearly ninety years later, Joe’s protégés and those who remember his legacy leave in the most profound transformation of staff the modern Senate has ever experience.

Two years ago the Senate Desk lost five senior members. John Rovane was our Chief Assistant Secretary, hired in 1967 and the last of us who had actually worked under Secretary Beek (who, as you may know, was the founder of the ASLCS). John was a master parliamentarian and true man of the house who ran things on a day-to-day basis. While we still suffer from losing him, we get a great deal of joy from his new life as a retired county squire, addicted long-distance bicyclist, and animal protection activist. Walter Little, the Journal Clerk and Senate Chaplain, retired in 2004 to a new career as a Catholic deacon and activist in local charities; Walter was himself a legacy, the grandson of a California Assembly Speaker from the 1930’s. We are grateful for the loan of his grandfather’s gavel, which unfortunately was broken in an energetic moment by the former President pro Tempore, John Burton. Steve Hummelt was our long-time Amending Clerk. He knew the internal mechanics of the process better than anyone has before or since, and our great consolation lies in the fact that his daughter, Holly, moved into his office when he left. The Desk also lost Linda Regli, assistant to the Secretary, to a new life of ‘eBay’ negotiations, and Cheryl Brown, the den-

mother of the operation, to a much-deserved retirement.

The transformation is finishing this year, with the loss of our last veterans and the completion of our 21st century term. Marie Harlan, the Engrossing & Enrolling Clerk, leaves after thirty-four years of faithful and incredibly accurate service. She will be missed for her absolute devotion to the letter of the law. David Kneale, the California Legislature’s resident curmudgeon and the institutional memory of the Senate, retires at the end of December. In his unique and deliciously snide way, David as our History Clerk held the Desk together during these times of change. He has always been a dedicated professional and real rock, perhaps due to his training and experience as a Vietnam combat vet and his background as an attorney. But he is most appreciated for his dry wit, callous eye, and pure joy in observing the foibles of representative government.

Personally, I am deeply appreciative and greatly humbled by the opportunity to serve with all of these individuals during the ten years I have been Secretary and during the twenty-two years before, when I watched them run the Senate with spectacular grace and efficiency. As this year ends, we regret the loss of those first staffers who built the full-time Legislature. But we hold their friendship, legacy, and tradition of good and faithful service close in our hearts. These pioneers created a new type of institution, and our highest tribute to them is our commitment to continuing their great work in public service.
Dear David (not Dave), “Esquire”, “PC.”, mentor and friend,

I have been extremely fortunate to have worked with you the past nine years. Your guidance and wisdom have helped me learn the “ins and outs” of the legislative process. Your thought provoking conversations moved my mental furniture assisting with my understanding of parliamentarian procedure and its interpretation. I believe I will miss those conversations the most. I admire your attention to detail and your historical memory. Who will I go to and ask about an event that might have taken place in 1972? You better get that computer set up so I can email my questions.

For me, your influence goes beyond the professional. You turned me onto those darn cross word puzzles and now I’m addicted. We have reinvented the game of charades as you give me clues for the puzzle answers. I’ll remember those “blonde moments” because I’m sure to have more and think of you as you say, “gee, I could’ve been a blonde.” I will miss that interaction very much. We agree to disagree on the subject of hunting with a jibe and a smile. Although, deep in our hearts we know you are an animal lover.

David, it has been an honor and a privilege. I salute you as you head into retirement, and I wish you and Penny the best years ahead.

Your friend forever!!!

Submitted by Bernadette McNulty
Assistant Secretary of the Senate
California State Senate

As we travel through life, we are blessed to have met someone along the way that could help guide us along the path. I was blessed to have David Kneale guide me and many others throughout the years. His knowledge of the Capitol and its inner workings has helped so many of us from making complete and utter fools of ourselves! Someday we should all collaborate on a book about our years here – I am sure David will have some “classic” material to contribute. I wish David and his wife Penny many happy years together. They have earned this time together after David’s many years of service to the California Legislature and the people of the State of California.

Teri Brown, Director
Assembly Floor Analysis Unit
California State Assembly

Oh Dear David, our man of the office who knows “all” and is happy to share his vast knowledge with us. Any of you who have that person in your office who you go to for answers, ideas, where to start on a project or just insight into a process, well that’s David. He’s the starting point, the tip of the iceberg. Thank you to David for taking time to help me learn policy and procedures, research requests from the public using our publications, and taking time to be friendly and have fun along the way. I will miss you.

Submitted by Holly Hummelt
Amending Clerk
State Senate, California

I can say that if forced by law or statute I wouldn’t complain much about having to add to your retirement benefits as part of my monthly deductions. As a newly planted assistant file clerk you thoughtfully invested your time and expertise in helping me digest and maneuver through countless issues. I am and will always be a beneficiary of your straight forward talk and knowledge of the legislature. I hope to take with me many facets of your quiet yet highly competent leadership. In the future as you cast a net way out into new seas I want you to know that our House is yet a better institution than had you never set your sites on maintaining the profound integrity and history of the California State Senate.

Many thanks and deep respect from your friend and colleague…

Jamie “JT” Taylor
Assistant File Clerk
California State Senate

David Kneale, the silent rock of the Senate. Thanks for the example of strength, confidence and integrity through silence! We could always count on you to be the watch-
Farewell Thoughts - David H. Kneale continued

ful eye from the corner of the room to uphold the integrity of the Desk. There is no one person who could take your place of 30 plus years, hopefully by committee we can all pitch in and try to fill those shoes. Thanks for the support and leadership. Enjoy retirement and God speed in all of your future endeavors.

Kip Randall
Reading Clerk
California State Senate

Almost every year we have the sad task of saying good-bye to those fortunate retirees! This year will be especially sad saying good-bye to our very own, David Kneale. I will miss your expertise on the Rules and on the history of the California State Senate. I know you will be enjoying your retirement. Just know that the California State Senate will not be the same without you. It has been a privilege to not only work with you, but also knowing you. I wish you the best in your retirement, and don’t be surprised when we call on you for your expertise!

Marlissa Hernandez
Senate Daily File Clerk
California State Senate

“It’s a Parker!”

For the past year I have had the privilege of walking into the office and hearing those three little words spoken by one of the most indispensable people in California. David Kneale is one of a kind. He is unique in the way that all of us wish we were; vital, central, and without a doubt, needed. But he is leaving and with him, he takes from us our teacher, our guide, and our friend. Yet he leaves behind a career that all of us should strive to imitate. David is our legislative process guru and his absence will be felt by all whose lives he touched, professionally and personally.

Neva Marie Parker
History Clerk, California State Senate

For almost 10 years I’ve had the pleasure of watching and learning from David Kneale. His knowledge, experience and commitment to the Legislature have been an inspiration. David, thank you for your guidance and for every-

thing you’ve taught me. You’ve been a great mentor and friend. You will be missed. Good luck with the hunt of life. All my best, Paula

Submitted by Paula Rossetto
California Senate Journal Clerk

It has been a great pleasure to get to know David Kneale Esq. for the last two years. While working in and learning about the legislative process, it helps to have someone there who literally has all the answers. Answering telephones, processing amendments, and working on projects will never be the same. Having a role model like David has kept me on task and always on my toes. His humorous nature also created a fun work environment that will be hard to replace. He has left some gigantic shoes to fill, and this institution will miss him tremendously.

Submitted by Zach Twilla
Assistant Amending Clerk
Secretary of the Senate, California

David Kneale is a rock of the state Senate: He was always the first one here and always was the first on staff to have any information pertinent to the operations. It could have been vote results after elections or corrections that needed to be made to the record, maybe affirmation of rulings made. Whatever the situation David was always there to make sure the record was correct, that attention to detail and perfection was something not only I but the whole Senate took for granted. He will be sorely missed and the void he leaves will be almost impossible to replace.

On a personal note I’m very grateful to David for all the wisdom he’s imparted to me on a variety of subjects, be it parliamentary jostling, which enriched my knowledge of procedure, or sports trivia, which he had a razor sharp knowledge of, especially basketball, or his hunting expeditions, where he traveled worldwide for the big hunt. His presence will be missed and I hope he keeps his phone number or email address handy for me to refer to when I have trouble with the machinations of the Senate.

Sincerely,

David Valverde
Chief Assistant Secretary of the Senate
Let me start by saying I have seen six governors, eight Presidents pro Tempore, and countless Senators pass these hallowed halls and chambers.

Almost to a person, they have been hard working and dedicated to this state or their district. To these let me say thank you for allowing me to know you and to those I called “friend,” a special thanks.

