



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING

MAY 17-18, 2024

FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC AND THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING OF QUÉBEC

QUÉBEC CITY, QUÉBEC

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COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Task Force on Energy Supply Meeting	Fairmont Montmagny
9:00 a.m.	Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force Tour	Offsite Tour
Noon	Task Force on Energy Supply Tour	Offsite Tour
5-6:30 p.m.	Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee Reception	Fairmont Salon Rose

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Registration	Fairmont Lobby
8-9 a.m.	Breakfast	Fairmont Aylmer
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force	Fairmont Haldimand
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Task Force on State and Local Taxation	Fairmont Jacques Cartier
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Health Innovations Task Force	Fairmont Place D'Armes
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity & Privacy	Le Capitle Hotel, Confessional
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Task Force on Energy Supply	Fairmont Montmagny
9-10:15 a.m.	LSCC Work Groups • NCSL 50th Anniversary • Professional Staff Association Officers • Standing Committees • Strategic Planning	- Fairmont Beauharnois - Fairmont Gouverneurs - Fairmont St. Louis - Fairmont The Cellar
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30-11:45 a.m.	LSCC Subcommittees • Information Technology, Social Media, E-Learning & Outreach ... • Legislative Institution • Programs and Professional Development	- Fairmont Gouverneurs - Fairmont St. Louis - Fairmont Beauharnois
Noon-1:15 p.m.	LSCC Lunch	Fairmont Dufferin
1:15-3 p.m.	Full LSCC Meeting	Fairmont Frontenac

FRIDAY, MAY 17 (CONTINUED)

3-4 p.m.	International Legislative Advisory Council.....	Fairmont
4-5 p.m.	Work Group on NCSL Dues	Fairmont Beauharnois
5-6 p.m.	Reception	Fairmont The Cellar

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Registration.....	Fairmont Lobby
8-9 a.m.	Breakfast	Fairmont Champlain & Library
8:30-10 a.m.	Foundation for State Legislatures Bylaws Committee Meeting	Fairmont Frontenac
10:15-11:30 a.m.	Committees of the Executive Committee • Budget, Finance and Rules..... • Outreach and Member Services	Fairmont Beauharnois Fairmont Bellevue
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Lunch.....	Fairmont Champlain & Library
12:30 p.m.	Depart for Parliament Building of Québec • Buses depart from St. Louis Street or approximately 15-minute walk	
1-1:30 p.m.	Registration/Security at Parliament Building of Québec	
1:45-3 p.m.	Subcommittees of the Executive Committee • Legislative Institution..... • State-Federal Policy	Parliament Marie-Claire-Kirkland Parliament Pauline-Marois
3-3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:30-4:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Parliament Salle de l'Assemblée Nationale
5-6:30 p.m.	Reception at the Parliament Building of Québec	Parliament Restaurante le Parlementaire

FULL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MAY 18, 2024 | 3:30-4:45 P.M. | PARLIAMENT BUILDING OF QUÉBEC | SALLE DE L'ASSEMBLÉE NATIONALE

1. Call to order.
2. Welcome by Mathieu Lemay, MNA, L'Assemblée Nationale du Québec.
3. Approval of January 2024 meeting minutes.
4. Approval of new Executive Committee members.
5. Report by NCSL CEO Tim Storey.
6. Committee Reports:
 - Budget, Finance and Rules.
 - Outreach and Member Services.
 - Legislative Institution.
 - State-Federal Policy.
7. Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee report.
8. NCSL Foundation for State Legislatures report.
9. Closing remarks and other business.

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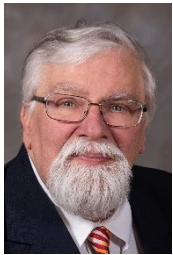
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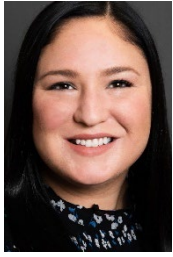
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REPORT FROM NCSL CEO TIM STOREY

To: Members of the NCSL Executive Committee
From: Tim Storey, NCSL CEO
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Chief Executive Officer's Report

Your staff at NCSL have been working full throttle during the first four months of 2024, answering research requests, planning upcoming gatherings, engaging with federal partners in Washington, D.C., and striving to support you while you serve your states and constituents. The excitement around NCSL's upcoming 50th anniversary celebration becomes more palpable by the day. Our awareness of the milestone and our desire to make it a very special year guides nearly all our activities these days. It is sincerely a privilege for all of us to be part of this historic chapter in NCSL's history.

Starting in January, we asked legislatures to commemorate NCSL's half-century mark by passing special resolutions. The response has been tremendously positive, with more than 30 states already enacting celebratory legislative instruments. To my knowledge, these have all been bipartisan and unanimous. That speaks volumes about the deep support for NCSL that transcends the multitude of beliefs and opinions among the nation's 7,000-plus legislators, including across partisan lines. Thank you for being champions of NCSL and the work we do to support you and your colleagues.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

Based on the first few weeks of registration, the August Legislative Summit in Louisville, Ky., is going to be a blockbuster, with registration numbers off to a fast start and already tracking well ahead of the past three years and even exceeding those from the same period for the Summit held in Nashville, Tenn. The program is mostly locked in, allowing us to aggressively promote the extremely strong policy content that defines the Summit. It is, after all, the largest gathering in the United States focused on public policy.

The Kentucky host state has planned evening networking events that promise to be incredibly fun and memorable. Seeing spirited racehorses run the oval at the iconic Churchill Downs is an experience you don't want to miss. We are tremendously grateful to Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers, Speaker David Osborne and all the folks in the Bluegrass State who have put together some exceptional events where everyone can relax and meet new colleagues.

It will be no surprise that this year's program will feature numerous sessions on artificial intelligence, but that's only the tip of the iceberg of the variety of topics attendees will learn about. Be sure to go to the [Summit website](#) to see the impressive list of issues on the agenda. Breakout sessions will be punctuated by top-notch general session speakers, including Donna Brazile, Kellyanne Conway and the nation's most beloved neuroscientist, John Medina, who will deliver a special talk on how our brains struggle to determine fact from fiction and what you can do about that as you communicate with your colleagues and constituents.

BUDGET

We will present the proposed FY 2025 NCSL general fund budget in Québec. The budget is very similar to the FY 2024 budget, with increases in cost of living/merit pay for staff funded largely by the dues increase enacted by the Executive Committee two years ago. Because of sound fiscal management by NCSL's directors, stronger than anticipated interest

income from cash accounts, and robust indirect cost revenue to the general fund from grants and contracts, we are on pace to end the FY 2024 fiscal year with a healthy surplus. This will allow us to make another major contribution, likely over \$1 million, to our newly established reserve investment fund. NCSL's fiscal stability is solid and getting better.

The Foundation for State Legislatures team has continued to increase NCSL's support from the private sector. We will almost certainly exceed previous fundraising records this fiscal year. Many of you have helped connect NCSL to possible sponsors. That support is critical, and funding from the Foundation will be a major component of NCSL's fiscal plans for FY 2025. Thank you for helping recruit partners to join the Foundation.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Meeting in beautiful Québec City is a wonderful privilege, and we are extremely grateful to the National Assembly of Québec for its extraordinary hospitality. Québec is NCSL's longest-standing international affiliate. Over the past year, NCSL has reinvigorated its international affiliate program, welcoming Alberta and Ghana into the fold. It is exciting to see legislators from around the world partnering with NCSL so that we can share best practices on policies and explore ways to strengthen our legislative institutions.

In closing, I speak for all the dedicated staff at NCSL when I say that we are honored to support legislators and legislative staff. Whether we are out testifying in your capitols or lobbying federal agencies about pending regulations, we strive for excellence because we believe in the important work that you do. Thank you for leading NCSL.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCY

To: Members of the NCSL Executive Committee
From: Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy, NCSL president
President Pro Tempore Wayne Harper, NCSL president-elect
Assistant Majority Leader Marcus C. Evans Jr., NCSL vice president
Speaker Robin Vos, NCSL president emeritus
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Executive Committee Legislator Vacancy

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the NCSL Bylaws, the NCSL officers select Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry of the California Legislature to fill a legislator vacancy on the NCSL Executive Committee and request your approval of this selection.

BUDGET, FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2024 | 10:15-11:30 A.M. | FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC | BEAUHARNOIS

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Fiscal year 2024 budget update.
3. Operating reserve update.
4. Fiscal year 2025 proposed NCSL general fund budget.
5. Work Group on NCSL Dues report.
6. Other business.

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**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSE BY PROGRAM
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

	MAR'24 YTD ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	YTD PERCENT
REVENUE			
Appropriations	\$ 10,500,222	\$ 12,121,034	86.63%
Legislative Summit	3,658,460	3,557,500	102.84%
Indirect Cost Recovery	1,674,391	1,800,000	93.02%
Interest Income	762,390	500,000	152.48%
Meetings	256,493	384,000	66.80%
Professional Staff Association Seminars	585,690	302,560	193.58%
Publications	90,579	160,000	56.61%
Miscellaneous	339,213	380,315	89.19%
TOTAL REVENUE	17,867,438	19,205,409	93.03%
EXPENSE			
State Policy Research			
Center For Legislative Strengthening	337,790	532,615	63.42%
Center For Results Driven Governing	10,071	83,775	12.02%
Children and Families	105,220	189,220	55.61%
Criminal Justice	54,361	185,314	29.33%
Education	122,897	161,834	75.94%
Elections and Redistricting	148,449	214,683	69.15%
Employment, Labor and Retirement	15,315	150,782	10.16%
Environment, Energy and Transportation	194,384	226,307	85.89%
Financial Services, Technology and Communications	146,291	186,206	78.56%
Health Services	41,565	162,972	25.50%
Vice President of State Policy Research	342,206	627,601	54.53%
Division Totals	1,518,547	2,721,309	55.80%
State Services			
Fiscal Affairs	398,070	611,087	65.14%
Legislative Staff Services	507,293	701,800	72.28%
Professional Staff Association Seminars	571,380	302,560	188.85%
Vice President of State Services	286,433	388,252	73.78%
Division Totals	1,763,176	2,003,699	88.00%

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GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSE BY PROGRAM
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

