



## NATIONAL CONFERENCE *of* STATE LEGISLATURES

*The Forum for America's Ideas*

### [Clerks & Secretaries \(ASLCS\)](#)

Attracts the chief parliamentary officers and staff involved with the lawmaking and administrative processes of state legislatures. As the oldest staff section, the society hosts an annual professional development seminar, publishes a regular newsletter and a professional journal, and prints a membership directory. The society's committees often undertake special projects and surveys on legislative procedure and process. The society also maintains close relations with its Canadian, Central American and Mexican counterparts.

### [Leadership \(LSS\)](#)

Attracts legislative staff who work directly for legislative leaders or legislative party caucuses on policy research, constituent services, public information and administration. The focal point of the section's activities is its annual fall training conference, which includes management skills workshops, leadership training and topical briefings. The section also sponsors a wide array of programs at the NCSL Annual Meeting and publishes a periodic newsletter, Leadership Notes.

### [Legal Services \(LSSS\)](#)

All employees of member legislatures of the NCSL who are involved in bill drafting, legal research, statutory and administrative rule compilation and publication, administrative rules review, litigation, and other legal services are members of LSSS. It constitutes the only national legal professional organization dedicated to the needs of legislative attorneys and other paralegal legislative staff.

LSSS meets annually in conjunction with NCSL's annual meeting and sponsors a fall training seminar exclusively for legal staff. Legal services education sessions are sponsored by LSSS at all of its meetings. LSSS sessions generally include topics from five distinct areas of interest to LSSS members: legal; management; staffing; legal publications; and administrative rules.

### [Information Officers \(LINCS\)](#)

Serves state legislative staff with public information or media relations responsibilities, including public information officers, press secretaries, broadcast staff, writers, producers and civic education directors. LINCS sponsors sessions at the NCSL Annual Meeting and hosts an annual seminar on developing communication and media trends. The staff section publishes a newsletter for members called The Voice.

### [Research Librarians \(LRL\)](#)

Connects librarians and information specialists in legislative agencies. The section sponsors an extensive schedule of programs at the NCSL Annual Meeting and conducts an annual

professional development seminar. Each of these meetings focuses on current developments in information and library management, information technology, and legislative research. The section publishes a newsletter (LRL Newslite) and an annual directory, and is continuously developing professional tools.

#### [Fiscal Offices \(NALFO\)](#)

Brings together staff involved in fiscal analysis and budget and revenue review for state legislatures. The association sponsors research projects and conducts training seminars for legislative fiscal staff and professional development programs for senior fiscal analysts. The association provides a wide range of programs at the NCSL Annual Meeting and at the Senior Fiscal Analysts Seminar.

#### [Information Technology \(NALIT\)](#)

Brings together legislative staff involved in the management and technical development of information systems and computer services in state legislatures. The association publishes a newsletter and has an on-line directory. The focal point of the association's activities is its annual fall training conference, which offers two training tracks--one for technical specialists and one for managers and others interested in information technology. The association also sponsors programs at the NCSL Annual Meeting.

#### [Program Evaluation \(NLPES\)](#)

Includes employees of state legislative agencies engaged in program evaluation or performance auditing. NLPES promotes professionalism, training, and the exchange of ideas and information about legislative program evaluation. NLPES sponsors a major training seminar annually for mid- and senior-level staff; a program evaluation track at the Skills Development Seminar; and in-depth workshops and concurrent sessions at the NCSL Annual Meeting. Four times a year, the society publishes NLPES News on evaluation activities and studies.

#### [Services and Security \(NLSSA\)](#)

Brings together sergeants-at-arms, security personnel and administrative staff for state legislatures. NLSSA also has a legislator advisory committee. NLSSA publishes a newsletter and an annual directory of its members. An annual training conference serves as the focal point of the association's professional development activities, and regional meetings offer members an opportunity for communication and training. The association also sponsors programs and workshops at the NCSL Annual Meeting.

#### [Research and Committee \(RACSS\)](#)

Includes staff from legislative research offices, committees and caucuses. This section promotes information exchange and advances professional development for legislative research and policy staff. The section presents programs in conjunction with the NCSL Annual Meeting, publishes an annual directory of key research contacts and a periodic newsletter, sponsors the research track at the annual Skills Development Seminar, and presents an annual Senior Professional Development Seminar.

#### [Education Network \(LESN\)](#)

This network represents all legislative staff with responsibility for education policy. LESN is cosponsored by NCSL and the Education Commission of the States (ECS). Activities

include an on-line discussion group, the compiling and maintenance of a directory of legislative education staff, and 2-3 seminars per year in conjunction with NCSL and ECS meetings. An eight person steering committee (four selected by NCSL and four selected by ECS) oversees LESN activities.