To the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, which encompasses the Desk staff and Engrossing and Enrolling, the experiences I have had are too numerous to count. I have garnered life long friendships and take into retirement a deeper understanding of team work and a sense of what the political process is.

Even though the job always gets done in an exemplary manner, most people merely look at the results and don’t comprehend the hours and sometimes turmoil which goes into that result. You are truly the unsung heroes of the legislative process. Your uncompromising work ethic and pride embody the concept of mistakes are not an option. And in my thirty-seven years on the Desk, mistakes have been very few and far-between.

To the staff with whom I have served the longest, let me say it has been a distinct pleasure and privilege. To the ones who are just starting out, try to stick it out. There may be better pecuniary opportunities out there but none so rewarding in the accomplishments you will attain in this office. An extended family comes to mind when I think of the travails we’ve endured and have all pulled together to see each through. We’ve gone through divorces, weddings, life-threatening illnesses, births and deaths. And through it all, we survived and became stronger and closer for it.

To all, good-bye, my friends.
Committee Membership and Meeting Minutes

Bylaws and Standing Orders

Chair Pat O'Donnell (NE) called the meeting to order. Dowe Littleton (AL) agreed to serve as recorder. The following members were also present:

- Lucinda Benjamin (NV)
- George Bishop (VA)
- Faye Blanton (FL)
- Jeff Finch (VA)
- John Garrett (VA)
- Dave Gibson (VT)
- Shirley Hammon (NV)
- Bruce Jamerson (VA)
- Ramona Kenady (OR)
- Cheryl Laube (AZ)
- Sven Lindquist (MN)
- Mike Linn (MN)

Minutes from the August 14, 2006 committee meeting in Nashville were approved on a motion by Norman Moore (AZ) and seconded by Karen Wadsworth (NH). New ASLCS President Laura Clemens (OH) addressed the committee and made brief welcoming remarks.

Chair Pat O'Donnell (NE) recognized past chair Jeanine Wood (ID) who discussed her subcommittee’s work in revising the Standing Orders using an outline format. A draft of the revision of the Standing Orders was emailed to the committee prior to the last meeting in Nashville. Chair O'Donnell (NE) responded that he and Jeanine will review that draft document. Once that review is completed, a copy will be provided to the committee membership for their review and comment. The committee will discuss the document at its meeting at the ASLCS Spring Meeting in Chicago. Time permitting, the committee will also review a proposed draft of an index to the ASLCS Bylaws as prepared by past-chair Wood (ID). The current committee will endeavor to have a final report submitted to the ASLCS Executive Committee next year at either the NCSL Annual Meeting in Boston or the ASLCS Seminar in Vermont.

Chair O'Donnell (NE) will be providing a copy of the draft report to the committee membership once the initial review is completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Committee Membership and Meeting Minutes

Canadian-American Relations

Members:

Robert Altmann (WV)  John Garrett (VA)  Mike Linn (MN)
Stephen Arias (NM)  Jane Gill (NV)  Suzi Lowell (AK)
Wallace Austin (NC)  Greg Gray (WV)  Steve Marshall (VT)
Dave Avant (AL)  Judy Hall (OR)  Al Mathiowetz (MN)
Gwen Bailey (VA)  Jason Hataway (NV)  Don Milne (VT)
Diane Bell (FL)  JoAnn Hedrick (DE)  Annette Moore (UT)
Carmela Bills (VA)  Brad Hendrickson (WA)  Ann Moyle (NV)
Liz Clark (AK)  Rusti Horton (ID)  Cooper Roberts (LA)
Ann Cornwell (AR)  Emily Howard (VA)  Sherry Rodriguez (NV)
Patrice Dworak (MN)  Steven James (MA)  Paula Rossetto (CA)
Inga Emerson (DE)  Diane Keetch (NV)  Obie Rutledge (OR)
Londi Ensor (AK)  Tim Kehoe (CT)  Julianna Singh (AK)
Debra Fastner (MN)  Ann Krekelberg (AK)  Judith Schultz (WV)
Kathryn Fosnaugh (NV)  Sven Lindquist (MN)  Patsy Spaw (TX)

Pat Harris, AL  Karen Wadsworth, NH  Norm Moore, AZ
Vice-Chair  Chair  Vice-Chair

Austin, Texas - September 24, 2006

The Canadian-American Relations Committee meeting on Sunday, September 24, 2006 in Austin, Texas was called to order by Chair Karen Wadsworth.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Wallace Austin (NC)  Jane Gill (NV)  Al Mathiowetz (MN)
Diane Bell (FL)  Greg Gray (WV)  Suellen Scott (OR)
Carmela Bills (VA)  Judy Hall (OR)  Sandy Tenney (UT)
Liz Clark (AK)  Jason Hataway (NV)  Karen Wadsworth (NH)
Ann Cornwell (AR)  JoAnn Hedricks (DE)  Norman Moore (AZ)
Inga Emerson (DE)  Rusti Horton (ID)  Ann Moyle (NV)
Londi Ensor (AK)  Emily Howard (VA)  Sherry Rodriguez (NV)
Debra Fastner (MN)  Diane Keetch (NV)  Obie Rutledge (OR)
Kathryn Fosnaugh (NV)  Ann Krekelberg (AK)  Julianna Singh (AK)
John Garrett (VA)  Suzi Lowell (AK)  Judith Schultz (WV)

Chair Wadsworth provided a review of the last meeting of the committee on August 14, 2006 in Nashville, Tennessee. John Garret moved to approve the committee minutes of that meeting of the committee as printed in the Legislative Administrator and Bill Welch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Chair Wadsworth reported to the committee that one of the major responsibilities of the committee is to select a host site in the United States for the 2007 Joint Canadian-American meeting of ASLCS and the Association of the Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada (CATTS). Possible venues for the meeting that had been suggested prior to this meeting of the committee included: Madison, Wisconsin; Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Richmond, Virginia with a day trip to Williamsburg. Rob Marchant requested that Madison, Wisconsin be withdrawn from consideration due to a number of factors and Jeannine Wood indicated that she could not provide a commitment regarding Coeur d’Alene. Susan Schaar indicated that she and her staff in the Virginia Senate would welcome the opportunity and that the 400th anniversary of Jamestown would be in 2007 and could be included in a day trip to Williamsburg. Discussion ensued. Jeannine Wood moved and Judy Hall seconded the motion to accept Richmond, Virginia as the host site of the 2007 Joint Canadian-American Meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was stated that the tentative date for the Joint Meeting should be at the end of the second week in October because that is right after Columbus Day here in the U.S. and after Thanksgiving in Canada and most legislatures are not in session. The Chairman will contact CATS President Blair Armitage to discuss preferred meeting dates.

Chair Wadsworth stated that one of the other duties of the committee is to select the program topics in consultation with CATS. Previous topics included: the Role of Committees, New Member Orientation, Challenges to the Office of the Clerk; the Good, Bad, and Ugly - A Comparison of State Legislatures and Parliaments; Technology and E-Democracy; and Press Relations. She encouraged members to think about possible topics and email them to committee leadership and to be prepared to discuss program topics at the next meeting of the committee in Chicago in the spring of 2007.

Norm Moore (AZ) served as recorder for this meeting. Denise Weeks (NC) agreed to serve as recorder in the future.

