Chairman's Column
by
Jay Baxa, Virginia

As NCSL's Annual Meeting draws near, the officers are putting the finishing touches on the LRL Staff Section programs and activities. We are hopeful that this year's meeting will be educational and interesting, with some entertaining moments. A complete schedule of staff section events is included with this issue of Newsline. If you have not already made plans to attend, perhaps seeing that we have planned will change your mind.

On Sunday afternoon (August 5), the LRL Staff Section Executive Committee will meet with all members of the staff section to discuss several important issues: 1) the proposed amendments to the by-laws; 2) our participation in the International Federation of Library Associations; and 3) future goals and objectives of our staff section. I encourage all members to attend this important meeting.

We have developed a tentative agenda for our 1990 Annual Professional Development Seminar to be held November 29-December 1 in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of the meeting is "The Role of Online Information in Legislative Libraries." We have scheduled a tour of Mead Data Central facilities in nearby Dayton. A trip to OCLC is also planned, in addition to a full day of seminars on online information for libraries.

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The proposed amendments to the by-laws are included with this issue of Newsline. Please read and consider them carefully and be prepared to discuss and vote on them at the Monday morning business meeting in Nashville.

I hope everyone is having a relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.
LRL STAFF SECTION PROGRAMS
1990 NCSL ANNUAL MEETING --
Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, Aug. 5
2:30-4:00 p.m.
Staff Section Executive Committee Meeting
(All staff section members are urged to attend.)

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Staff Section Reception
(Sponsored by The Michie Co.)

Monday, Aug. 6
8:00-9:15 a.m.
Staff Section Business Meeting

11:45-1:30 p.m.
Legislative Staff Luncheon

1:45-5:15 p.m.
Workshop on Managing the Legislative Library, Part I: Budgeting and Marketing

Tuesday, Aug. 7
2:15-5:00 p.m.
Tour of the Vanderbilt Television News Archive
(Transportation provided by Mead Data Central)

7:00 p.m.
Dinner for staff section members, spouses and friends
(Special assistance from Mead Data Central)

Advance reservations are required for the tour and dinner. Please contact Debby Bernau at NCSL for reservation information or complete the enclosed reservation form.

Wednesday, Aug. 8
12:30-2:00 p.m.
Staff section luncheon
(Sponsored by West Publishing Co.)

Advance reservations are required for this luncheon. Please contact Debby Bernau for reservation information or complete the enclosed reservation form.

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Workshop on Managing the Legislative Library, Part II: The Impact of New Technologies on Library Staffing and Management

Thursday, Aug. 9
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Tour of Tennessee Legislative Library

Friday, Aug. 10
8:00-9:30 a.m.
Election of Staff Section 1990-91 Officers and Business Meeting

Concurrent sessions of particular interest to staff section members include:

"Using the New Census Data: Economic and Demographic Forecasting Opportunities for State Legislatures"

"Learning the Ropes: Orientation Programs for New Members"

"Constituent Services in the Information Age"

Concurrent sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY
by Clare Cholik, Tennessee

The South Dakota Legislative Research Library began in 1980. It was initially housed in a remote area on the fourth floor of the State Capitol, one floor above the Legislative Research Council (LRC). In 1987 extensive remodeling of the third floor created a place for the library within the LRC, making it more accessible to all. Its present quarters include a conference area, a research area and the librarian's office.

Most available space within the library is devoted to legislative reference materials. House and Senate Journals and Session Laws from throughout the past century are on the shelves along with bound volumes of bills from the past several decades. Committee minutes are also bound and shelved for a period of five years. There is an extensive microfilm collection including all legislative documents dating back to approximately 1960.

The library's research collection is categorized by subject with bound volumes on shelves and other
smaller documents in file cabinets. An on-line catalog system will likely be implemented in the future, but not until certain space and money restraints are overcome.