	MAR'24 YTD ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	YTD PERCENT
Communications			
Digital Content	1,049,825	1,712,490	61.30%
Outreach and Engagement	546,627	1,045,032	52.31%
Public Affairs	297,365	436,348	68.15%
Publications	62,277	109,500	56.87%
Division Totals	1,956,094	3,303,370	59.22%
Leaders and International			
International Program	150,317	259,556	57.91%
Leaders Services	329,264	434,768	75.73%
Legislative Training Institute	165,864	229,118	72.39%
Division Totals	645,445	923,442	69.90%
Executive Management			
Office of the Chief Executive Officer	429,807	573,872	74.90%
Officers and Executive Committee	170,552	325,800	52.35%
Division Totals	600,359	899,672	66.73%
Operations			
Building and Facilities	713,860	1,102,846	64.73%
Information Technology	1,667,895	2,168,879	76.90%
Legislative Summit	2,257,370	1,989,686	113.45%
Meetings	779,170	1,003,661	77.63%
Vice President of Operations	803,326	1,081,908	74.25%
Division Totals	6,221,621	7,346,980	84.68%
Finance and Accounting	1,039,194	1,490,211	69.73%
Division Totals	1,039,194	1,490,211	69.73%
State - Federal Relations	2,146,710	3,217,963	66.71%
Division Totals	2,146,710	3,217,963	66.71%
TOTAL EXPENSE	15,891,147	21,906,646	72.54%

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSE BY PROGRAM
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	MAR'24 YTD ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	YTD PERCENT
ALLOCATIONS			
Building and Facilities	(713,860)	(1,102,846)	64.73%
Information Technology	(1,667,895)	(2,168,878)	76.90%
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	(2,381,755)	(3,271,724)	72.80%
REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	\$ 4,358,046	\$ 570,487	nm
Designated Operating Reserve Fund	(500,000)	(500,000)	nm
NET SURPLUS	\$ 3,858,046	\$ 70,487	nm
GAIN ON OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 50,327	\$ -	\$ 50,327

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
Operating Revenue		
Appropriations	\$ 10,500,222	\$ 10,166,508
Grants and Contracts	14,484,648	12,687,573
Registrations	3,389,097	2,799,925
Private Contributions	3,314,340	3,552,498
Publications and Advertising	700,445	665,264
NCSL Foundation Service Fees	74,008	56,451
Other	452,663	576,695
Total Operating Revenue	32,915,424	30,504,914
Operating Expense		
Salaries	12,375,303	11,475,608
Employee Benefits	3,677,537	3,565,057
Travel and Conferences	6,294,565	5,618,429
Office Expenses	184,230	110,127
Printing and Publications	332,986	440,115
Information Technology	857,278	671,196
Consultants and Contract Services	4,253,420	3,553,099
Rent Expense and Property Maintenance	318,183	435,861
Property Depreciation	224,787	214,259
Lease Amortization	537,876	537,876
Other	212,436	216,472
Total Operating Expense	29,268,600	26,838,098
Operating Income	3,646,823	3,666,816
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)		
Interest Revenue	777,338	150,859
Interest Expense	(66,115)	(80,636)
Gain on Operating Reserve Fund	50,327	-
Total Nonoperating Revenue	761,550	70,224
Revenue Over Expense	\$ 4,408,373	\$ 3,737,040

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
AS OF MARCH 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,058,032	\$ 2,336,313
Investments - Short-Term	13,341,371	16,472,217
Investments - Reserves	6,050,327	-
Accounts Receivable	929,105	1,016,583
Accounts Receivable - Grants and Contracts	883,936	712,777
Due from NCSL Foundation	524,471	140,250
Prepaid Expenses	604,419	465,011
Deposits	385,637	330,948
Total Current Assets	25,777,298	21,474,099
Capital Assets, Net	9,284,373	10,272,999
Total Non-Current Assets	9,284,373	10,272,999
Total Assets	35,061,671	31,747,098
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	441,777	425,297
Accrued Liabilities	1,616,974	1,493,562
Revenue Collected in Advance	1,577,306	1,394,063
Revenue Collected in Advance - Grants and Contracts	11,630,969	11,795,774
Other Current Liabilities	18,748	32,293
Lease Liability	2,184,221	2,898,786
Total Liabilities	17,469,995	18,039,775
Net Position		
Invested in Capital Assets	7,100,152	7,374,213
Designated Operating Reserve Fund	6,050,327	1,425,680
Unrestricted	4,441,197	4,907,430
Total Net Position	17,591,676	13,707,323
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 35,061,671	\$ 31,747,098

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
FY2024 APPROPRIATIONS SCHEDULE
AS OF APRIL 26, 2024**

STATE/TERRITORY	BILLED	RECEIVED	REMAINING
Alabama	\$ 220,095	\$ 220,095	\$ -
Alaska	139,939	139,939	-
American Samoa	24,463	-	24,463
Arizona	259,828	259,828	-
Arkansas	182,492	182,492	-
California	650,000	-	650,000
Colorado	234,087	234,087	-
Connecticut	193,588	193,588	-
Delaware	144,722	144,722	-
District of Columbia	139,118	139,118	-
Florida	528,577	-	528,577
Georgia	326,328	326,328	-
Guam	26,331	-	26,331
Hawaii	153,426	153,426	-
Idaho	160,600	80,300	80,300
Illinois	365,575	365,575	-
Indiana	252,991	252,991	-
Iowa	185,836	185,836	-
Kansas	181,110	181,110	-
Kentucky	210,400	210,400	-
Louisiana	213,240	213,240	-
Maine	151,689	121,751	29,938
Maryland	241,633	241,633	-
Massachusetts	257,549	257,549	-
Michigan	314,485	314,485	-
Minnesota	232,835	232,835	-
Mississippi	181,558	181,558	-
Missouri	241,204	-	241,204
Montana	146,496	146,496	-
Nebraska	162,878	162,878	-

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
FY2024 APPROPRIATIONS SCHEDULE
AS OF APRIL 26, 2024

STATE/TERRITORY	BILLED		RECEIVED		REMAINING
Nevada		184,230		184,230	-
New Hampshire		151,969		151,969	-
New Jersey	\$	299,747	\$	-	\$ 299,747
New Mexico		165,793		165,793	-
New York		503,602		486,380	17,222
North Carolina		321,248		321,248	-
North Dakota		140,799		140,799	-
Northern Marianas		24,372		-	24,372
Ohio		346,652		335,000	11,652
Oklahoma		200,201		200,201	-
Oregon		205,394		-	205,394
Pennsylvania		369,124		369,124	-
Puerto Rico		187,611		187,611	-
Rhode Island		146,739		146,739	-
South Carolina		221,851		221,851	-
South Dakota		142,797		142,797	-
Tennessee		255,326		255,326	-
Texas		650,000		650,000	-
U.S. Virgin Islands		128,526		-	128,526
Utah		187,349		187,349	-
Vermont		138,258		138,258	-
Virginia		287,474		287,474	-
Washington		270,176		270,176	-
West Virginia		159,740		159,740	-
Wisconsin		236,328		236,328	-
Wyoming		137,007		137,007	-
Total	\$	12,785,386	\$	10,517,660	\$ 2,267,726
<i>Percent of Total Billed</i>		100.0%		82.3%	17.7%

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE	BILLED		RECEIVED		REMAINING
Alberta	\$	40,000	\$	40,000	\$ -
Ghana		50,000		50,000	-
Québec		40,984		40,984	-
Total	\$	130,984	\$	130,984	\$ -

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
NCSL OPERATING RESERVE ACCOUNT STATEMENT
AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

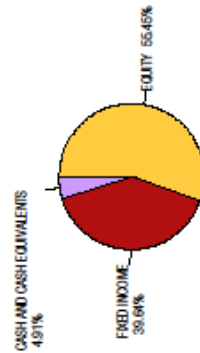
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Account Statement
NATIONAL CONF STATE LEGISLATURES
January 01, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Holdings Summary

	Base Currency: USD			
	Value on 01/01	Value on 03/31	Estimated Annual Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss Tax Cost
Principal Holdings				
Equity	0.00	3,352,893.44	51,094.16	45,065.39
Fixed Income	0.00	2,396,709.38	136,808.98	919.46
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00	296,936.84	15,592.46	0.00
Total Principal Holdings	0.00	6,046,539.66	203,495.60	45,984.85
Income Holdings				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00	3,786.94	198.47	0.00
Total Income Holdings	0.00	3,786.94	198.47	0.00
Total Holdings	\$0.00	\$6,050,326.60	\$203,694.07	\$45,984.85
Accrued Income				
Principal Holdings	0.00	8,430.82		
Income Holdings	0.00	2.16		
Total Accrued Income	0.00	8,432.98		
Total Holdings with Accrued Income	\$0.00	\$6,058,759.58	\$203,694.07	\$45,984.85

Asset Allocation



Activity Summary

Total Value on 01/01	\$0.00
Cash and Securities Transferred In	6,000,000.00
Dividends, Interest and Other Income	3,786.94
Net Change in Market Value of Securities	45,539.66
Total Value on 03/31	\$6,050,326.60

WORK GROUP ON NCSL DUES

MAY 17, 2024 | 4-5 P.M. | FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC | BEAUHARNOIS

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Recap Las Vegas meeting.
3. Review initial ideas for full, partial and non-dues paying states.
4. Other business.

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OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2024 | 10:15-11:30 A.M. | FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC | BELLEVUE

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Grant and contract proposals.
3. Communications and outreach report.
4. NCSL's 50th anniversary.
5. 2024 Legislative Summit update.
6. Additional NCSL meetings update.
7. NCSL Groups (powered by Breezio) report.
8. Other business.

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OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE—GRANT AND CONTRACT PROPOSALS

To: Members of the NCSL Outreach and Member Services Committee
From: Kate Blackman, vice president of Policy and Research
Natalie Wood, vice president of Policy and Research
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Contracts and Grant Proposals for Approval

We are pleased to present a series of grant and contract projects for your review and approval. The Outreach and Member Services Committee has the responsibility of approving select proposed projects over \$100,000.

The total potential funding for all proposals documented herein is \$7,570,498.

NCSL GRANT SOLICITATION GUIDELINES

1. NCSL's primary objective in fundraising is to pursue grants on issues that are important to legislators and staff. Among the measures of importance are research requests, requests for technical assistance, currently filed legislation, a federal initiative to which states must respond, priorities set by the Executive Committee, or a topic that NCSL staff foresee coming to center stage.
2. NCSL will consider topics that enhance established strengths of the organization to provide greater depth to legislators and staff as they consider increasingly complex facets of an issue.
3. Where the issue is new to the organization, staff will consider how quickly it can develop expertise to ensure sustainability should future grant funding end.
4. NCSL will focus its fundraising on topics where reliable and impartial sources of information are not readily available to legislators and staff to avoid duplication of efforts. Where credible resources exist, NCSL will serve as a broker to facilitate access to information.
5. NCSL will not accept funding from a source unless it agrees that:
 - NCSL will not advocate the funder's position on an issue (unless it is consistent with NCSL policy adopted under NCSL bylaws); and
 - NCSL will maintain total direction and editorial control over the operation and work produced under the grant.