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.
Committee Membership and Meeting Minutes

Inside the Legislative Process

Suzi Lowell, AK
Co-Chair

Polly Emerson, TX
Vice-Chair

Kirsten Waid, AK
Co-Chair

Members:
Robert Altmann (WV)  Leigh Goodman (NC)  Leslie McLean (UT)
Jane Atkinson (VA)  Virginia Habansky (VA)  Bernadette McNulty (CA)
Lucinda Benjamin (NV)  Stephanie Hall (AK)  Julie Medina (OR)
Joan Branson (MO)  Jacqueline Hord (MO)  Don Milne (VT)
Scott Caflery (TX)  Kathryn Jackson (UT)  Sandi Morris (KY)
Tracy Cantella (FL)  Steven James (MA)  Pat Murphy (MN)
Carmen Cauthen (NC)  Ruby Johnson (LA)  Rose Ramsey (VA)
Yolanda Dixon (LA)  Glenn Koepp (LA)  Hallie Rice (LA)
Ginny Edwards (VA)  Barbara Lecarpentier (VA)  Sherry Rodriguez (NV)
Inga Emerson (DE)  Patty Lung (VA)  Gail Romanowski (MN)
Polly Emerson (TX)  William MaGill (VT)  Julianna Singh (AK)
Londi Ensor (AK)  Patricia Mao-Shimizu (HI)  Gina Spartz (AK)

Austin, Texas - September 24, 2006

The meeting of the Inside the Legislative Process (ILP) committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The following members were present:
Jane Atkinson (VA)  Ruby Johnson (LA)  Kirsten Waid, AK, Co-Chair
Lucinda Benjamin (NV)  Glenn Koepp (LA)  William Welch (MA)
Joan Branson (MO)  Barbara Lecarpentier (VA)  Pattie Wehmeir (MO)
Carmen Cauthen (NC)  Suzi Lowell (AK)  Kathy White (MO)
Yolanda Dixon (LA)  William MaGill (VT)  David Surdez (MN)
Virginia Edwards (VA)  Leslie McLean (UT)  Bonnie Trivette (NC)
Inga Emerson (DE)  Pat Murphy (MN)  Linda Tubbs (TX)
Polly Emerson (TX)  Rose Ramsey (VA)  Kirsten Waid (AK)
Londi Ensor (AK)  Gail Romanowski (MN)  Patty Wehmeir (MO)
Leigh Goodman (NC)  Julianna C. Singh (AK)  William Welch (MA)
Virginia Habansky (VA)  Gina Spartz (AK)  Pattie Wehmeir (MO)
Stephanie Hall (AK)  David Surdez (MN)  Kathy White (MO)
Jackie Hord (MO)  Bonnie Trivette (NC)  Mary Beth Weil (VA)

Minutes of the committee meeting on August 14, 2006 in Nashville, Tennessee were approved.

Co-chair Kirsten Waid stated there were still 21 chambers that had not responded to the survey. Various committee members volunteered to contact the remaining non-responsive chambers. A copy of the survey will be emailed to all committee members, which may in turn be forwarded to chambers that may have misplaced their original survey form. The deadline to get those surveys in is, December 1, 2006.

Co-Chair Suzi Lowell informed the group that the survey results will be available online (PDF) this fall, as per Brenda Erickson.
There was a brief discussion, initiated by David Surdez (MN) on the positive uses of the ILP booklet of compiled surveys.

Laura Clemens, new ASLCS president, stopped by and voiced her thanks and support to the committee as a whole. David Surdez (MN) volunteered for the recorder position on the ILP committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Polly Emerson (TX), Vice Chair

International Communication and Development

Ann Cornwell, AR
Co-Chair

Carmela Bills, VA
Co-Chair

Inga Emerson, DE
Vice-Chair

Members:
Robert Altmann (WV)       Jeff Finch (VA)       William MaGill (VT)
Stephen Arias (NM)        Judy Hall (OR)        Rob Marchant (WI)
Wallace Austin (NC)       Jason Hataway (NV)     Steve Marshall (VT)
Dave Avant (AL)           Brad Hendrickson (WA)   Al Mathiowetz (MN)
Gwen Bailey (VA)          Russell Humphrey (TN)   Don Milne (VT)
Dave Battocletti (OH)     Steven James (MA)      Mary Phillips (NV)
Judy Barrows (ME)         Crys Jones (AK)        Susanna Purdy (NC)
Diane Bell (FL)           Diane Keetch (NV)      Melanie Reekes (VA)
George Bishop (VA)        Tim Kehoe (CT)        Sherry Rodriguez (NV)
Paul Curry (NC)           Margaret Larragoite (NM)  Paula Rossetto (CA)
Polly Emerson (TX)        Sven Lindquist (MN)  Pat Saville (KS)
Londi Ensor (AK)          Dowe Littleton (AL)  Susan Schaar (VA)

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The following members were present:
Carmela Bills, VA, Co-Chair    Crystaline Jones, AK
Inga Emerson, DE, Vice-Chair  Londi Ensor, AK
David Battocletti, OH, Recorder  Al Mathiowetz, MN
Jason Hataway, NV            Susanna Purdy, NC
Diane Keetch, NV            Wallace Austin, NC
Judy Barrows, ME            Paul Curry, NC
Judy Hall, OR             Brad Hendrickson, WA
Susan Schaar, VA          William MaGill, VT
Melanie Reekes, VA

George Bishop, VA          Denise Weeks, NC
Pat Saville, KS            Paula Rossetto, CA
Sherry Rodriguez, NV       Harriette Smith, NC
Sandy Tenney, UT           Polly Emerson, TX
Diane Bell, FL             Also in attendance:
Jeff Finch, VA             John Mandy, Western Australia

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Committee Co-Chair
Carmela Bills.
Minutes
The meeting began with approval of the minutes from the Spring Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 2006 on a motion by Denise Weeks and seconded by Susan Schaar.

New Business
Carmela Bills reviewed for the committee several main objectives of the Committee on International Communication and Development this year in fulfilling its mission. The committee has been charged with updating and printing the International Directory, led by Brad Hendrickson; developing the NCSL/ASLCS International Program for the 2007 NSCL Annual meeting in Boston, led by Jeff Finch; and continued efforts to advance good relations with ANOMAC (Mexican Clerks), and the ANZACATT (Australian Clerks). In addition, several members of the committee reported on their travel to the ANOMAC 10-Year Reunion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Judy Hall, seconded by Susan Schaar.

Respectfully submitted,
David Battocletti
Recorder

Legislative Administrator

Cathy Ferguson, OR
Vice-Chair

Obie Rutledge, OR
Chair

Todd Kenady, OR
Vice-Chair

Members:
Mardi Alexander (TX)
Faye Blanton (FL)
Scott Caffey (TX)
Claire Clift (NV)
Yolanda Dixon (LA)

Nathan Hatfield (VA)
Scott Kaiser (IL)
Ramona Kenady (OR)
Matt Landry (MA)
Bernadette McNulty (CA)

Patricia O’Donnell (NE)
Eleanor Ringle (WV)
Jeannine Wood (ID)
Betsy Ann Wask (VT)

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The members of the Legislative Administrator Committee met in Austin, Texas, at the 2006 ASLCS annual meeting. Obie Rutledge (OR), Chair, called the meeting to order and the following additional members were present:

Mardi Alexander (TX)  Hobie Lehman (VA)
Greg Gray (WV)        Suzi Lowell (AR)
Nathan Hatfield (VA)  Pat O’Donnell (NE)
Rusti Horton (ID)     Eleanor Ringle (WV)
Scott Kaiser (IL)     Nancy Tribble (NV)
Ramona Kenady (OR)    Jeannine Wood (ID)
Todd Kenady (OR)

Eleanor Ringle was asked and agreed to serve as recorder for the committee.

Upon motion of Scott Kaiser, seconded by Nathan Hatfield, the minutes of the August 14, 2006, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, were unanimously approved as submitted.

The Chair distributed copies of past issues of the newsletter, The Legislative Administrator, and asked for suggestions and comments for future additions. Ramona Kenady expressed a concern that the Executive Committee would have strict rules governing the number of pages in the Administrator and suggested that the Chair check with the
Executive Committee.

The Chair asked for volunteers to coordinate with the Roster Committee for obtaining pictures of the new principals and new members of ASLCS to be used in the upcoming publication. Nathan Hatfield volunteered to contact the Roster Committee for pictures.

At this time, Laura Clemens, newly elected President of ASLCS, visited the committee and expressed her appreciation for the great job being done on the newsletter. She thanked the new Chair and the other committee members.

Publication standards for the Legislative Administrator, along with various ideas for the next cover and enhancements of this year’s publications, were discussed and the members were asked to look for articles that might be of interest to the entire membership. The Chair would like to keep “States at a Glance” in all editions and discussion ensued concerning ways to make sure all the states were covered. The Chair also requested any information on society members who were about to retire be sent directly to him, along with pictures taken at this meeting that could be considered for publishing. Scott Kaiser volunteered to write an article for the upcoming newsletter about Linda Hawker’s retirement.

Ramona Kenady asked if it would be reasonable to omit the pictures of the chairs and vice-chairs after their initial publication in order to save space and she suggested a “Welcome to the Society” page for new member pictures in the spring and summer editions. An idea for an article on the Exchange Program was discussed and it was suggested that it contain impressions from those who attended as well as those who hosted.