In addition, there is a newspaper clipping file. Articles are clipped from the three largest daily newspapers in the state as well as from USA Today and The Wall Street Journal. Clippings are filed according to subject matter and are retained for three years.

Several useful information sources are in close proximity to the legislative library. The State Library and State Archives are within walking distance, and the Supreme Court Library is housed two floors below the LRC in the State Capitol. They provide access to the laws of all 50 states, many federal publications and a wealth of other information.

The library uses LEGISNET and ISIS in addition to an on-line bill status system. New for the 1990 session was electronic access to the Daily Reader, which contains bills as they have been amended in the various committees.

The library staff consists of one full-time librarian and a library assistant who works full-time during the session and part-time throughout the rest of the year. The bulk of the assistant's time is devoted to clipping newspapers and preparing legislative documents for microfilming.

The public is welcome to use legislative reference and research materials on the premises. Additionally, the library staff takes hundreds of public information requests over the telephone annually, and responds to them as time permits.

PERIODICAL INDEXING ON LEGISNET

by
Marilyn Guttromson, North Dakota

When searching LEGISNET you should now begin to notice articles from a number of select periodicals, indexed by members of the staff section. The periodicals included at this time are:

ABA Journal
ABA State Legislative Report
City and State
Emerging Issues
Family, Law and Democracy Report
Governing
Government Finance Review
Intergovernmental Perspective
Journal of Legislation
Journal of State Government
State and Local Government Review
State Policy Reports
Ways and Means

Turnaround time from entry to access is but a couple of days.

Any legislative librarians wishing to assist in the indexing should contact Marilyn Guttromson (ND). Beth Furbush from the Montana Legislative Council has joined the indexing group, which also includes Johanne Greer (MD), Jo Casullo (NE), Marilyn Guttromson (ND), Susan Gilley (OK) and Marcia Hoak (OR). Please consider joining this dedicated band.

NCSL has designed an easy to follow manual. With a few more hands perhaps we can expand coverage or at least lessen the individual load.

Without the vision and cooperation of NCSL's Pam Greenberg, Debby Bernau, Jo Martinez and Steve Graff, this project would be nothing more than a free floating idea. Thanks much to NCSL for turning idea into reality.

STAFF SECTION "MANUAL OF MODEL PROCEDURES FOR LEGISLATIVE LIBRARIES"

A number of staff section members have submitted copies of forms used in their libraries and legislative library position descriptions, but many more are needed to ensure the success of this project. Please forward copies of position descriptions and forms from your library to Debby Bernau at NCSL by July 12 so that the manual can be prepared for distribution at the Annual Meeting in August.
STAFF SECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
by
Susan Zavacky, Pennsylvania

The following members have agreed to be candidates for staff section officers for the 1990-91 year:

Susan Gilley, Oklahoma -- Chair
Marcia Hoak, Oregon -- Vice-Chair
Anne Adams, Alabama -- Secretary

Thanks to them for their willingness to serve. Elections will be held on Friday morning of the Annual Meeting.

Susan Zavacky (PA), Hank Ilnicki (NY) and Suzy Hughes (LA), comprised the 1990 LRL Nominating Committee for 1990-91 officers.

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Indiana
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Iowa
South Dakota
Michigan
Wisconsin

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NCSL LEGISLATIVE STAFF DIRECTORY

A copy of the new NCSL 1990 Legislative Staff Directory was mailed to each legislative library in late April. It serves as a starting point for identifying key legislative staff with expertise in a particular topic area.

The directory provides names, addresses and phone numbers of over 1,300 legislative staff in most states for 18 major issue areas. (It does not include legislative staff for Alaska, Arkansas, Indiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, or West Virginia.) For some states there is a partisan listing of staff. In other states, the contact listed may be with the Legislative Council or a similar nonpartisan agency serving both houses.

If you would like additional copies, or have any comments or suggestions on the directory, please contact Noel Rees at 303/623-7800.