Despite being able to ensure that these guarantees are in place, NCSL understands that there may be a perceived conflict of interest in pursuing grant funding from certain sources. Staff must thoroughly assess these risks and be confident that NCSL can justify any such funding to NCSL's Executive Committee, which retains final authority to approve or reject any grant proposal, before proceeding with negotiations. In negotiating final grant conditions, NCSL and the funder must agree to the scope and timing of the proposal, project deliverables and budget.

NEW PROJECTS REQUIRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL

TOTAL POTENTIAL FUNDING OF \$2,892,220.

1. Assistance to State Legislatures on Critical Policy Issues	
Source	The Pew Charitable Trusts.
Amount	\$1,715,220.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$1,629,559. - Indirect Costs: \$85,661 (@10% of salaries and fringe benefits).
Description	This project will continue NCSL's partnership with The Pew Charitable Trusts providing assistance to state legislatures as they consider policy options related to 12 policy areas: broadband, courts and communities, energy modernization, housing accessibility, long-term liabilities, managing fiscal risks, mental health and justice, retirement savings, substance use prevention and treatment, state fiscal and economic policy, state fiscal resilience, and wildlife friendly transportation infrastructure.
Time Period	July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
Submitted to EC	May 18, 2024.
2. Strengthening the Quad Caucus	
Source	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
Amount	\$500,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$450,000. - Indirect Costs: \$50,000 (@10% of direct costs).
Description	This two-year project would build capacity and support the four national caucuses of color, known collectively as the Quad Caucus. Project elements include policy sessions at the annual meeting of each caucus and support for legislative tracking.
Time Period	April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026.
Submitted to EC	May 18, 2024.
3. Connecting State Legislators and College Promise Leaders to Explore State Policy Options	
Source	Kresge Foundation.
Amount	\$300,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$272,597. - Indirect Costs: \$27,260 (@10% of direct costs).
Description	This project will explore college affordability policy options, including college promise programs and strategies to support students seeking a postsecondary degree or credential of value. NCSL will facilitate educational opportunities and conversations for state legislators, legislative staff and college promise program leaders.
Time Period	March 1, 2024 to Feb. 28, 2026.
Submitted to EC	May 18, 2024.

4. Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health	
Source	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Amount	\$200,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$165,320. • Indirect Costs: \$34,680 (@46.65% of salaries).
Description	NCSL will provide capacity-building assistance to state legislators and legislative staff related to public health systems, services and improving health outcomes. Project activities include legislative tracking, educational publications and a convening for legislators and staff.
Time Period	Aug. 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025.
Submitted to EC	May 18, 2024.
5. Public Health Infrastructure Grant	
Source	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.
Amount	\$177,000
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$137,805. • Indirect Costs: \$39,195 (46.77% of salaries).
Description	NCSL will conduct educational sessions for state legislators and legislative staff, disseminate publications related to with workforce and/or data modernization, track legislation, and provide technical assistance as a sub-recipient to a grant from the CDC.
Time Period	March 1, 2024 to Nov. 30, 2027.
Submitted to EC	May 18, 2024.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS

TOTAL FUNDING OF \$3,562,235. CHANGE IN STATUS SINCE THE LAST REPORT SHOWN IN BOLD.

1. Building Bridges for Election Excellence	
Source	Election Trust Initiative.
Amount	\$2,414,402. FUNDED at \$2,414,402.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$2,305,608. • Indirect Costs: \$108,795 (@10% of salaries and benefits).
Description	This three-year project aims to forge stronger connections between state legislators and election officials by communications and outreach, support of networks of election chairs and elections staff and organizing gatherings.
Time Period	March 7, 2024 to March 6, 2027.
Submitted to EC	Jan. 13, 2024.
2. Supporting Legislative Capacity Around Health Care Costs	
Source	Arnold Ventures.
Amount	\$299,879. FUNDED at \$299,879.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$249,899. • Indirect Costs: \$49,980 (@20% of direct costs).
Description	Through this project, NCSL will provide educational opportunities, written publications, web-based resources and technical assistance tailored for state legislators and legislative staff on issues related to commercial health costs.
Time Period	March 11, 2024 to Feb. 28, 2026.
Submitted to EC	Jan. 13, 2024.

3. Mississippi River Basin State Resilience Policy Cohort	
Source	Environmental Defense Fund.
Amount	\$292,954. FUNDED at \$287,300.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$271,679. • Indirect Costs: \$15,621 (@10% of salaries and fringe benefits).
Description	NCSL will identify and convene a cohort of legislators and legislative staff to explore and document state policy options, strategies and resource management related to watershed resilience efforts in the Mississippi River Basin.
Time Period	April 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025.
Submitted to EC	May 18, 2024.
4. Preventing Child Maltreatment and Advancing Child Welfare	
Source	Casey Family Programs.
Amount	\$262,000. FUNDED at \$262,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$262,000. • Indirect Costs: \$0.
Description	NCSL will partner with Casey Family Programs to educate legislators and legislative staff about key child welfare and prevention policies and issues through convenings, maintenance of the child welfare database, developing web resources, technical assistance and support to fellows program alumni.
Time Period	Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024.
Submitted to EC	Jan. 13, 2024.
5. Supporting State Legislatures in Prescription Drug Policy	
Source	Arnold Ventures.
Amount	\$183,462. FUNDED at \$183,462.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$152,855. • Indirect Costs: \$30,577 (@20% of direct costs).
Description	This project will support state legislators and legislative staff on prescription drug policy issues through education, technical assistance, legislative tracking, webinars and web resources.
Time Period	Jan. 5, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024.
Submitted to EC	Jan. 13, 2024.
6. Building State Legislative Capacity for Value-Based Models of Health Care	
Source	Arnold Ventures.
Amount	\$115,192. FUNDED at \$115,192.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$95,993. • Indirect Costs: \$19,199 (@20% of direct costs).
Description	This project seeks to educate and build state legislative knowledge and awareness of policy options related to value-based payment reforms in health care.
Time Period	Jan. 25, 2024 to July 31, 2025.
Submitted to EC	Jan. 13, 2024.

RENEWALS

TOTAL POTENTIAL FUNDING OF \$1,027,034.

1. Building Legislative Leadership in Early Math	
Source	Heising-Simons Foundation.
Amount	\$200,000. FUNDED at \$200,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$181,818. - Indirect Costs: \$18,182 (@10% of direct costs).
Description	The funding provides support for the Education Program for work on early education, with an emphasis on building solid math and numeracy skills for children in preschool through third grade. NCSL staff will partner with leading researchers to bring the latest information to legislators and staff.
Time Period	Feb. 1, 2024 to Aug. 31, 2025.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.
2. Strengthening Legislative Capacity to Improve Health System Access and Efficiencies	
Source	The Commonwealth Fund.
Amount	\$199,030. FUNDED at \$199,030.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$173,070 - Indirect Costs: \$25,960 (@15% of direct costs).
Description	This project will help to strengthen state legislators' and legislative staff's knowledge and capacity to consider policies that promote greater access, efficiency and quality of health care in the U.S.
Time Period	Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024.
Reported to EC	Jan. 13, 2024.
3. Justice Counts	
Source	The Council of State Governments.
Amount	\$197,415. FUNDED at \$197,415.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$153,317. - Indirect Costs: \$44,098 (@46.77% of salaries).
Description	NCSL will continue to support the data-led governing project by representing legislative interests and convening key legislators and legislative staff to develop and implement best practices for use of data in policy and budget decisions.
Time Period	March 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.
4. State Policy Options to Sustain Military Readiness	
Source	U.S. Department of Defense.
Amount	\$180,589. FUNDED at \$180,589.
Direct/Indirect Costs	- Direct Costs: \$145,843. - Indirect Costs: \$34,747 (@46.77% of salaries).
Description	This project supports the work of the NCSL Task Force on Military and Veterans' Affairs, providing education and engagement on state policies to state legislators related to military mission sustainability, defense climate resilience, renewable energy issues and veterans' affairs.
Time Period	April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.

5. Cultivating Informed Policymakers and Growing Afterschool Network Policy Knowledge	
Source	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
Amount	\$150,000. FUNDED at \$150,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$139,005. • Indirect Costs: \$16,727 (8.25% of direct costs).
Description	NCSL will educate and support legislators and staff on afterschool and summer learning policy through publications, bill tracking, virtual meetings and an in-person meeting session.
Time Period	April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.
6. Engaging Legislators on Effective Juvenile Justice Policy	
Source	Annie E. Casey Foundation.
Amount	\$100,000. FUNDED at \$100,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$83,333. • Indirect Costs: \$10,995 (@20% of direct costs).
Description	NCSL will support state policymakers by giving them informational resources and learning opportunities related to juvenile justice and young adults in the justice system.
Time Period	March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.

PROPOSALS UNDER \$100,000

TOTAL POTENTIAL FUNDING OF \$89,009.

1. Whole Student Policy	
Source	Learning Policy Institute.
Amount	\$27,647. FUNDED at \$27,647.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$25,134. • Indirect Costs: \$2,513 (@10% of direct costs).
Description	Tailored technical assistance and guided action planning to states wanting to examine whole student education policy.
Time Period	March 1, 2024 to Aug. 31, 2024.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.
2. Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing	
Source	Inseparable.
Amount	\$36,000.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$32,735. • Indirect Costs: \$3,265 (@10% of direct costs).
Description	This project will educate state legislators and legislative staff around youth mental health prevention, intervention and treatment.
Time Period	April 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.
3. Environmental Education	
Source	We Act.
Amount	\$25,362.
Direct/Indirect Costs	• Direct Costs: \$23,056. • Indirect Costs: \$2,306 (@10% of direct costs).
Description	NCSL will inform state lawmakers on policy options related to land use, toxins, pollutants, water quality and other issues that have affected disadvantaged communities.
Time Period	July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
Reported to EC	May 18, 2024.

OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE—COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

To: Members of the NCSL Outreach and Member Services Committee
From: Bryan Thomas, chief communications officer
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Communications and Outreach Update

The NCSL Communications Division connects members with all the resources and opportunities the conference has to offer, while advancing the story of how state legislatures serve their constituents. This report summarizes several of the communications and outreach activities undertaken in the first quarter of the year.

STATE OF PLAY

In January, NCSL launched “State of Play” with our partners at A Starting Point. “State of Play” is a bipartisan civics engagement platform that features monthly interviews with two lawmakers—one Republican and one Democrat—on an issue of concern in the states. A Starting Point is the civics engagement organization co-founded by Chris Evans (who plays Captain America in the Marvel Cinematic Universe), Mark Kassen and Joe Kiani.

Through “State of Play,” NCSL can facilitate conversations that help its members reach new audiences—chiefly millennial and Gen Z viewers—on a national platform. The initiative also centers state legislatures as the place where the action is happening on a host of issues of central concern to Americans.