There being no further business to be brought before the committee, on motion of Jeannine Wood, seconded by Scott Kaiser, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Ringel
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Membership and Communication

Members:
Michelle Adams (NC)  Martha Hopson (AK)
Joan Branson (MO)    Bruce Jamerson (VA)
Karen Brown (UT)     Ruby Johnson (LA)
Tracy Cantella (FL)  Pamm Juker (ID)
Beth Dingus (VA)     Ann Krekelberg (AK)
Ginny Edwards (VA)   Jeannine Layell (VA)
Betty Francis (TN)   Barbara Lecarpentier (VA)
Janice Gadd (VA)     Patricia Mao Shimizu (HI)
Dave Gibson (VT)     Jim McElroy (NC)

Austin, Texas - September 24, 2006
The Membership and Communication Committee met on Sunday, September 24, 2006 in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order with Annette Moore (UT), Co-Chair, presiding.

The following members were present:
Moore, Annette, Co-Chair, UT
Eddins, Marilyn, Co-Chair, CO
McLean, Leslie, Vice Chair, UT
Aceves, Susan (AZ)
Adams, Michelle (NC)
Altmann, Robert (WV)
Branson, Joan (MO)
Brown, Karen (UT)
Cauthen, Carmen (NC)
Dingus, Beth (VA)
Edwards, Ginny (VA)
Gadd, Janice (UT)
Gibson, David (VT)

Overview
Annette Moore presented an overview of what was expected of the committee for the year ahead. The committee will select a theme and an ice-breaker activity for the New Attendee Orientation in 2007. The committee will also revise the orientation brochure and continue the buddy program.

New Attendee Orientation
Theme
In the discussion of a theme for the orientation program, it was decided that the committee wanted to incorporate something of Vermont into the theme. Dave Gibson stated
that Ben and Jerry’s ice cream has a huge presence in Burlington, and the suggestion was made to have an ice cream party. The group decided that the activity should include interaction with everyone. Annette encouraged all to use their creativity and email ideas to her.

Pin contest
It was decided to continue the pin contest, but a decision about the prize to be awarded will be made at a later meeting.

Sponsors
The committee will continue to assign one sponsor for two new attendees.

Questionnaires
Carmen stated that she will email the results of the new attendee wrap up questionnaires as soon as she is able to compile them. The results will be reviewed at the spring meeting in Chicago.

New attendee sign up
The idea of having a sign up table at registration manned by committee members was discussed. Having a table with information and greeters for new attendees seemed to work well in Illinois.

Hospitality Suite
There was discussion about having a designated time in the hospitality suite for new attendees. Some do not arrive in time for the orientation meeting, and it would be advantageous to have a designated time and place for new attendees to network with each other and with veteran members.

Buddy Program
Laura Clemens, President of ASLCS, arrived and advised the committee that she would like to continue the Buddy Program initiated by Past President, JoAnn Hedrick. Marilyn Eddins will obtain the current information from Carmen and continue to pair members with a buddy.

Web Page for New Attendees
It was suggested that another resource for new attendees could be a link on the ASLCS website. Sometimes new attendees don’t receive a welcoming letter or a letter from a sponsor and it might be a good idea to have information readily available.

Communication with Members
A suggestion was made that information needing to be shared with the entire ASLCS membership could be relayed to the chair of this committee and then disseminated with the help of committee membership. It would give some assistance to the NCSL liaison.

Annette Moore asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. There being none, Jim Schratz moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Bruce Jamerson.

Beth Dingus, Fiscal officer from Virginia, volunteered to perform the duties of recorder for future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Eddins, Co-Chair
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Professional Journal

Crys Jones, AK
Vice-Chair

Hobie Lehman, VA
Chair

Pat Mau-Shimizu, HI
Vice-Chair

Members:
Dave Battocletti (OH)
Scott Caflery (TX)
Claire Clift (NV)
Adam Crumbliss (MO)
Yolanda Dixon (LA)
Ginny Edwards (VA)

Matt Landry (MA)
Leslie McLean (UT)
Bernadette McNulty (CA)
Tara Perkinson (VA)
Mary Phillips (NV)
Ron Smith, II (LA)

Butch Speer (LA)
Britton Taylor (OR)
Patti Wehmeir, (MO)
Kathy White (MO)
BetsyAnn Wrask (VT)

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Hobie Lehman, Chair, called the Professional Journal Committee to order at 3:15 p.m.

The following members were present:
Crys Jones, AK
Pat Mau-Shimizu, HI
Adam Crumbliss, MO
Kathy White, MO
Pattie Wehmeir, MO
Ron Smith, LA

Ginny Edwards, VA
Leslie McLean, UT
Mary Phillips, NV
David Battocletti, OH
Claire Clift, NV
Tara Perkinson, VA

Hobie announced the deadline to submit articles for the Fall 2006 Professional Journal is November 1.

The committee discussed different options for recruiting articles and possible ideas for the upcoming, as well as future, editions.

The committee recognized the contribution of Susan Schaar, VA. Her office funded the printing and mailing of the Fall and Spring Professional Journal. It was noted that Susan will do the same for the upcoming Fall Professional Journal.

Tara Perkinson made a motion the committee approve the minutes of the last meeting. Ginny Edwards seconded it and the committee passed the motion unanimously.

Hobie asked for volunteers to join the editorial board. The committee decided Ginny Edwards, Claire Clift, Pat Mau-Shimizu, Tara Perkinson and Crys Jones will make up the editorial board.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.
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Program Development

Members:

Michelle Adams (NC)   Beth Dingus (VA)   Bruce Jamerson (VA)   Susanna Purdy (NC)
Susan Aceves (AZ)      Molly Dondero (NV)  Ruby Johnson (LA)      Eleanor Ringle (WV)
Roberrt Altman (WV)    Marguerite Duda (WV) Scott Kaiser (IL)       Susan Schaar (VA)
Mary Andrus (UT)       Marilyn Eddins (CO)  Ramona Kenady (OR)     Patricia Mao Shimizu (HI)
Judy Barrows (ME)      Jeff Finch (VA)      Todd Kenady (OR)       Sharon Soliere (AZ)
Lucinda Benjamin (NV)  Kim Flasher (OH)     Glenn Koepp (LA)       David Surdez (MN)
Johnye Bennett (VA)    Eric Fowler (NH)     Cheryl Laube (AZ)      Nancy Tribble (NV)
George Bishop (VA)     Betty Francis (TN)   Dowe Littleton (AL)     Bonnie Trivette (NC)
Faye Blanton (FL)      Janice Gadd (VA)     Charlotte Mary (VA)    Linda Tubbs (TX)
Joan Branson (MO)      Jane Gill (NV)       Jim McElroy (NC)       Tricia Vaughn (VA)
Jay Braxton (VA)        Anna Hanback (VA)  Julie Medina (OR)      Maureen Wilson (UT)
Karen Brown (UT)      Jacqueline Hord (MO)  Pat Murphy (MN)        David Surdez (MN)
Tracy Cantella (FL)    Russell Humphrey (TN) Patrick O’Donnell (NE)  Connie Peltier (MN)
Carmen Cauthen (NC)    Kathryn Jackson (UT)

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The following members were present:

Pat Saville (KS)       Karen Brown (UT)   Scott Kaiser (IL)      Janet Pruitt (NC)
Nathan Hatfield (VA)   Carmen Cauthen (NC)  Ramona Kenady (OR)     Susanna Purdy (NC)
Norma Chastain (AZ)    Beth Dingus (VA)   Cheryl Laube (AZ)      David Surdez (MN)
Susan Aceves (AZ)      Molly Dondero (NV)  Charlotte Mary (VA)    Nancy Tribble (NV)
Michelle Adams (NC)    Marguerite Duda (WV) Jim McElroy (NC)       Bonnie Trivette (NC)
Robert Altman (WV)     Marilyn Eddins (CO)  Pat Murphy (MN)        Maureen Wilson (UT)
Mary Andrus (UT)       Jeff Finch (VA)      Connie Peltier (MN)
Judy Barrows (ME)      Eric Fowler (NH)     On motion of Connie Peltier, seconded by Jay Braxton, minutes from the August 14, 2006, Nashville, Tennessee, meeting were adopted.
Lucinda Benjamin (NV)  Janice Gadd (UT)      
Johnye Bennett (VA)    Jackie Hord (MO)      
George Bishop (VA)     Kathy Jackson (UT)      
Joan Branson (MO)      Bruce Jamerson (VA)      
Jay Braxton (VA)       Ruby Johnson (LA)      

The Chair announced that the 2007 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar is scheduled for September 12 - 17, 2007, in Burlington, Vermont. The schedule will paral-
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The Texas PDS, running Wednesday through Monday, with the Capitol visit planned for Friday. As the program develops, it may necessitate a change in days and/or times for plenary and/or concurrent sessions.