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MEETING OF THE NCSL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
by
Lynda Davis, Maryland

The NCSL Executive Committee met in Chicago on June 16. The Budget and Finance Committee
presented the FY91 NCSL budget for approval and recommended a dues increase of 5 percent in '92 and FY93. The dues recommendation was approved and will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting in August.

The Programs and Services Subcommittee reviewed Annual Meeting plans. In addition, the subcommittee reviewed and approved several NCSL grant proposals for continuing and new projects. Many NCSL videos and publications are products of grants from associations, foundations, federal government and private industry.

The political changes in eastern Europe, and to a degree the European Community, are providing new areas for NCSL activity. The NCSL Executive Director, William Pound, participated in a forum to assist the new democracies in establishing the processes for new forms of government. There was some discussion at the Executive Committee meeting on continuing these contacts and providing assistance to these new legislatures.

MEETING OF THE NCSL LEGISLATIVE STAFF COORDINATING COMMITTEE

by
Lynda Davis, Maryland

The NCSL Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee (LSCC) met June 15. The Legislative Staff Management Institute is off to a good start with 33 participants. Thirteen received scholarships to attend the two-week management program at the University of Minnesota.

The Information Services Task Force reviewed the responses to the evaluation of the State Issues and Enactments publications. The evaluations indicate favorable response to these two publications. The task force recommended that the scope of the Legislative Staff Directory be broadened to include more staff from each state. This will make the new subject-based directory more useful.

The Management Principles Task Force will present a draft document to the LSCC at the August meeting.

Members of the Legislative Staff Nominating Committee were announced. If you are interested serving on the NCSL Executive Committee,

please contact the chairman or a member of the committee. They are as follows:

John Lattimer, Chair
Legislative Fiscal Officer
Oregon 503/378-8152

Sally C. Diamond, Director
Legislative Council
Maine 207/289-1615

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Minnesota 612/296-6238

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Rebecca Lennahan, Deputy Director
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Colorado 303/866-2045

John Turcotte, Director
Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review
Mississippi 601/359-1226

NEWS FROM THE STATES
Submitted by Regional Coordinators and Members of the Staff Section

California
Marguerite Beveridge, who previously worked for the State Law Library, replaced Virginia Castro as librarian of the Legislative Council Bureau. Marguerite is a member of the American Library Association and was appointed to its Accreditation Committee. Virginia, in her new position as legal assistant at the Bureau, will write members' resolutions for the Legislature.

There have been some changes at the State Library as well. John Jewell replaced Irene Stone as head of the State Information and Reference Center. His previous position was microsystems specialist for the State Library. Rhonda Fisher took over Brent Miller's position as librarian of the State Library's Capitol Branch, and Kathleen Low is the Capitol Branch's outreach services manager.
Colorado
Delores Lanier, librarian at the Legislative Council, will be staff coordinator for the state's reapportionment project for the next two years.

Maine
The Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library reports that it is now using EPIC, which supports online interactive searching of the OCLC Union Catalog. EPIC provides key word, phrase and subject searching, and the library expects to use it frequently in preparing bibliographies for legislative staff. The newest staff member is Sheila Bearor, who will be working with serial publications as well as providing reference assistance.

New Mexico
The Legislative Council Service and its library have moved into temporary quarters while the State Capitol undergoes a $20 million facelift. Asbestos is being removed from the 23-year-old building to allow for an overhaul of the utility systems. The renovation project also will enlarge legislative committee rooms to provide for increased public access. Although renovation will continue through the 1991 Legislature, the House and Senate chambers will be functional during the upcoming 60-day session.

The governor is contemplating calling a special session to deal with the increasing cost of workers' compensation insurance premiums. While New Mexico's rates are among the nation's highest, insurers are seeking still higher rate increases. Because the Capitol is closed for renovation, lawmakers would have to meet in makeshift quarters during this special session.

North Carolina
Cathy L. Martin has replaced Vivian Halperen as Legislative Librarian for the North Carolina General Assembly. Vivian retired earlier this year.