We have published the first four episodes of our series, all available at ncsl.org/state-of-play. They are:

- January 2024: “An Inside Look at Artificial Intelligence Policy and State Actions,” featuring Texas Rep. Giovanni Capriglione (R) and California Asm. Jacqui Irwin (D).
- February 2024: “How State Policymakers Are Addressing Housing Issues,” featuring Minnesota Rep. Esther Agbaje (D) and North Carolina Sen. Paul Newton (R).
- March 2024: “Voter ID: Unpacking the Debate as Voters Head to the Polls,” featuring North Carolina Sen. Warren Daniel (R) and Maryland Del. Jheanelle Wilkins (D).
- April 2024: “Navigating Immigration Policy at the State Level,” featuring Arizona Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R) and Rhode Island Rep. Leonela Felix (D).

Upcoming episodes will focus on children and social media (May 2024) and election security (June 2024).

DIGITAL CONTENT

Since the launch of the new NCSL website in January 2023, web traffic has increased by 33%, an impressive number considering the complete overhaul reduced our page count from roughly 12,000 to 2,000. Overall traffic is trending positively back to where it was pre-relaunch and much faster than anticipated, which we credit to the site’s enhanced functionality, infrastructure, search engine optimization, ADA compliance and excellent, curated content.

NCSL’s editorial team continues to provide top-notch editing and publishing support. The team operates the award-winning State Legislatures News, which has seen phenomenal growth during the reporting period year over year with a whopping 811% increase in pageviews. This shows that Google sees ncsl.org as a strong, authoritative source that helps increase our reach and improve our brand strength.

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL VIEWS (HOW MANY TIMES A PAGE IS VISITED)	TOTAL SESSIONS (HOW MANY INTERACTIONS USER HAS WITH WEBSITE)	STATE LEGISLATURES NEWS VIEWS
3.3 million Increase of 33% YOY	2.1 million Increase of 49% YOY	214,106 Increase of 811% YOY

NEW WEBPAGES PUBLISHED (JAN-MARCH)	STATE LEGISLATURES NEWS ARTICLES PUBLISHED (JAN-MARCH)
63	98

10 MOST-VISITED WEBPAGES	10 MOST-VISITED STATE LEGISLATURES NEWS ARTICLES	15 MOST-POPULAR ORGANIC GOOGLE SEARCH QUERIES
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NCSL NEWSLETTERS

In the first quarter, NCSL sent 155 regularly occurring newsletters, including NCSL Today, NCSL This Week and policy-specific newsletters, to 24,534 recipients with a total email volume of 1.54 million emails. Legislators and legislative staff made up 51% of newsletter recipients.

MEDIA RELATIONS

NCSL continues to position itself as a valued source for local, regional and national media. During this reporting period, NCSL received approximately 9,300 media mentions, with top mentions coming from AP National, NBC News, Fox News, The Washington Post, CNN and Forbes.

NCSL released three press releases or statements during this reporting period and assisted with media inquiries covering a wide range of topics, including artificial intelligence, legislative processes, state budgets and other trending subjects.

SOCIAL MEDIA

During this reporting period, NCSL gained 1,561 new net followers across all platforms, giving NCSL a total of 64,496 followers. The total impressions (the number of times content is displayed on followers'/users' social media platforms) for this period was 350,213. Nearly 188,000 (54%) of the total impressions came from X, while approximately 102,000 (29%) came from LinkedIn, nearly 32,000 came (9%) came from Facebook and over 28,600 (8%) came from Instagram.

There was a total of 11,388 video views across the platforms, with LinkedIn generating 51.3%, or over 5,800 of those video views, and X generating 23.5%, or over 2,600 video views. There were also approximately 3,804 post link clicks (number of times users clicked on links from NCSL's posts) during the reporting period.

NCSL TOWN HALLS

During this reporting period, NCSL hosted three NCSL Town Hall discussions: "State Policy Trends to Watch in 2024," "State Budget and Taxes" and "Maternal Health." The Town Hall posts collectively were viewed or appeared on users' screens approximately 21,000 times, and the videos were viewed 3,975 times.

PODCASTS

NCSL has produced nine podcasts since the start of the calendar year. Topics have included an overview of the new legislative sessions from CEO Tim Storey, innovative ways to pay for college, the states' role in electric transmission lines, maternal health, kids and social media, efforts to prevent overdose deaths and more. Between downloads and streaming, our potential audience for this period was about 6,000 listeners.

MEMBER OUTREACH

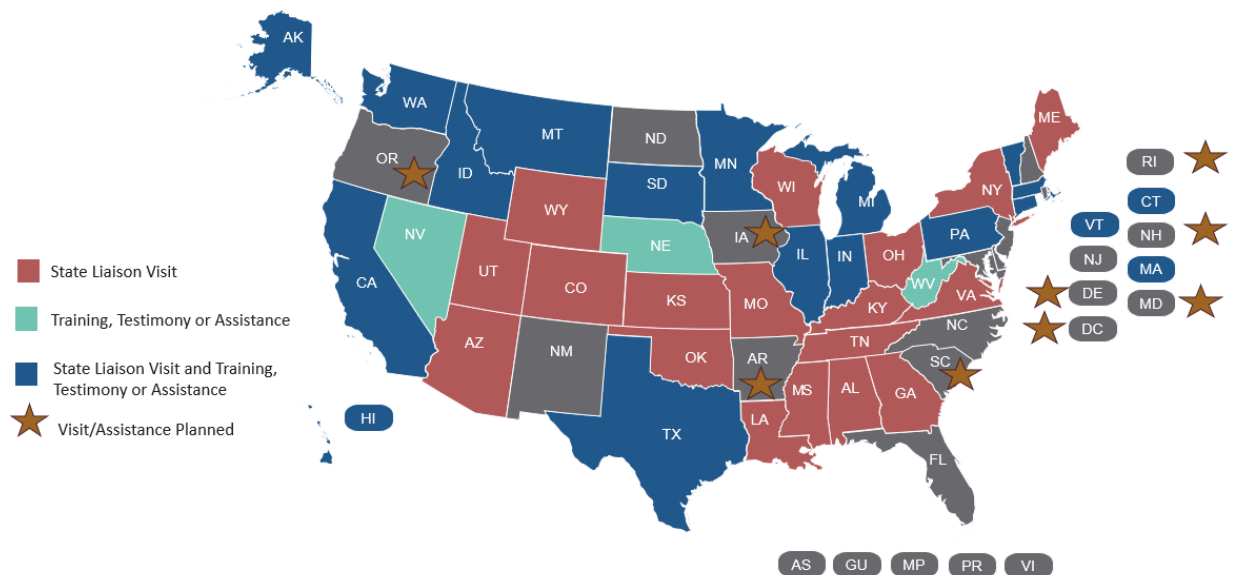
NCSL's state liaisons play a crucial role in facilitating information exchanges between NCSL and the legislatures they support. State liaisons have maintained regular contact with legislators and staff in their states in the first months of 2024, promoting NCSL events, policy resources and training opportunities. Thirty-four states received a visit from NCSL state liaisons. The outreach program provided NCSL staff with a newly refreshed state liaison position description and guidebook, with the goals of increasing understanding about state liaison work and encouraging staff to consider taking on a liaison role.

NCSL staff completed 565 research requests for legislators and legislative staff in the first three months of 2024.

NCSL made connections with 4,556 legislators and legislative staff during 88 virtual and in-state training, policy assistance or relationship-building meetings between January and March 2024.

NCSL IN-STATE ASSISTANCE

JAN. 1 – MARCH 31, 2024



OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE—NCSL’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

To: Members of the NCSL Outreach and Member Services Committee
From: Bryan Thomas, chief communications officer
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: NCSL’s 50th Anniversary Update

The National Conference of State Legislatures first convened in 1975 when three organizations merged to form the powerhouse that today is NCSL. The organization’s 50th anniversary is an opportunity to not only reflect on the extraordinary historic work of legislatures, but to tell the story of the critical role that the first branch continues to play in fulfilling the great American experiment.

Through its 50th anniversary, NCSL will tell the story of how state legislatures drive representative democracy, civility and innovation, and how NCSL is the indispensable partner in achieving all three.

MISSION STATEMENT

NCSL celebrates 50 years of bipartisanship and empowering the legislative institution. The conference commits to marking the milestone through a series of special events, sharing the stories of members and commemorating a half-century of strengthening and supporting representative democracy.

VISION STATEMENT

Celebrating the first half-century of dedicated service to our nation’s legislative institution.

GOALS

- Engage members.
 - Demonstrate to members how and why NCSL is indispensable as a partner in promoting representative democracy, civility and innovation.
 - Increase membership engagement, including through a) greater participation of current members; b) activation of previously inactive members; and c) initiation of newly elected/hired members.
- Engage the public.
 - Educate the public on the indispensable nature of strong, independent and bipartisan state legislatures.
 - Showcase members on a national stage.
- Engage NCSL staff.
 - Enhance NCSL staff engagement with its mission and members.
- Grow support.
 - Attract new supporters to the NCSL Foundation.
 - Ladder up the support of existing Foundation sponsors.

CORE MESSAGES

For 50 years, NCSL has served to advance the effectiveness, independence and integrity of legislatures, while advocating at the national level in support of state interests.

As we celebrate 50 years of service, we recommit ourselves to helping state legislatures strengthen representative democracy, model civility and embrace innovation.

State legislatures are models for <u>representative democracy</u> .	State legislatures are models of <u>civility</u> .	State legislatures are hotbeds of <u>innovation</u> .
→ At a time when democracies around the world are under threat, American state legislatures are the beacon on the hill showing that the great experiment of representative democracy is prospering. → State legislatures show that policymaking that comes through robust debate of the representatives of the people is most responsive to the people’s interests. → Legislative staff provide professional counsel, nonpartisan guidance and institutional knowledge, and are vital to ensuring the persistence of democratic ideals.	→ State legislators know how to disagree without being disagreeable. Legislatures are the proof that partisan politics doesn’t have to be synonymous with gridlock. → Legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds, representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground. → Now, more than ever, we need a room where the left and right come together. NCSL is that room.	→ State legislatures are America’s laboratories of democracy. Legislatures have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges. → Throughout the last 50 years, legislatures have identified innovative solutions to novel problems. → State legislatures punch above their weight class. → Today, legislatures are wrestling with the most complex new issues—from AI to self-driving cars to a changing economy—and testing innovative solutions.