The Chair reminded the committee that the Support Staff Committee will be responsible for planning two concurrent sessions as well as providing facilitators for the staff breakouts.

Vice-Chair Nathan Hatfield announced that the Technology Committee will also be responsible for planning two concurrent sessions.

The committee agreed that a total of ten concurrent topics was suitable, noting that the agenda would then allow participants to choose between two topics.

The Chair announced that President Clemens has directed the committee to select topics for three plenary sessions. In addition to the usual parliamentary session, Chair Pat Saville offered Generations and Differences in Gender.

The Chair encouraged the completion of program evaluations and noted that the results from attendees’ evaluations would create a list of other possible topics which will be shared with committee members via e-mail as soon as they become available.

The Chair announced that the goal of the committee is to have the preliminary program finalized following the Spring Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, March 30 - April 1, 2007, so that panelists and facilitators for the program can then be scheduled. The Chair reminded the committee that voluntary participation as a panelist or facilitator would be expected of committee members.

**Program Format**

Members expressed the need for more time at the Capitol to permit tours of both chambers as well as the Capitol. Members discussed the possibility of not holding a plenary session at the Capitol and the need to allocate more time to visit host state work areas and participate in staff breakouts. It was noted that the trip from Burlington to Montpelier would take approximately 40 minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of starting earlier (West Coast participants expressed their appreciation for the start times used in Texas and noted the Vermont meeting will mean another hour’s time difference) as well as the need for punctuality. It was noted that this year’s program occasionally prohibited facilitators from completing their programs and/or participants from attending a scheduled program. The committee agreed that transition time between meetings should be allocated in next year’s program.

Vice-Chair Norma Chastain noted that the Support Staff Committee members had endorsed the breakout portion of this year’s program, particularly the small group environment which allowed for more participation.

**Program Topics**

Committee members offered and discussed the following topics:

- Prayer in the Chamber (court rulings for principals)
- Parliamentary Session concentrating on one of the major components of Mason’s - perhaps choosing for discussion 7 or 8 sections that are applied in various states
- Interactive Legislative Glossary Alphabet Game (A=act, B=Bill, C=committee, etc.)
- Legislative “Off the Record”
- Jeopardy Game - (interactive PowerPoint presentation) ideas on procedures and practices as well as international relations

**Program Development for NCSL**

Susan Clarke Schaar explained the role of the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee of NCSL and, particularly, the requirement of ASLCS’s Program Development Committee to propose ideas to be sponsored by one or more staff sections during the NCSL Annual Meeting. In addition, ASLCS will be responsible for cosponsoring the mega session for non-policy staff sections in connection with the Legislative Effectiveness Committee. Natalie O’Donnell, NCSL Liaison to ASLCS, will assist the committee in this effort during the Spring Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, March 30 - April 1, 2007.

President Laura Clemens addressed the committee, thanking the officers and members for their leadership and participation.

On motion of Karen Brown, the committee adjourned.
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**Roster**

Jane Atkinson, VA  Co-Chair
Virginia Habansky, VA  Vice-Chair
Rose Ramsey, VA  Co-Chair

Members:
Mardi Alexander (TX)  Stephanie Hall (AK)  Patty Lung (VA)
Polly Emerson (TX)  Shirley Hammon (NV)  Dana Miller (MO)
Cathy Ferguson (OR)  Cyndy Johnston (OR)  Trish OBrion (VA)
Dave Gibson (VT)  Pamm Juker (ID)  Hallie Rice (LA)
Jason Hataway (NV)  Jeannine Layell (VA)  Cooper Roberts (LA)
Betty Francis (TN)  Barbara Lecarpentier (VA)  Gail Romanowski (MN)

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The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Co-chair Rose Ramsey. Barbara Lecarpentier was selected as Recorder for the 2006-2007 Roster Committee. The following members were in attendance:

Jane Atkinson, VA  Jeannine Layell, VA  Jim Schratz (AR)
Johnye Bennett, VA  Barbara Lecarpentier  Jacqueline Scott (VA)
Polly Emerson, TX  Dana Miller, MO  Diane Whitaker (VA)
David Gibson, VT  Melanie Reckes, VA  Susan Whitford (NV)
Leigh Goodman, NC  Gail Romanowski, MN  Alan Whittington (TN)
Virginia Habansky, VA  Jim Schratz, AR  Mary Beth Weil (VA)
Stephanie Hall, AK  Jackie Scott, VA
Cyndy Johnston, OR  Kyle Wentz, NV
Shirley Hammon, NV  Susan Whitford, NV

The minutes of the August 14, 2006, committee meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, were read and approved.

Co-chair Rose Ramsey distributed copies of the ASLCS Standing Orders for The Roster and Reference Guide to all the new members of the committee. The committee reviewed a listing of all the legislative chambers that have not responded to the request for updated Roster information. The committee co-chairs announced that a cut-off date of November 1, 2006 will be used for all principal and associate changes.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cyndy Johnston, and seconded by Jim Schratz, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lecarpentier, Recorder
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Site Selection

Members:
Michelle Adams (NC)  Cathy Ferguson (OR)  Todd Kenady (OR)  Paula Rossetto (CA)
Martti Alexander (TX)  Kathryn Fosnaugh (NV)  Ann Krekelberg (AK)  Obie Rutledge (OR)
Mary Andrus (UT)  Betty Francis (TN)  Margaret Larragoite (NM)  Judith Schultz (WV)
Dave Avant (AL)  Janice Gadd (VA)  Daine Marshall (IN)  Jacqueline Scott (VA)
Gwen Bailey (VA)  Judy Hall (OR)  Charlotte Mary (VA)  Britton Taylor (OR)
Carmela Bills (VA)  Anna Hanback (VA)  Jim McElroy (NC)  Tricia Vaughn (VA)
Jay Braxton (VA)  Nathan Hatfield (VA)  Annette Moore (UT)  Denise Weeks (NC)
Norma Chastain (AZ)  Emily Howard (VA)  Trish OBrion (VA)  Patience Worrel (TX)
Ann Cornwell (AR)  Russell Humphrey (TN)  Connie Peltier (MN)  Joyce Wright (AL)
Beth Dingus (VA)  Pamm Juker (ID)  Susanna Purdy (NC)  
Marguerite Duda (WV)  Diane Keetch (NV)  Eleanor Ringle (WV)  
Patrice Dworak (MN)  Tim Kehoe (CT)  Cooper Roberts (LA)  

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The following members were present:
Susan Aceves, AZ  Marguerite Duda, WV  Charlotte Mary, VA  Paula Rosetto, CA
Michelle Adams, NC  Marilyn Eddins, CO  Jim McElroy, NC  Obie Rutledge, OR
Mardi Alexander, TX  Kathryn Fosnaugh, NV  Annette Moore, UT  Susan Schaar, VA
Robert Altmann, WV  Janice Gadd, UT  Ann Moyle, NV  Judith Schultz, WV
Mary Andrus, UT  Pat Geddis, CO  Connie Peltier, MN  Jackie Scott, VA
Judy Barrows, ME  Greg Gray, WV  Janet Pruitt, NC  Alice Shafer, WV
Dora Belcher, WV  Judy Hall, OR  Susanna Purdy, NC  Lori Summers, WV
Johnye Bennett, VA  Joyce Holden, WV  Melanie Reekes, VA  Sandy Tenney, UT
Carmela Bills, VA  Emily Howard, VA  Eleanor Ringel, WV  Lora Thompson, WV
Jay Braxton, VA  Diane Keetch, NV  Sherry Rodriguez, NV  Denise Weeks, NC
Norma Chastain, AZ  Todd Kenady, OR  Jeff Rogers, WV  
Kristin Canterbury, WV  Jeannine Layell, VA  
Liz Clark, AK  Hokie Lehman, VA  
Michael Cote, ME  Millie MacFarland, ME  
Beth Dingus, VA  Pat-Mau Shimizu, HI  

Chair Tenney called the meeting of the Site Selection Committee to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked committee members to introduce themselves. Judy Hall, OR, made a motion to adopt the Site Selection Committee minutes dated August 14, 2006. There being no objection, the
Chair Tenney explained the committee is charged with recommending a location for the 2009 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar to the Executive Committee. She informed members that locations are in place for 2007 (Burlingame, VT) and for 2008 (Reno, NV).

Chair Tenney further stated that staff from Oklahoma has expressed interest in hosting the PDS in 2009, but the committee is invited to make other suggestions.