Cathy received her law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law, went on to clerk for the Hon. Sam J. Ervin, III on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and thereafter practiced law until returning to school in 1987. She completed a degree at the University of North Carolina School of Library and Information Science in 1989 and comes to the North Carolina General Assembly from the Library of Congress, where she completed the intern program, a comprehensive management training program offering intensive exposure to and involvement in all operations of the library.

Rhode Island
Richard A. Bidnick has been appointed Rhode Island State Librarian. The library and its Legislative Reference Division serve the legislature from facilities located in the Statehouse.

Texas
The Legislative Reference Library recently signed a contract for the development of an online catalog and an optical storage imaging system. The system will be PC based. The imaging system will provide computer access to the original legislative bill files beginning with the current session, and to their 500,000 newspaper clippings.

The online catalog is scheduled for delivery in July; the first phase of the clipping project (the biographies) should be delivered and accessible on the six workstations in October, 1990.

The system will alleviate extreme crowding in the library, enhance the integrity of the files, provide more confidentiality to the patron and increase library productivity. Eventually, it is hoped that the system will be available throughout the legislative suites and offices.

Vermont
Norwich University, the University of Vermont at Burlington and all units of Vermont State College now have access to the Vermont Department of Libraries' online catalog. Essentially this gives all members of the legislature and their constituents throughout the state complete access to the state library's online system. In the near future it will carry full texts of recent Vermont Supreme Court decisions.

REVIEW WHAT'S NEW

Have you recently noticed a book, article or reference work that might be of interest to other legislative librarians? If so, please forward the citation to Debby Bernau at NCSL for inclusion in the next issue of Newsline.


NCSL Publications
Copies of all NCSL publications listed below are available from the Book Order Department (303/623-7800) unless otherwise noted.


What Legislators Need to Know about Children's Mental Health. 1990.


Index to State Policy Reports in LEGISNET. 1990.

Reapportionment Audio Tape Set. 1990.

State Legislative Reports
"Alternative Technologies for Deicing Highways" (Vol. 15, No. 10)

"Protecting Healthcare Workers from HIV Infections" (Vol. 15, No. 11)

"Adolescents and AIDS: Stopping the Time Bomb" (Vol. 15, No. 12)

State-Federal Issue Briefs


Legislative Finance Papers
"Efforts to Collect Sales Tax on Interstate Mail Order Sales: Recent State Legislation" (No. 73)
NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLINE

The deadline for submission of information for the October 1990 issue of *Newslime* is September 1, 1990. Please send information on developments in your library, legislature or state to Debby Bernau at NCSL, or to your regional coordinator by that date.

Thanks to the many staff section members who submitted information for this issue.

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UPCOMING NCSL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

July

July 8
NCSL LEGISNET Training
Austin, Texas

July 8-11
Skills Development Seminar for Legislative Staff
Austin, Texas

July 15-27
Legislative Staff Management Institute
Minneapolis, Minnesota

August

August 4
The Art and Politics of Parliamentary Procedure
Nashville, Tennessee

August 4
Information Policy Seminar
Nashville, Tennessee

August 4
Reducing the Cost of Your State Workers' Compensation Program
Nashville, Tennessee

August 4
State Drug Control Strategies: Battle Plans That Work
Nashville, Tennessee

August 5
NCSL LEGISNET Training
Nashville, Tennessee

August 5-10
NCSL Annual Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee

September

September 6-8
Senior Fiscal Analysts
Scottsdale, Arizona

September 12-15
Leadership Staff Section Annual Training Seminar
Reno, Nevada

September 16-19
Management Development Seminar
Tucson, Arizona

September 29-October 4
American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries
Professional Development Annual Meeting
Charleston, West Virginia

October

October 6-12
National Legislative Services & Security Association
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
November

November 8-10  Assembly on the Legislature
               Chicago, Illinois

November 29-December 1  LRL Staff Section Annual Professional Development Seminar
                       Columbus, Ohio

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