VISUAL IDENTIFY

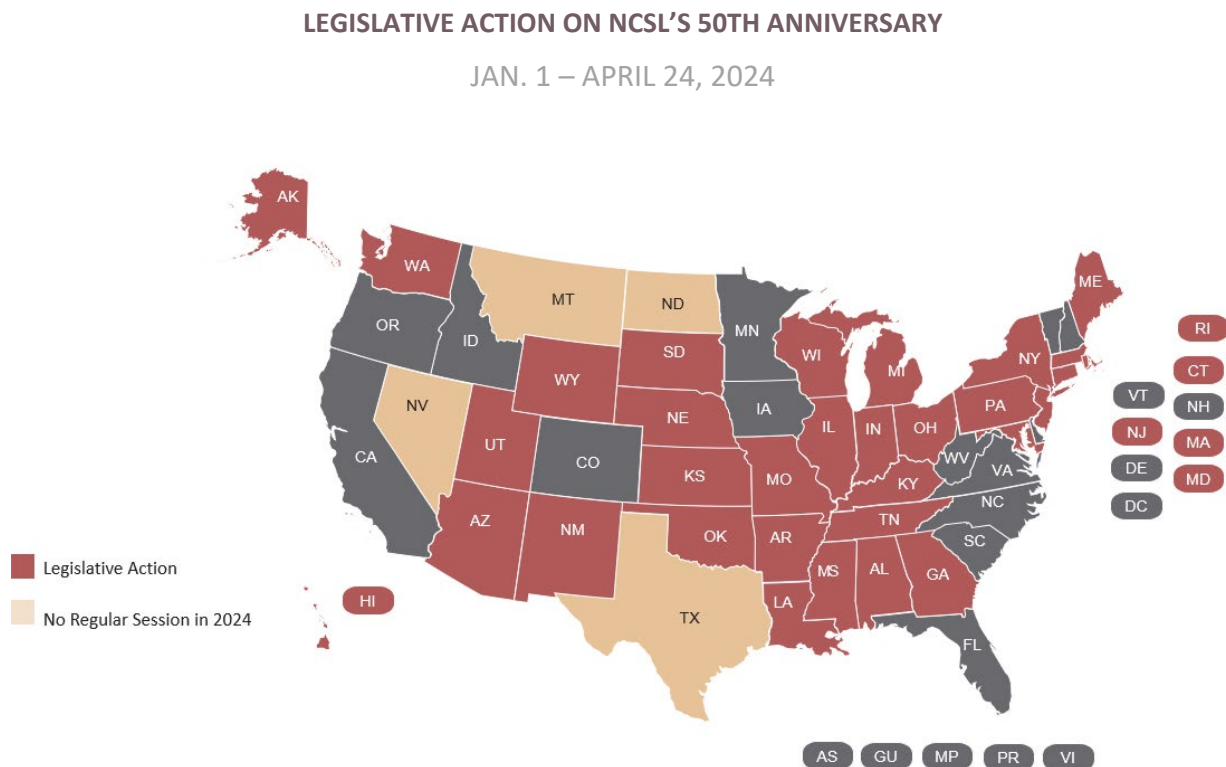
In observance of the 50th anniversary, NCSL will flip our official logo to the gold version below across most of our platforms. This switch will take effect during the opening general session of the Legislative Summit in Louisville, Ky., and will run at least through the Boston Summit.



NCSL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTIONS

As NCSL launched its celebration of 50 years of service, states are encouraged to participate in this commemorative occasion by passing a resolution about NCSL's anniversary. While NCSL will officially mark its 50th anniversary in 2025, legislatures have been asked to consider taking up this resolution as soon as possible to help build momentum and excitement as we mark this important milestone.

Thirty-two states acted on resolutions between Jan. 1 and April 24, 2024. Many chambers have personalized the resolution text with details about the state's engagement with NCSL, such as legislators and staff who have served in NCSL leadership, or notable meetings held in the state.



CONTENT STRATEGY

NCSL is working across divisions and programs to plan a robust content strategy to promote the organization and the core messages of supporting representative democracy, civility and innovation. Content themed to the anniversary will soft-launch in the spring, with full-court press promotion coinciding with the Legislative Summit in August.

Planned content resources include (but are not limited to):

- Dedicated ncsl.org landing page to house all related content.
- Special podcast series.
- Interactive timeline.
- Special commemorative 50th-themed edition of State Legislatures magazine.
- Documentary-style videos showcasing state legislatures.
- Coffee table-style book featuring state capitols.
- “State of Play” videos created with A Starting Point partnership.
- “Profiles in Service” series of staff profiles.

OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE—2024 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT UPDATE

To: Members of the NCSL Outreach and Member Services Committee
 From: Victor Vialpando-Nuñez, chief operating officer
 Date: May 18, 2024
 Subject: 2024 Legislative Summit Update

The 2024 NCSL Legislative Summit will take place Aug. 5-7 in Louisville, Ky. Featured speakers include Kellyanne Conway, Donna Brazile, John Medina, Eric Bailey and Jennifer Pahlka. This year's Summit will host more than 200 exhibitors and feature an opening reception on Monday, Aug. 5, at The Kentucky Center, followed by a closing reception at Churchill Downs on Wednesday, Aug. 7. The full schedule of events, registration information, exhibitor information and more is available at ncsl.org/summit.

The launch was a collaborative effort involving several key NCSL departments, including the meetings, communications and policy teams. As of April 22, registration has topped 1,000 attendees, exceeding previous years' numbers at the same point for Indianapolis in 2023 (680), Denver in 2022 (297) and Nashville in 2019 (905).

SUNDAY, AUG. 4	MONDAY, AUG. 5	TUESDAY, AUG. 6	WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Preconferences; NCSL Task Forces	8:30-10 a.m. Opening General Session	9-10:15 a.m. General Session	8-9 a.m. Party Breakfasts; Legislative Staff Breakfast; Foundation Lounge
8-11:30 a.m. Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee	10:15-11:45 a.m. Sessions	10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibit Hall	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibit Hall
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. NCSL Foundation Meeting; Lunch	Noon to 1:15 p.m. Sponsored Lunches	10:30-11:45 a.m. Exhibit Hall Grand Opening	9:15-10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
1:30-3:45 p.m. Executive Committee; Subcommittee Meetings	1:30-3:45 p.m. Sessions	11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Exhibit Hall Lunch; Salute to Legislative Staff Lunch	10:45 a.m. - Noon Sessions
4-5:30 p.m. Full Executive Committee	4-5 p.m. Sessions; Legislative Staff University	1:15-3:45 p.m. Sessions, Tours	12:15-1:15 p.m. Exhibit Hall Lunch
4:30-6 p.m. New Attendee Orientation	5:30-7 p.m. Opening Reception at The Kentucky Center	4-5 p.m. General Session	1:30-2:45 p.m. Sessions
			3-4:30 p.m. General Session
			6:30-9 p.m. Churchill Downs

OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL NCSL MEETINGS

To: Members of the NCSL Outreach and Member Services Committee
From: Victor Vialpando-Nuñez, chief operating officer
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Additional NCSL Meetings

NCSL IN-PERSON MEETINGS

NCSL successfully conducted nine in-person meetings during the reporting period, serving approximately 1,289 attendees. As of April 16, 2024, there are 24 meetings scheduled to take place between May 1 and Aug. 2. Meetings held included:

- Jan. 5-7: Opioid Policy Fellows.
- Jan. 11-14: Winter Executive Committee and LSCC Meeting.
- Jan. 11-12: Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Privacy.
- Jan. 11-12: SALT Working Group Meeting.
- Feb. 5-8: STGWG Sacred Sites Workshop.
- Feb. 25-29: Tribal Clean Energy Summit.
- March 15-17: Education Policy Academy.
- April 4-6: ASLCS Spring Business Meeting,
- April 13-14: Behavioral Health Training Institute.

NCSL WEBINARS

During the reporting period, NCSL conducted 10 webinars, attended by 401 participants. Webinars included:

- Feb. 2: Minor Guardianship Webinar.
- Feb. 15: 2024 US Economic Outlook and What it Means for State Budgets and Credit Ratings.
- Feb. 26: Student Debt Basic Needs Webinar .
- March 1: Broadband Deployment and BEAD Series (Part 1).
- March 8: 2024 Spring Webinar Series: The Election Workforce: The Front Lines of Democracy.
- March 28: 2024 NREE Spring Webinar Series: The Great Outdoors: New Frontiers for Youth and Veteran Job Training.
- April 4: 2024 Transportation Spring Webinar Series: All Aboard: Expanding Passenger Rail Across the Country.
- April 5: Broadband Deployment and BEAD Webinar Series (Part 2).
- April 11: 2024 NREE Spring Webinar Series: Energy Efficiency for Low-Income Households and Renters.
- April 12: 2024 Spring Webinar Series: After the Voting Is Over: Counting, Results Reporting, Recounts (and more).

OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE—NCSL GROUPS (POWERED BY BREEZIO)

To: Members of the NCSL Outreach and Member Services Committee
From: Victor Vialpando-Núñez, chief operating officer
Molly Ramsdell, vice president, State-Federal Affairs
Carrie Maulin, director, Legislative Staff Services
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: NCSL Groups (Powered by Breezio) Update

NCSL Groups (powered by Breezio) has officially replaced Lyrus as the communications platform for NCSL standing committees, task forces and staff professional associations. This platform offers NCSL members a powerful set of tools to enhance communication, collaboration and knowledge sharing among its members and staff, while replacing NCSL's obsolete listserv functionality.

Being sensitive to the fact that this is a busy time for state legislatures, we are starting by using the platform as a one-way communications tool for committees and task forces, pushing information such as newsletters, registration links and new publications. In the second half of the year, we will explore the use of the platform's collaborative capabilities.

The nine professional staff associations have all been on-boarded to the Breezio system and are using it for two-way communications with features such as a chat function, event notifications and group messaging. Associations may use the platform to host their bylaws, association histories, rosters and professional development meeting information. LSMI staff will use the platform this summer to communicate with the cohort during the program and, in the fall, there will be groups for the LSCC, work groups and subcommittees.

Each NCSL Groups section may be structured as either collaborative, where members can participate in the discussion, or as a distribution list, where only NCSL staff publishes information.

NCSL Groups communication is established primarily via email.

- When a message is created and posted, group members receive email notifications.
- In collaborative groups, members may reply to messages simply by clicking "Reply to Post."

Group members can optionally visit the groups portal at <https://groups.ncsl.org> for:

- Document libraries, changing settings and preferences, searching previously posted content, engaging in conversation (in collaborative groups), flagging favorite discussions and networking.
- Logging into the Groups portal requires the same credentials as NCSL's main website.

Other key points to note:

- Each group has its own settings and membership.
- A member can belong to multiple groups and view each one in the NCSL Groups portal.
- Members can only see and interact with the groups to which they belong.
- Groups and their memberships are managed and maintained by NCSL staff.

LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION SUBCOMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2024 | 1:45-3 P.M. | PARLIAMENT BUILDING OF QUÉBEC | MARIE-CLAIRE-KIRKLAND

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Presentation from L'Assemblée Nationale du Québec.
3. Winter-spring 2024 NCSL research and products supporting the legislative institution.
4. International Legislative Advisory Council.
5. Report from LSCC Legislative Institution Subcommittee.
6. 2024 Legislative Summit—legislative institution track sessions.

