

International Communication and Development Committee Meeting Minutes (B)

Meeting: 2015 NCSL Legislative Summit

Seattle, Washington

Monday, Aug. 3, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting of the International Communication and Development Committee was called to order by Liz Clark (AK), Chair

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present:

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| x | Liz Clark (AK), Chair | x | Susan Kannarr (KS) | | Whitney Johnson (TN) |
| x | Janice Gadd (UT), Vice Chair | x | Brad Metcalf (KY) | | Nanette Mitchell (TN) |
| | Jackie Shultz (AK), Vice Chair | x | Butch Speer (LA) | x | Polly Emerson (TX) |
| x | Suzi Lowell (AK) | x | Yolanda Dixon (LA) | | Robert Haney (TX) |
| x | Crystaline Jones (AK) | | Emily White (MO) | x | Patsy Spaw (TX) |
| | Dave Avant (AL) | | Andrew Ketchings (MS) | x | Sandy Tenney (UT) |
| | Pat Harris (AL) | | Paul Smith (NH) | | Susan Schaar (VA) |
| | Joyce Wright (AL) | | Lenore Naranjo (NM) | x | G. Paul Nardo (VA) |
| x | Ann Cornwell (AR) | x | Susan Furlong (NV) | | Jennifer Welch (VA) |
| | Tim Kehoe (CT) | | Matthew Baker (NV) | | Melanie Newby (VA) |
| | JoAnn Hedrick (DE) | | James Goulding (OR) | | Lisa Gilmer (VA) |
| | Bob Ward (FL) | | Obadiah "Obie" Rutledge (OR) | x | Steve Marshall (VT) |
| | Brad Bolin (IL) | | Jeff Gossett (SC) | | Jeff Renk (WI) |
| | John Hollman (IL) | | Ann Marie Brown (TN) | | |

Other members/guests in attendance included Londi Ensor (AK), Ann Krekelberg (AK), Paul Campos (WA), Bill MaGill (VT), Neal Cornett (KY), Jennifer Teigen Doran (TX), Lourdes Litchfield (TX), and Nicole Albers (TX).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Susan Kannarr (KS), seconded by Crys Jones (AK), the minutes of the last meeting held Saturday, May 2, 2015, during the Spring Business Meeting in Clearwater, Florida were approved.

Old Business

Liz Clark (AK), Chair, announced that the International Directory is in the process of being updated and she hopes to bring them to the PDS in Raleigh, North Carolina, for distribution.

Chair Clark opened discussion surrounding suggestions made at the spring meeting in Clearwater about delegate outreach. Patsy Spaw (TX) thought it would be great to have the South Africans share their experiences. The difficulty is being able to plan since many international guests get approval to attend at the last minute. Jeanne Mejeur (NCSL) will communicate with Chair Clark as information becomes available.

Chair Clark brought up how nice it was in Durango, Mexico, at ANOMAC, to have interpreters and asked if we could poll Society members and find out who speak languages other than English. Sandy Tenney (UT) pointed out that language interpreters are very different from conversational speakers. Chair Clark

agreed but also commented that some translation is better than nothing. She asked if anyone in attendance speaks another language. Lourdes Litchfield (TX) speaks some Spanish.

Chair Clark opened up discussion about the concurrent session this committee is responsible for at this year's PDS. It was suggested Chair Clark invite Iris Lang, Principal Clerk, Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly and David Wilson, Clerk-Assistant (House), New Zealand, to participate in a round table discussion where we hope to get other international guests and make it a more informal event. Susan Kannarr (KA) suggested discussions beyond parliamentary procedure such as sharing societal and cultural items of interest or unique ways of doing things.

The possibility of an International guest reception at this year's PDS was discussed.

New Business

Steve Marshall (VT) shared his experiences from the CATTs meeting in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. He suggested Chair Clark contact Rick Yarish, Deputy Clerk, Manitoba, for his presentation at the CATTs meeting. Steve thought it would be interesting to the Society.

The Joint Canadian American meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio, the last week of October (Wednesday through Sunday). Brad Young (OH) is pulling together a great conference.

Chair Clark and ASLCS President Russell Humphrey will represent the Society at ANOMAC in Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico, this year.

ASLCS President Russell Humphrey reported on his trip to the ANZACATT meeting in January in New South Wales Parliament.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Cry Jones (AK), seconded by Sandy Tenney, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice A. Gadd (UT), Vice-Chair