Denise Weeks, NC, inquiries regarding Hawaii as a host state. Pat Mau-Shimizu, HI, commented that the costs of food and lodging in Hawaii are comparable to other states. Millie MacFarland, ME, indicated that Hawaii has presented itself as a possible destination in years past and concerns were raised to the Executive Committee at that time. Pat recalled those concerns, but reiterated that Hawaii would like to host but would defer to the wisdom of the Executive Committee. Susan Schaar, VA, suggested that perhaps “things have changed” since Hawaii has recently hosted meetings of NCSL, Sergeants-at-Arms and Speakers of the House.

Chair Tenney called on committee members to explain what is entailed hosting different types of conferences. Norma Chastain reported on the Arizona experience in hosting the 2003 PDS. Norma indicated it was a “great learning experience” and “you get to know a lot of people.” She said Arizona received good support from NCSL and the Executive Committee of ASLCS.

Co-Chair Judy Barrows explained that she understood there were instances of “semi hybrid” meetings like the one held in Couer d’Alene, Idaho [1999] where the state legislature did not appropriate funding; however, assistance was received from tourist organizations, large businesses and lobbying entities in the state.

Chair Tenney recognized ASLCS President-Elect Laura Clemens who agreed that a no-host state doesn’t equal no commitment, but that it can make for a great conference. She urged committee members to “pick a great place for 2009.”

Chair Tenney invited Susan Schaar, VA, to address a recent issue raised in the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee section of NCSL. Susan suggested the possibility of one or more NCSL sections (for example ASLCS and NALIT) holding concurrent meetings and having a joint plenary or social event. She asked the committee to take this under consideration for 2010. Susan indicated the potential for Virginia to host the 2010 PDS and her interest in holding the 2010 meeting in conjunction with NALIT. Denise Weeks, NC, voiced concern that the addition of another 100 people might make it even more difficult to house all the conference participants in one hotel. Susan acknowledged this concern, saying she would not advocate a concurrent meeting every year. Chair Tenney summed up by saying the final decision on this issue would rest with the Executive Committee.

Chair Tenney solicited ideas for other possible 2009 locations and Diane Keetch, NV, suggested Brad Hendrickson, WA, had mentioned that Olympia might be interested in hosting the PDS at some time in the future.

Chair Tenney invited the Nevada staff to report on their plans for the 2008 meeting. Mary Jo Mongelli, NV, reported her boss had signed a contract with the Silver Legacy Hotel. There was discussion that Nevada might not be able to fund transportation to the Capitol from Reno (approximately $10,000). Susan Schaar asserted that between Virginia and North Carolina, “We will raise the money for busses to go to the Capitol.” The dates for the Nevada meeting were reported to be the first week of October 2008.

Chair Tenney asked about the possibility of Virginia hosting 2010 and Susan Schaar said there was a 50% chance the meeting could be held in Richmond. She also suggested Chair Tenney contact Kevin Maddigan in Rhode Island regarding potential hosting.

Judy Hall, OR, and Susan Schaar, VA, explained the function of the Executive Committee in making the final determination regarding any site selection and welcomed all members to attend any meeting of the Executive Committee. Members were reminded that all ASLCS meetings are open to all members.

Chair Tenney wrapped up the meeting by asking committee members to write or call with any questions or comments, concluding, “We are a team.”

Norma Chastain moved to adjourn. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.
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Support Staff

Susan Whitford, NV  Vice-Chair
Cyndy Johnston, OR  Chair
Bo Hoover, WV  Vice-Chair

Members:
Emily Howard (VA)  Kim Flasher (OH)
Mary Andrus (UT)  Kathryn Fosnaugh (NV)
Jane Atkinson (VA)  Eric Fowler (NH)
Dora Belcher (WV)  Betty Francis (TN)
Lucinda Benjamin (NV)  John Garrett (VA)
Johnye Bennett (VA)  Pat Geddis (CO)
Jay Braxton (VA)  Jane Gill, (NV)
Paul Campos (WA)  Leigh Goodman (NC)
Kristin Canterbury (WV)  Virginia Habansky (VA)
Norma Chastain (AZ)  Stephanie Hall (AK)
Liz Clark (AK)  Shirley Hammon (NV)
Molly Dondero (NV)  Anna Hanback (VA)
Marguerite Duda (WV)  Joyce Holder (WV)
Patrice Dworak (MN)  Jacqueline Hord (MO)
Debra Fastner (MN)  Kathryn Jackson (UT)

Cheryl Laube (AZ)  Jeff Rogers (WV)
Mike Linn (MN)  Julianna Singh (AK)
Dowe Littleton (AL)  Ron Smith, II (LA)
Patty Lung (VA)  Sharon Soliere (AZ)
Charlotte Mary (VA)  Lori Sumners (WV)
Dana Miller (MO)  David Surdez (MN)
Sandi Morris (KY)  Ann-Marie Sweeney (PA)
Ann Moyle (NV)  Britton Taylor (OR)
Pat Murphy (MN)  Lora Thompson (WV)
Connie Peltier (MN)  Bonnie Trivette (NC)
Tara Perkinson (VA)  Tricia Vaughn (VA)
Joan Ramano (AZ)  Patti Wehmeir (MO)
Rose Ramsey (VA)  Diane Whitaker (VA)
Hallie Rice (LA)  Alan Whittington (TN)
Cooper Roberts (LA)  Mary Beth Weil (VA)

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Ron Smith II, LA  Jackie Hord, MO
Debra Fastner, MN  Liz Clark, AK
Erik Fowler, NH  Pattie Wehmeir, MO
Virginia Habansky, VA  Bonnie Trivette, NC
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Shirley Hammon, NV  Emily Howard, VA
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Lora Thompson, WV  Jay Braxton, VA
Dana Miller, MO  Lucinda Benjamin, NV
Lori Summers, WV  Cheryl Laube, AZ
Kathy Jackson, UT  Norma Chastain, AZ
Dora Belcher, WV  Tara Perkinson, VA
Mary Andrus, UT  David Surdez, MN
Joan Romano, AZ  Jane Gill, NV
Stephanie Hall, AK  Dowe Littleton, AL
Johnye Bennett, VA  John Garrett, VA
Charlotte Mary, VA

The committee was convened by Committee Chair, Cynthia Johnston from the Oregon Senate at 2:30 pm, September 24, 2006 in Austin, Texas. The Chair introduced
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herself and Vice-Chair Susan Whitford and announced that Debra Fastner would be the recorder.

**Associate Exchange Program**

Diane Bell, Assistant Clerk of the Florida House gave a talk to the members of the committee regarding the Associate Exchange Program. Diane shared a bit of her great experience when she visited the Virginia Senate through the exchange program. She emphasized the value of the program for both the visitor and host state staff. She also encouraged members to take a serious look at participating in the program. There is money available through the Society to help defer the cost and mentioned some states are willing to host two people at a time.

Chair Johnston gave the following time line for the Associate Exchange Program:

- **October 4** ....... Letter of invitation to Principals to participate during the 2007 session
- **October 22** ...... Responses back from Principals regarding their involvement in program
- **November 1** .... Letters of invitation to Associates with names of the states participating
- **November 22** .. Letters to Associates with names of participants for 2007 program.

Chair Johnston asked for volunteers to help with the Associate Exchange Program. Paul Campos (Washington Senate) volunteered to assist with the Program.

**Breakout sessions for 2007 Fall Seminar**

Norma Chastain (Arizona House), liaison from the Program Committee, led a discussion about the Support Staff Committee’s responsibility in creating topics for the breakout sessions. Committee members talked about the breakout sessions they had attended during the Austin conference. Everyone was in agreement regarding the importance of these sessions for future meetings. The consensus was they were very informative and an important part of the seminar for the associates.

There was support for the idea of holding a Job Fair as a concurrent session for next year’s seminar. Committee members were asked to submit their priorities for Job Fair exhibits.