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LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION SUBCOMMITTEE—REPORT FROM THE NCSL CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRENGTHENING

To: Members of the NCSL Legislative Institution Subcommittee
From: Natalie Wood, vice president for policy and research
Julie George, director, Center for Legislative Strengthening
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Legislative Institution-Focused Research, Training and Consulting: Winter-Spring 2024 Report

PROMOTING LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTIONS

The Center for Legislative Strengthening (CLS) had a busy winter and spring answering research requests, providing testimony and working on special projects for NCSL members. It will come as no surprise that artificial intelligence in the legislative environment questions abound. There was also a surge in requests related to legislative audits and investigations. Questions regarding session length, legislator and staff compensation and parliamentary procedure and rules continue to keep the team busy as well. Between Jan. 1 and April 17, 2024, the team fielded 91 research requests.

CLS staff provided testimony three times to Nevada interim committees this winter and spring. In February, staff presented to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs on public records laws. In April, staff provided two presentations to the Interim Committee on Legislative Operation and Elections, one on strategies to increase public participation in the legislative process, the second on the use of AI and technology by legislatures.

In early May, CLS teamed up with NCSL colleagues from Legislative Staff Services and the Center for Results-Driven Governing to provide information to a work group of the Oregon House of Representatives on issues concerning legislative oversight. In late 2023, this same team presented to the Vermont House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs regarding legislative oversight tools and remote procedure. Other presentations included one to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Modernization regarding state legislative policies and usage of AI and, as part of a larger NCSL team, CLS provided testimony to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission on auditing state information offices.

CLS also participated in the spring meeting of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASLCS) held in New Orleans in April. CLS staffed the meeting of the Mason's Commission, supporting their work to update the 2030 Mason's Manual.

The center has two survey projects in the works: one to update NCSL's annual legislator compensation (salary, per diem and mileage reimbursement) resource page and another to gather information from staff on the usage of and policies surrounding the use of AI by legislatures.

TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

CLS has been busy with special projects this winter and spring. The team is nearly finished with a consulting project on staffing structures and classification and compensation. In March, the team began a second study project regarding legislative staff collective bargaining efforts. CLS hosted a preconference in Austin, Texas, during which staff leaders from eight states came together to discuss legislative staff retention strategies. The team is working on an article related to that meeting this spring.

With two new team members (see below), the CLS team and Natalie Wood headed to Sacramento, Calif., for a professional development outing to learn from and meet with California legislative staff. The two days in Sacramento were filled with meetings with legislative staff, during which the team learned the complexities of running the California Legislature, which includes more than 2,700 legislative staff. The team was also honored to be introduced on the Assembly floor.

In April, staff traveled to the Utah Capitol to participate in the first annual Legislature Career Connect, an afternoon filled with networking and panel discussions that allowed attendees to gain insight into working for the legislature. CLS addressed attendees, offering insight on working for a legislature and the broader work that NCSL does in service to legislatures across the country.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The CLS team welcomed two new members in February. Julie George joined the team to replace Wood as the CLS director and Emily Ronco transitioned from the Education Program, where she had served as a policy associate for nearly five years, to join CLS as a policy specialist.

STATE-FEDERAL POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2024 | 1:45-3 P.M. | PARLIAMENT BUILDING OF QUÉBEC | PAULINE-MAROIS

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. New standing committee rollout update.
3. NCSL in D.C. report.
4. Highlights of NCSL's work on priorities.
5. Preview of state-federal policies at Summit.
6. Other business.

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STATE-FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Members of the NCSL State-Federal Policy Committee
From: Molly Ramsdell, vice president, State-Federal Affairs
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Update on State-Federal Activities

NCSL has been advocating for several of the priorities identified by the State-Federal Policy Subcommittee during the January Executive Committee meeting in Las Vegas. Below are a few highlights.

STATE-FEDERAL WEBINAR SERIES

NCSL launched a monthly state-federal webinar series focusing on several of NCSL's state-federal priorities (links to recordings provided below). There is still time to register for the June and July webinars.

- February: [State-Federal Briefing: Behavioral Health](#).
- March: [State-Federal Briefing: Rapid Fire](#).
- April: [State-Federal Briefing: Workforce](#).
- May: SCOTUS—recording not available at time of publication.
- June 21: State-Federal Briefing: Federal Child Care Landscape. [Register here](#).
- July 19: State-Federal Briefing: Housing. Registration coming soon.

June 10-14, 2024, NCSL will host Policy Week. During Policy Week, each committee will meet virtually to allow members to discuss the policies scheduled to be considered at the 2024 Legislative Summit in Louisville, Ky., before the policy submission deadline. Foundation sponsors are invited to observe.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

NCSL has been pushing for the adoption of the [SUPPORT Act](#) and the [STRONGER Act](#). While those bills have stalled, the Continuing Appropriations Act (CAA) for FY 2024 contained an NCSL-supported provision that increased state Medicaid flexibility via a permanent state option to eliminate the Medicaid exclusion for services provided in “institutions for mental disease” (also known as the “[IMD exclusion](#)”).

BROADBAND

NCSL has been pushing for additional funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which helps low-income families afford high-speed internet services. NCSL continues to call on its members to urge their congressional delegations to support the bipartisan Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act, which appropriates \$7 billion in unused Treasury Department funding to help continue the ACP through 2024. NCSL is also talking to members of Congress about other bipartisan options to continue the ACP.

CANNABIS BANKING/FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Yes, we are going to discuss these two issues together. For several years now, NCSL has been pushing Congress to pass legislation (SAFE Act and SAFER Banking Act) to allow financial institutions to serve legal cannabis-related businesses operating within their respective state laws. There is an effort to add the SAFER Banking Act to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization; the current FAA authorization expires May 10. NCSL sent a letter to congressional

leadership supporting the addition of the SAFER Banking Act to the FAA reauthorization and its swift passage and will focus its efforts on a targeted group of members.

On the FAA reauthorization front, NCSL issued a [letter to Congress](#) in December outlining its priorities for the reauthorization, which included urging Congress to “preserve the authority of state governments to issue and enforce reasonable restrictions over UAS operations in line with states’ traditional policing powers.” The most likely outcome will be Congress charging the FAA to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking on Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) UAS operation based on the March 2022 recommendations made by the BVLOS Aviation Rulemaking Committee. However, the FAA administrator will have the authority to decline using the committee's recommendations as long as they provide Congress with an explanation.

DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY/EMERGING TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE

[The American Privacy Rights Act](#) was introduced last month and, as written, preempts many state privacy laws. The NCSL state-federal affairs team is analyzing the bill and meeting with congressional staff to better understand the sponsors’ thinking and provide recommendations. Be on the lookout for updates in Capitol to Capitol.

EDUCATION

Higher Ed: NCSL provided public comments during a negotiated rulemaking session on state authorization in higher education. NCSL continues to lobby the U.S. Department of Education, including direct conversations with Secretary Miguel Cardona, as it writes proposed regulations that would place new and novel regulations on how states can operate state compacts that allow distance learning programs to operate across state lines.

Student Literacy: NCSL provided written feedback to Senate HELP Committee Ranking Member Bill Cassidy’s public request for comments on how the federal government can best support student literacy. NCSL highlighted examples of state trends and policies in literacy to emphasize state leadership over federal intervention.

FARM BILL/NUTRITION

While we await the release of text for the Farm Bill reauthorization (latest rumor is we will see text and a committee markup in the House by Memorial Day), it is likely to include preemptive language regarding pesticides and a state’s ability to regulate out of state agriculture products sold in the state. NCSL has previously voiced opposition to these provisions and has reached out to members of the “Big 7” to explore a potential joint letter on these preemptions.

The CAA provided full funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). While not part of the Farm bill, the CAA also included federal funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), which was facing crisis-level funding shortages due to increased enrollment and the delayed appropriations process. States were facing the prospect of waiting lists and reduced benefits. NCSL sent two letters to Congress urging swift passage of this funding.

WATER

NCSL continues to support the reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act and commented on the EPA's proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements (LCRI). See NCSL Letters and Testimony below for more information.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM EXPANSION

NCSL submitted comments to the Department of Labor on a proposed rulemaking regarding apprenticeships. NCSL urged the department to provide increased consultation with states, support state innovation, and avoid a narrow definition of apprenticeships.

As mentioned above, in April NCSL hosted a workforce webinar, featuring Cierra Mitchell from the Department of

Labor's (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship, Gayle Goldin from the DOL Women's Bureau and NCSL's Deanna Ross and Zaakary Barnes.

STATE TESTIMONY

NCSL Federal Affairs Advisor Austin Reid provided testimony to the Alaska Legislature on the federal maintenance of equity provision that was included in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Based on his conversations with the congressional staffers who wrote the provision in addition to his regular communications with the U.S. Department of Education about its implementation since the spring of 2021, Reid was able to provide an overview of the provision and implementation timeline, potential challenges states may have coming into compliance, and observations for consideration by legislatures seeking to understand the provision.

NCSL LETTERS AND COMMENTS

- [NCSL Supports the SAFER Banking Act](#) (April 17, 2024).
- [NCSL Comments on Autonomous Vehicles](#) (March 27, 2024).
- [NCSL Comments on the Department of Labor's National Apprenticeship System Enhancements](#) (March 18, 2024).
- [NCSL Joint Letter Supporting the Water Resources Development Act of 2024](#) (March 13, 2024).
- [NCSL Letter to HHS Urging Emergency Flexibilities in the Wake of Change Healthcare Cyberattack](#) (March 13, 2024).
- [NCSL supports swift bipartisan passage of 2024 Farm Bill](#) (Feb. 26, 2024).
- [NCSL Letter Urging Passage of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act](#) (Feb. 15, 2024).
- [NCSL supports passage of the Supporting Treatment and Recovery Over Narcotics for Growth Empowerment and Rehabilitation Act \(STRONGER Act\)](#) (Feb. 2, 2024).
- [NCSL commented on EPA's proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements \(LCRI\)](#) (Feb. 1, 2024).
- [NCSL Supports Additional Funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act](#) (Jan. 25, 2024).



REPORT FROM NCSL FOUNDATION FOR STATE LEGISLATURES PRESIDENT ROBIN VOS

To: Members of the NCSL Executive Committee
From: Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos, NCSL Foundation for State Legislatures president
Date: May 18, 2024
Subject: Status Report as of April 15, 2024

FOUNDATION REVENUE FOR FY 2024

The Foundation Board approved an unrestricted fundraising goal of \$4,600,000 for fiscal year 2024. As of April 15, 2024, the Foundation has raised \$3,552,500 in unrestricted giving. We are pleased to report we have 28 sponsors at the Capitol Circle level. Since our board meeting in January in Las Vegas, we have welcomed five new Capitol Circle sponsors: America's Credit Unions, Axon, Carrier Corp., Chevron and Cenovus Energy. Also, since January, we have welcomed Lykos Therapeutics as a new Platinum sponsor. Combining the 66 Platinum sponsors with the 28 at the Capitol Circle level gives us 94 top sponsors. Additionally, thus far in FY 2024, the NCSL Foundation has welcomed 11 new Gold sponsors and nine new Silver sponsors.

FOUNDATION OUTREACH

NCSL Foundation for State Legislatures Board of Directors Meeting, Jan. 13, 2024: The NCSL Foundation Board convened in person in Las Vegas during the NCSL Spring Executive Committee and LSCC meetings. The board meeting served as a platform to present the Foundation audit and provide updates on various initiatives, including the work of the Foundation for State Legislatures Bylaws Committee, enhancements to the NCSL committee structure, and forthcoming meetings and events. Attendees had the opportunity to gain insights into the Foundation's ongoing efforts and contribute to discussions shaping its future direction. Additionally, lunch was provided, fostering networking opportunities and collaboration among attendees.

NCSL Leadership Luncheon, Feb. 26, 2024: The NCSL Leadership Luncheon held at the Nuclear Energy Institute in Washington, D.C., provided a platform for NCSL Foundation sponsors to gather and engage in discussions on pressing issues facing state legislatures. More than 80 attendees had the opportunity to connect with peers and gain insights from NCSL's leadership, including NCSL CEO Tim Storey, NCSL President and Rhode Island Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy, and NCSL Foundation President and Wisconsin Speaker Robin Vos. The event featured discussions on emerging trends in state legislatures and a comprehensive mid-session recap, offering valuable perspectives and insights navigating political dynamics alongside legislative priorities.

Capitol Convergence: NCSL/SGAC Luncheon, April 24, 2024: The annual roundtable luncheon hosted by the NCSL Foundation and the State Government Affairs Council provided previews of key policy sessions slated for the upcoming NCSL Legislative Summit in Louisville, Ky. During the event, NCSL's State-Federal Affairs Program offered participants a valuable opportunity to gain insights into the agenda of the Summit and other topics during roundtable discussions, allowing participants an opportunity to engage and share information in smaller group conversations.

FOUNDATION OPERATING EXPENSES FOR FY 2024

The Foundation board of directors approved an operating budget of \$1,392,301 and \$3,822,100 for awards to NCSL. We are within the Foundation operating budget.



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- American Transaction Processors Coalition
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- Association of National Advertisers
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- Cencora
- Chamber of Progress
- Cigna
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- Nike
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MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 2024 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JAN. 13, 2024 | CAESARS PALACE | LAS VEGAS

The following officers and members were present:

OFFICERS

- Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy, Rhode Island, NCSL president
- Assistant House Majority Leader Marcus Evans, Illinois, NCSL vice president
- Senate President Pro Tempore Wayne Harper, Utah, NCSL president-elect
- Speaker Robin Vos, Wisconsin, president emeritus
- Sabrina Lewellen, Arkansas, NCSL staff chair
- John Snyder, Kentucky, Staff vice chair
- Anne Sappenfield, Wisconsin, immediate past staff chair

MEMBERS

- Rep. Tyler August, Wisconsin
- Rep. Barbara Ballard, Kansas
- Natalie Castle, Colorado
- Sen. Cristina Castro, Illinois
- Sen. Marilyn Dondero Loop, Nevada
- Rep. Kurt Daudt, Minnesota
- Sen. Bob Duff, Connecticut
- Lonnie Edgar, Mississippi
- Rep. Jon Eubanks, Arkansas
- Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Arkansas
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- Erica Warren, Kentucky
- Speaker Ben Toma, Arizona
- Will Tracy, Arkansas

Forty-three members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome extended to all attendees by Speaker Pro Tem Brian Patrick Kennedy, acknowledging the presence of international guests from the National Assembly of Québec, the Parliament of Ghana and the province of Alberta. Sen. Marilyn Dondero-Loop welcomed the Executive Committee to her home state of Nevada and highlighted some of its history. Roll call was conducted, and each member introduced themselves.

REMARKS BY APOSTOLOS TZITZIKOSTAS, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Kennedy then introduced Apostolos Tzitzikostas, the first vice president of the European Committee of the Regions, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the NCSL Executive Committee. Tzitzikostas highlighted the shared values of the U.S. and Europe, emphasizing the importance of cooperation in addressing global challenges. He proposed closer collaboration between the two entities, focusing on areas such as climate change, democracy, economic development and participatory governance. Tzitzikostas concluded by advocating for the formation of study groups to facilitate actionable initiatives and invited Kennedy to attend the Summit of Regions and Cities of Europe in Belgium. He emphasized the significance of fostering a strong partnership between the institutions for a brighter future.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Kennedy called for the approval of the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting held during the Indianapolis Summit in 2023. Attendees were given a moment to review the minutes, followed by a motion for approval, which received unanimous support.

CEO REPORT

Kennedy announced the adoption of the minutes and then called on Tim Storey to present the CEO report. Storey, instead of reading the report, emphasized the importance of cultivating a culture of gratitude within NCSL. He expressed appreciation for the organization's leadership, partners and supporters, attributing NCSL's success to their collective efforts. Storey highlighted the organization's strong position, particularly in anticipation of its upcoming 50th anniversary. He concluded by thanking everyone for their involvement and commitment to improving NCSL.

BUDGET, FINANCE AND RULES

Kennedy then requested a report from the Budget, Finance and Rules Subcommittee, which was delivered by Senate President Pro Tem Wayne Harper. Harper detailed three items discussed during the committee meeting. First, the audit committee presented the results of the 2023 audit, which yielded no findings, indicating the organization's strong financial processes. Speaker Robin Vos praised the exceptional audit results, attributing them to the hard work of NCSL staff. A motion to adopt the audit was made and unanimously approved.

Next, Harper provided an update on the fiscal year 2024 budget, noting that the organization is on track to achieve a surplus due to exceeding revenue projections in various areas.

Lastly, Harper discussed the establishment of a reserve account and the selection of KeyBank Institutional Advisors as financial investment adviser. The committee unanimously approved the proposed investment policy, leading to its acceptance by the Executive Committee.

OUTREACH AND MEMBER SERVICES

Kennedy initiated the report from the Committee on Outreach and Member Services, beginning with Rep. Marcus Evans and Staff Chair Sabrina Lewellen. Evans reported on the committee's receipt of 10 proposed grants and contracts totaling nearly \$8.7 million, which were favorably reported to the full committee for approval. He also highlighted NCSL's communication achievements in 2023, including increased website traffic, media citations and member engagement statistics. Additionally, Evans mentioned the launch of the bipartisan video series "State of Play" and provided updates on the 2023 Legislative Summit in Indianapolis and the planning for the 2024 Legislative Summit in Louisville, Ky., which will coincide with the start of the organization's 50th anniversary celebration.

Lewellen then discussed the planning for NCSL's 50th anniversary, including mission and vision statements, core messages, communication strategy and commemorative items. She announced the receipt of the first legislative recognitions of the anniversary from New York, Tennessee and Maine.

Kennedy expressed appreciation for the committee's efforts and showcased commemorative items produced for the anniversary, encouraging attendees to wear and display them proudly. He also entertained a motion from Evans to accept the grants, which was unanimously approved by the committee.

LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION

Kennedy introduced the report from the Legislative Institution Subcommittee, presented by Sen. Marilyn Dondero Loop. Dondero Loop outlined updates from the meeting, including Natalie Wood's new role as vice president for State Policy Research and highlights from the NCSL Center for Legislative Strengthening. These updates covered issues such as staff retention, compensation studies, and institutional-related topics discussed at the Indianapolis Summit.

Dondero Loop also mentioned Jennifer Jackson's report on the work of the LSCC subcommittee, which included videos on ethics in legislatures, new publications and updates to the legislative staff manual. The committee participated in a survey on trending operational issues and discussed suggestions for future programming, including training for senior legislative staff and addressing turnover and work-life balance challenges. Dondero Loop concluded the report, prompting Kennedy's gratitude for the committee's efforts, noting the unique trivia contest and humorous atmosphere during the meeting.

STATE-FEDERAL

The report on state-federal activities was presented by Rep. Jon Eubanks and Sen. Bob Duff. They reviewed the state and federal priorities from 2023, finalized recommendations on the referral of standing committee policies, and discussed the assignment of policies to the newly split committees. The new committees were officially launched on Jan. 1, 2024, and the policies of those committees need to be assigned or re-assigned as appropriate. The agenda book included recommendations for the assignment of those policies, among them a recommendation to move the elections policies to the Elections and Redistricting Committee and granting them policymaking authority. The motion to assign policy jurisdictions was made and seconded, followed by a vote in favor.

Additionally, Rich Olsen provided an overview of the discussion on state and federal policies, highlighting updates such as adding specific infrastructure-related topics, removing the unwinding of the public health emergency, and adding child care. These updates serve to guide the conference's representation before the federal government and inform meeting programming and grant-funded research. The full report on NCSL's activity in Washington, D.C., is available in the January 2024 agenda book.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Kennedy recognized Lewellen, NCSL staff chair, to present the committee's report. Lewellen highlighted several key points from the committee's recent meeting. She began by mentioning the Standing Committees Work Group's efforts in enhancing outreach to members and facilitating professional development opportunities. The expansion of the standing committees from eight to 11 was also noted, along with the implementation of a new event calendar to aid committee planning. Lewellen emphasized the ongoing preparations for NCSL's 50th anniversary, including the formulation of mission and vision statements, communication strategies and commemorative plans. She announced legislative resolutions from New York, Tennessee and Maine in recognition of the anniversary, indicating widespread enthusiasm within the organization.

Additionally, Lewellen outlined the activities of various subcommittees and work groups under the LSCC. These included efforts to update association pages, introduce a new communication platform called Breezio, and enhance professional development opportunities for legislative staff. The successful completion of the Legislative Staff Management Institute (LSMI) program in 2023 and plans for the 2024 program were also highlighted. Lewellen expressed gratitude to the NCSL Foundation for its support and concluded her report by acknowledging the collaborative efforts of NCSL staff in facilitating the LSCC's initiatives.

Kennedy commended the LSCC for its diligent work and expressed appreciation for the comprehensive report. He acknowledged his early participation in some of the committee sessions, affirming the importance of the issues discussed and the dedication of committee members.