There being no further discussion, Cynthia Johnston adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.
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Technology

Members:
Stephen Arias (NM)  Debra Fastner (MN)
Wallace Austin (NC) Jane Gill (NV)
David Battoletti (OH) Jason Hataway (NV)
Johnye Bennett (VA) Nathan Hatfield (VA)
Karen Brown (UT) Brad Hendrickson (WA)
Claire Clift (NV) Cyndy Johnston (OR)
Paul Curry (NC) Crys Jones (AK)
Mary Dondero (NV) Scott Kaiser (IL)
Matt Landry (MA) Jim Schratz (AR)
Jeannine Layell (VA) Ron Smith, II (LA)
Betty Francis (TN) Ann-Marie Sweeney (PA)
Rob Marchant (WI) Nancy Tribble (NV)
Steve Marshall (VT) Kyle Wentz (NV)
Dana Miller (MO) Susan Whitford (NV)
Mary Phillips (NV) Maureen Wilson (UT)
Tim Rice (IL) BetsyAnn Wrask (VT)

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Eric Fowler, NH Maureen Wilson, UT
Mary Dondero, NV Dana Miller, MO
Tim Rice, IL Nancy Tribble, NV
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Jim Schratz, AR Mary Phillips, NV
Brad Hendrickson, WA Debra Fastner, MN
Scott Kaiser, IL Cyndy Johnston, OR
David Battoletti, OH Nathan Hatfield, VA
Wallace Austin, NC Steve Marshall, VT

New Business
Thanks to Brad Hendrickson and Scott Kaiser for their work on the concurrent sessions sponsored by the committee. Thanks also to Rob Marchant, chair of the committee last year.

Technology Survey
The Chair noted that the survey had been approved by the committee at its meeting in Nashville. He will work with Natalie O’Donnell on distribution and collection of the survey to each chamber, as well as with the redistribution of the data.

NALIT Coordination
Discussion took place on the possibility of coordination with NALIT on piggy-back conference. Rob Marchant mentioned that he had heard of such talk within NALIT, but with no specifics. Tim Rice, Illinois, advised that NALIT has expressed an interest in coordinating. NALIT also has a technology survey and we could possibly coordinate on that effort. Technology issues are difficult to keep...
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Discussion of possibly establishing a subcommittee to explore this topic with NALIT. It was noted that encouraging our own IT personnel to become members of NALIT could also be beneficial.

**Video Recording**
The Chair mentioned his interest in web casting and video recording. Encouraged by the attempts at video outreach, Rob Marchant noted that two concurrent sessions were recorded this year. In two weeks we hope to have a link on ASLCS web site with an e-mail link being sent to every principal. Noticed some technical hurdles in recording, especially with lighting. Anyone with plans or thoughts about video recording for next year’s meeting are asked to contact the Chair or either Vice-Chair.

**Concurrent Sessions for Vermont Meeting**
The committee has been asked to sponsor two concurrent sessions next year. Considerations: electronic forms, question forum, survey results review, technology that hasn’t worked. Further discussion on technology question forum. Some IT and non-IT people on panel. Noted that list serve is useful to handle some of these questions between meetings. Could format as open-ended discussion on specific issue. Jim Schratz noted that NALIT often has demonstrations without formal presentations. Could have presentation of what has been done in last 5 years that has drastically improved the process. Could involve 6-8 states with demonstrations.

**Old Business**
Rob Marchant took up roster update submissions online. Would be easier to fill out than forms. Laura Clemons, ASLCS President-elect, noted that such a change would be excellent. She also noted that this year there had been some trouble with committee selection forms submitted online. It was suggested that some type of return receipt be used to confirm. Programs exist, free from cost, that allow organizations to establish surveys online. Could use such a program for this purpose. Form would need to be set up, then an e-mail link sent to appropriate people. The program would then tabulate the information and can be downloaded into different formats with fairly wide latitude of formats to use. Kay from NCSL did not believe that NCSL would have a problem with such a vehicle being used.

**Adjournment**
Motion: Jim Schratz, Arkansas
Second: David Bottoletti,
State senators come and go, but McDowell Lee since 1963 has remained secretary of the Alabama Senate.

The 81-year-old former lawmaker, who is paid $270,636 a year, manages the 70 to 80 people who work for the Senate when the Legislature meets.

He enforces many Senate rules. Woe be unto the reporter who isn’t dressed properly in the Senate press box. Make that the reporter who used to be in the press box.

Lee helps the Senate’s presiding officer, usually the lieutenant governor, interpret Senate rules and state laws when disputes surface on the Senate floor. He is widely recognized as an expert on parliamentary procedure.

He also presided over the Senate once, if only for a little while, and may soon preside again.

Back in early January 1995, there was no lieutenant governor. Former Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom Jr. had become governor after Gov. Guy Hunt’s removal from office, and Lt. Gov.-elect Don Siegelman was about a week away from taking office.

So Lee called the Senate to order and presided over its organizational session until senators elected a president pro-tem to lead them. Lee cited a 1938 state Supreme Court opinion as his authority for stepping in.

Lee could preside again Tuesday if Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley is unable to attend when senators once more gather to elect their pro-tem. Baxley suffered a stroke on Thanksgiving morning and has been through weeks of therapy at a rehabilitation hospital.

Lee would call the Senate to order, take nominations from senators for the next president pro-tem and oversee the vote if Baxley were unable to make it.

John Hamm, Baxley’s chief of staff, said she plans to gavel the Senate to order. “She is steadily improving every day,” Hamm said. “The plan is for her to be there.”

Lee said he hopes to remain secretary through another four-year term of the Legislature, and that money isn’t the reason. He could retire and make almost as much as his current salary, a state retirement official said.

Lee said his salary was $36,000 a year when he took the job in 1963, and he has taken cost-of-living raises along with other state employees over the years.

Lee’s annual salary exceeds the $96,361 earned by Gov. Bob Riley and the $172,515 earned by state schools Superintendent Joe Morton.

It’s below the annual salaries of $400,000 for Auburn University President Ed Richardson, $476,275 for Retirement Systems of Alabama chief executive David Bronner, $487,620 for University of Alabama President Robert Witt, $487,620 for UAB President Carol Garrison and $500,000 for University of Alabama System Chancellor Malcolm Portera.

State Sen. Bradley Byrne, R-Montrose, said Lee is worth every cent of his salary.

“He is the foremost authority in the United States on state legislative procedure,” Byrne said. “If we didn’t have him, we’d be paying some highly paid consultant to give us advice on how to do something.”

Lee said, “I like what I’m doing. This is my hobby and my life’s work, and I thoroughly enjoy it. I enjoy the legislative process. I enjoy dealing with people.”

“He gets frustrated when the Senate doesn’t go by the rules or the constitution or the statutes. It makes him shake his head,” said Sen. Pat Lindsey, D-Butler.

Montgomery lobbyist Tom Coker said Lee delights in running a tight ship on the seventh floor of the State House. “That’s his pride and joy,” Coker said. “He requires everybody, including himself, to toe the line.”

Byrne, who was first elected to the Senate in November 2002, said Lee coached him on Senate rules, things such as how to get a local bill out of committee and how to handle a bill on the Senate floor.

Byrne said he and many other senators call the Senate secretary Mr. Lee. “It’s not just his age that we’re respecting,” Byrne said. “It’s the position he holds as the master of the organization and rules of the Senate. He’s a living history book.”
Lee said he learned the importance of rules, and of following and knowing them, while serving in the state House of Representatives from Barbour County in 1954-62. Lee said he wasn’t a great debater, but people thought he was a master because he knew and used House rules.

Lee, who once worked as an FBI special agent, farmed for a living in his native Barbour County and also owned interests in timberland and a bank in Clio. But politics runs in his family, and Lee served as mayor of Clio before winning a House seat.

Campaigned for Wallace:

Lee also got to know another Barbour County politician, George Wallace. Lee was campaign manager of Wallace’s 1958 run for governor, the only one Wallace ever lost, as Lee’s friends remind him.

Lee said that in 1963, he was then-Gov. Wallace’s legislative liaison. Then Jesse E. Speight, secretary of the Senate since 1923, died in July 1963. A few days later, senators voted 35-0 to appoint Lee.

Montgomery lawyer Jere Beasley, 71, who presided over the Senate as lieutenant governor in 1971-79, said Lee taught him the Senate rules.

“He trained me,” Beasley said. “He spent weeks teaching me the rules before the first session started. He also guided me through a lot of tough times. If I had a question, I could ask him. He’d know the answer immediately. He never misled you.”

Beasley urged Lee not to retire.

“He won’t leave, in my opinion, and it would be a mistake for him to leave. He’s still mentally alert,” Beasley said. “I don’t know of anybody who could replace him.”

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DAVID WHITE News staff writer
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Delaware

Pumpkin Chunking or Punkin’ Chunkin’!

One...two.... three...FOUR --- HOLD your hat and let it ROAR!!! I’m not too sure what the customary call to fire... launch, a pumpkin nearly three quarters of a mile is....

but one thing is for sure...Punkin’ Chunkin’ is an event that is not equalled anywhere else in the world. Huge John Deere tractor engines are geared up to twirlly-bird type riggings almost 30 feet tall. Cannons mounted atop what looks like revamped “Desert Storm” vehicles shoot pumpkins, sometimes three and four at a time in demonstration ceremonies. Brightly painted launch tubes structured with what may be discarded parts of the Bay Bridge, backhoes, telephone poles, and generic implements of destruction, are on the firing line.

Tens of thousands of people will make it to this year’s charity event on Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 4th and 5th). Young and old will meet and greet.

The Punkin’ Chunkin celebration marks the fall season with a down home country splendor that is not matched. For years this event has been described as one big Jerry Garcia field party, gone 90’s. Dogs, cats, pet pigs, children, grandmas, grandpas, hippies, bikers, spies from third world countries, policewomen and men, shorthairs and longhairs, suits and ties.... will all mingle and share the spirit of America that Punkin’ Chunkin’ will bring to the eastern shore of Delaware.

Massachusetts

A Joint Constitutional Convention Session reconvened on November 9 to consider various Legislative and Initiative Amendments to the Constitution. Included on the agenda were two proposals to define marriage under the Constitution as that being between one man and one woman. Currently, Massachusetts is the only state that legally recognizes same sex marriages. Of the two issues on the Joint Session agenda, one was a Legislative Amendment to the Constitution (101 votes required). If approved it would ban all same sex marriages, even for the hundreds of Massachusetts couples already married. The other proposal was an Initiative Amendment needing a “yea” vote of only one-fourth (50) of the members. It would prohibit same sex couples from getting married, but protect the rights of those already married. If similarly approved by the next Legislature, the measure or measures would appear on the next state election ballot.

After completing all other items on the Calendar, the Legislative Amendment was debated for several hours. It became obvious during the debate that neither side was supportive of the Legislative Amendment; and by a required roll call it was rejected by a unanimous vote of none in favor to 196 opposed. The opponents of same sex marriage, suspecting that they possessed more that the 50 votes required to advance the Initiative Amendment, had decided to hinge their chances on it and let the Legislative Amendment die. They needed only to assure that the Initiative Amendment was called for a vote before the Joint Session recessed or adjourned. Before proceeding to the Initiative Amendment, however, a motion to recess the Joint Session until the last day of the 2005-2006 Session (Tuesday, January 2, 2007) prevailed by a vote of 109 to 87.

Opponents of same sex marriage will have only one more chance to gain approval of the Initiative Amendment. If it is not acted upon and approved by midnight on the 2nd of January the measure expires; and the opponents will have to start all over again . . . by launching another petition drive.

Nebraska

When the One Hundredth Legislature of the Nebraska Unicameral convenes on January 3, 2007, 22 senators-elect will be sworn in to become part of the 49 member legislative body. This will be the first session in which the
approval of term limits in 2000 takes effect, forcing out 21 members of the Legislature with one member resigning following election to State Auditor.

To prepare for this unprecedented turnover of senators, which includes 9 of 14 standing committee chairpersons and the Speaker of the Legislature, the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office has planned 5 days of New Member Orientation activities rather than the customary 3 days for the senators-elect.

Approximately half of the Legislature will be comprised of freshman senators in 2007. Of the 22 incoming legislators, 2 of them will be at the “head of their class” as they are returning to the Legislature after beginning their legislative service together in a freshman class 20 years ago. One senator has been out of the Legislature for 12 years, while the other has been out just four.

With an average election year bringing in five freshman legislators, it is without a doubt going to be a unique session for the members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature and legislative staff alike.

Nevada

The Houses of the Nevada Legislature were left relatively unscathed in this past election cycle. The majority parties of the two Houses remained the same--Senate/Republican; Assembly/Democrat. However, the Senate and Assembly did gain one Democrat in each House. The new breakdown is: 11-R/10-D in the Senate and 27-D/15-R in the Assembly.

It seems as if this was the campaign season of scandal, contention, innuendo and just plain nastiness. We are extremely relieved that election day has come and gone. We were probably one of the few states, nationwide, that did not change any party members in our Congressional Delegation who were up for election. However, with the national party change in Congress, our own Senator Harry Reid, from Searchlight, NV, should be the new Senate Majority Leader. How this affects Yucca Mountain, the nation’s proposed nuclear waste dump (politically correct--repository) in southern Nevada will be played out in the months ahead.

There was enormous change in the makeup of our Constitutional Officers as many of them were term limited. For the past four years, all six Officers were Republican. Two of the Offices (Governor/Lieutenant Governor) stayed Republican. Democrats took over the other four Offices (Attorney General, Secretary of State, Controller and Treasurer). And three of the four Democrats are women.

We are hurriedly getting ready for the ‘07 session--hiring staff, publishing manuals, finalizing training, etc. It feels like Santa’s workshop here--all the little elves busy trying to get it all done in time for the big day. On that note, wishing you all a peaceful and joyful holiday season from Nevada.

Oregon

Bad year for most ballot measures, Oregonians resist out-of-state influence

Ballot measures introduced by out-of-state groups took a heavy beating from Oregon voters while proposals for discount prescription drugs and private property rights won broad approval in the Tuesday election. Two of the defeats were considered major.

Oregon voters soundly rejected a ballot measure to limit spending by state government as well as a ballot measure to reinstate term limits in the Oregon Legislature. Both were backed with money from Howard Rich, a Manhattan real estate
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investor who spent more than $1 million in an effort to influence measures in a dozen states. Oregon political leaders and analysts say the defeats to the state spending limit, Measure 48, and to reinstate term limits, Measure 45 were largely a reaction to that kind of influence.

Oregon voters also defeated Measure 41, which would have reduced state income taxes by giving Oregonians the same personal income tax deductions as on their federal returns.

Backers of both Measure 41 and 48 had said these would impose fiscal restraint on government and reduce the tax burden on Oregonians. But a coalition representing unions, education boosters and business groups said the measures would force deep cuts in schools, public safety and health care services.

Oregon voters easily approved Measure 44, which would significantly expand access to a discounted prescription drug purchasing pool. They also approved Measure 39, which blocks state and local government from using eminent domain to take private property for economic development projects that end up in the hands of private developers. It follows Measure 37 approved by voters in 2004, which gave property owners the right to demand payment for lost market value or a waiver of land use regulations that have restricted property use.

Another consumer-oriented measure on the Oregon ballot -- this one to restrict insurers from using credit scoring when setting rates -- failed.

Utah

In 2005 the Utah State Senate launched its own Web log as a one-year pilot project to give senators a forum to explain their points of view on various issues and enhance the way citizens understand and participate in the law-making process. It has allowed readers to comment, criticize, and even make suggestions.

This site was the first of its kind to include entries from both Republican and Democrat lawmakers and may have been the first state senate blog in the country according to some reports. Many believe the blog is changing the media’s traditional role by giving lawmakers a venue to circumvent the press corps and explain the issues as they see them. A blog was posted that criticized the Deseret Morning News, one of Utah’s largest newspapers, for an article on tax reform. Ric Cantrell, the Senate Majority Assistant who helped set up the senate site, posted an entry that directed readers to a competing newspaper article by the Salt Lake Tribune, which “got it right.”

This project has been very successful and will continue to be a valuable tool for interaction and greater communication. Here’s the link if you’d like to check it out:  http://www.senatesite.com/blog/index.html

West Virginia

In West Virginia, coal baron Don Blankenship, CEO of Massey Coal, spent $3,000,000 of his personal funds to elect 45 handpicked Republicans to the House of Delegates in an effort to gain control of the House. He gave the limit allowed in campaign contributions and the rest he spent on television, radio, billboards and posters. His effort served to unite the Democrats running and caused such distrust among voters that he ended up electing only one candidate.
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ASLCS spring meeting will be held in Chicago, IL, March 30-April 1, 2007

Make plans to attend the 2007 ASLCS Spring Business Meeting!!!
The 2007 ASLCS Spring Meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois, March 30 to April 1. The Spring Meeting is a working meeting at which the Executive Committee and ASLCS Standing Committees convene to continue their Society work for the year.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Swissotel Chicago, 323 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601-9722. Each attendee is responsible for making his/her own hotel and travel arrangements. The phone number for the Swissotel is (312) 565-0565. When arranging hotel accommodations, please indicate that you are attending the ASLCS conference to receive the special room rate of $189.00 single/ $209 double per night (excluding tax). The cut-off date to receive the conference rate is Friday, March 2, 2007. For more information about the Swissotel Chicago visit: http://chicago.swissotel.com/.

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