NCSL FOUNDATION FOR STATE LEGISLATURES

Kennedy then introduced Vos to provide a report from the NCSL Foundation for State Legislatures. Vos began by emphasizing the importance of acknowledging the contributions of partners who support NCSL's mission. He directed attendees' attention to pages 126 and 127 of the agenda book, where the list of supporters was displayed. Vos highlighted different categories of supporters, including Capitol Circle members, Platinum sponsors, Gold sponsors and Silver sponsors, each contributing varying amounts to the Foundation. He expressed gratitude to both longstanding and new partners for their generous support, mentioning companies like Verizon, AT&T, Airbnb, Cisco Systems, MAPS Public Benefit Corporation and NRG Energy. Vos noted the Foundation's progress toward its fundraising goal of \$4.5 million and encouraged attendees to continue advocating for NCSL's mission and seeking new supporters. He concluded his report by thanking all Foundation members for their contributions and invited them to stand for a round of applause.

Kennedy jokingly commented on Vos's presentation style, likening it to a scene from a Will Ferrell movie and eliciting laughter from the audience.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kennedy proceeded to open the floor for any other business before the Executive Committee. He took a moment to acknowledge Rep. Kurt Daudt, who would be leaving the Minnesota Legislature in February after a long tenure on the NCSL Executive Committee. Daudt had served as speaker and minority leader and was moving on to work for Stateside Associates. Kennedy congratulated Daudt and wished him luck in his future endeavors, prompting applause from the attendees.

Kennedy then announced the next meeting dates, scheduled for May 17-18 in Québec City, inviting Mathieu Lemay to share some insights about what attendees could expect beyond the wonderful weather. Lemay highlighted the city's excellent restaurants and offered assistance with travel arrangements. He expressed eagerness to ensure attendees' needs were met and looked forward to welcoming them in May.

Kennedy added a remark about enjoying ice cream cones dipped in Québec City's renowned chocolate, to which Lemay provided recommendations for experiencing the delicacy. The conversation transitioned to reminders from Storey about NCSL's support for state legislatures, particularly as legislative sessions commenced across various states. Storey extended well wishes to all attendees for a successful session, noting that while some legislatures had already opened, others, like Utah, were preparing to start soon.

As the meeting neared its end, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, officially bringing the meeting to a close.

NCSL RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULE I RULES OF PROCEDURE

- A) These rules of procedure shall be construed in conformity with the Bylaws of the National Conference of State Legislatures.
- B) On any issue not covered by these rules of procedure or by the Bylaws, Mason's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure shall be the standard authority, when applicable.

RULE II INTRODUCTION, REFERRAL AND DISSEMINATION OF POLICY DIRECTIVES, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Any legislator may file a policy directive, resolution or amendments to an existing policy directive or resolution designed for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting.

- A) Policy directives and resolutions developed by the Standing Committees shall be directed at Congress, the Administration, or the federal courts, and shall be related to issues that affect the states and shall be consistent with support of state sovereignty and state flexibility and protection from unfunded federal mandates and unwarranted federal preemption.
- B) Resolutions shall be used to (1) bolster a lobbying position; (2) clarify a question of ambiguity in current policy; (3) provide guidance about the specifics of pending regulatory federal decisions; or (4) provide guidance about strategy or tactics regarding a lobbying matter.
- C) There shall be a Memorial Calendar for resolutions that do not comply with Rule II [B]. Members shall file memorial resolutions with the Chief Executive Officer or designee in accordance with other provisions of these Rules. The legislator co-chairs of the standing committees shall refer such resolutions to the appropriate standing committee or the Executive Committee. Memorial resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee shall be placed on the memorial calendar of the Annual Business Meeting.
- D) Policy directives, resolutions or amendments to existing policy directives or resolutions shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer or designee at least thirty days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The overall legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the appropriate standing committee, may waive the thirty-day deadline under extraordinary circumstances. The legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees shall refer such policy directives, resolutions and amendments to existing policy directives or resolutions promptly to the appropriate standing committee or committees. Each policy directive, resolution and amendment to an existing policy directive or resolutions shall be reviewed and acted upon by the committee to which it is referred.
- E) Policy directives, resolutions and amendments to existing policy directives or resolutions originating in the standing committees shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer or designee for referral by the legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees at least thirty days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the appropriate standing committee, may waive the thirty-day deadline under extraordinary circumstances. The legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees shall refer such policy directives, resolutions and amendments to existing policy directives or resolutions promptly to the appropriate standing committee or committees.

- F)** Standing committees shall disseminate draft policy directives, resolutions and amendments to existing policy directives or resolutions at least twenty days prior to the Annual Business Meetings. Distribution shall be to all standing committee members, members of the NCSL Executive Committee, legislative leaders of the member jurisdictions and others as determined by the legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees. The legislator Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees, in consultation with the appropriate committee Co-Chairs, may waive this deadline under extraordinary circumstances.

RULE III

POLICY DIRECTIVES AND RESOLUTIONS, AND AMICUS BRIEF ADOPTION PROCESS

- A)** All policy directives and resolutions produced by an NCSL standing committee shall be submitted to the Annual Business Meeting for adoption. All policy directives and resolutions produced by the NCSL standing committees shall be submitted to the Annual Business Meeting for final adoption. In the interim between Legislative Summits, policy directives and resolutions may be adopted by Committees, but they shall clearly indicate that they are the policy directives and resolutions of that Committee, and not of the Conference as a whole.
- B)** In emergency circumstances, when there is insufficient time to consider a new policy directive or resolution under normal processes, policy directives or resolutions having the same force and effect as policy directives and resolutions adopted by the full Conference may be established by either of the following means: (1) three fourths vote of the legislator members, present and voting, of the Executive Committee in meeting assembled; or (2) the unanimous agreement by conference call of the NCSL President, the NCSL President-Elect, the NCSL Vice President, the NCSL President Emeritus, the legislator Co-Chairs or a legislator Vice Chair of the NCSL Standing Committees, and the Co-Chairs or Vice Chair of the appropriate standing committee or committees.
- C)** All policy directives of the Conference shall not expire but must be reviewed by the standing committee of jurisdiction at least once every four years and can be updated or amended by a standing committee at any time, adhering to the NCSL By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. All resolutions of the Conference shall automatically terminate one year after the Annual Business Meeting at which they are adopted, unless reaffirmed in the normal policy process.
- D)** The decision to name NCSL as an amicus curiae on briefs filed before the U.S. Supreme Court shall be by unanimous agreement of the NCSL President, the NCSL President Emeritus, the NCSL President-Elect, the NCSL Vice President, the legislator Co-Chairs of the NCSL Standing Committees, the legislator Co-Chairs of the Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee and legislator Co-Chairs of other standing committees that have jurisdiction over the question to be resolved by the amicus brief. In the event any person voting indicates a veto, the President may initiate a conference call to allow for discussion and to confirm each person's vote.

RULE IV

STANDING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

- A)** There shall be standing committees and task forces of NCSL whose number and jurisdictions are determined by the Executive Committee. The standing committees and task forces (1) consider federal issues that affect states; (2) formulate policy positions on federal issues; (3) exchange information about state and federal policy matters; (4) consider and evaluate innovative approaches to state issues; (5) develop policy options and recommendations regarding state issues and legislative organization, management and procedures.
- B)** The legislator officers of the Conference's standing committees, including the overall standing committee legislator officers, shall be appointed by the President and the President-elect for a term of two years. There shall be at least two overall legislator vice chairs, one from each of the two major political parties, as defined by the NCSL bylaws. Each year, the Staff Chair appoints one overall staff Co-Chair and at least one overall staff vice chair, and one staff Co-Chair and at least one vice chair to each standing committee. The legislative staff officers of the Conference's standing committees, including the overall legislative staff Co-Chairs and the overall legislative staff vice chairs, serve staggered terms of two years.

- C)** A quorum for the adoption of policy directives and resolutions in Standing Committees shall consist of representation of appointed legislator members, or in their absence, legislator substitutes designated in writing by appointed members' presiding officers, from at least ten (10) member jurisdictions. Letters designating substitutes or new appointments shall be delivered to the appropriate legislator committee Co-Chairs no later than the beginning of the committee session at which a vote on public policy will occur. The Legislator Co-Chairs of each standing committee shall, prior to a committee vote(s) on a matter of public policy, establish the presence of a quorum.
- D)** All voting in standing committees, subcommittees or task forces shall be by voice, except when a roll call vote is requested by two (2) member jurisdictions, or is called by the legislator Co-Chairs.
- E)** On matters of public policy that place the standing committees, subcommittees, and task forces on public record, an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call is required. A state not present for the most recent quorum call can before the start of the next roll call vote request recognition from the presiding legislator chair and be recorded as present for purposes of the quorum. New quorum calls shall be conducted at the request of five (5) member jurisdictions. On all other matters, a quorum being present, action is final by majority vote of the member jurisdictions who responded to the most recent quorum call.
- F)** Votes on matters of public policy shall be cast by appointed legislator members, or in their absence, by legislator substitutes designated in writing by appointed members' presiding officers. All legislators duly registered for the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to vote at the business meeting. Legislative staff shall not be entitled to vote on matters of public policy. In the event of a roll call vote, each member jurisdiction shall be entitled to cast one undivided vote. Each member jurisdiction shall select a spokesperson who will announce the vote of the delegation. Disputes on the presence of a quorum or voting procedures shall be settled by ruling of the legislator chair.
- G)** Co-Chairs of the standing committees have authority to preserve order and decorum and have charge of the rooms in which the committees meet.
- H)** Each standing committee, subcommittee and task force shall produce a summary of each of its meetings. Included in the summary shall be a record of its roll call votes by member jurisdiction.
- I)** Standing committees, shall approve, approve with amendment, postpone, table or defeat each policy directive and resolution submitted to it.

RULE V STEERING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

- A)** There shall be a Steering Committee of the Standing Committees, which shall be composed of the overall legislator and legislative staff Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees, the overall legislator and legislative staff vice chairs of the Standing Committees, and the legislator and legislative staff Co-Chairs of each standing committee. The committee Co-Chairs shall designate a legislator committee vice chair and the legislative staff Co-Chairs shall designate a legislative staff vice chair to represent the committee with the Steering Committee in their absence. Only legislator members of the Steering Committee shall vote on policy directives and resolutions, amendments to policy directives and resolutions, and procedural motions related thereto, except legislative staff shall be allowed to vote on joint and re-referrals of policy directives and resolutions.
- B)** The Steering Committee at its meeting prior to the standing committee meetings shall review policy directives, resolutions and amendments to policy directives and resolutions filed under Rule II for inconsistencies to Rule II [B] and omissions. Policy directives, resolutions or amendments to policy directives and resolutions that are determined by a majority vote of the legislator members of the Steering Committee to be inconsistent with Rule II [B] shall not be considered by the standing committee to which such policy directive, resolution or amendment was referred.
- C)** The Steering Committee at its meeting prior to the standing committees' meetings shall determine, by majority vote, policy directives, resolutions and amendments to policy directives and resolutions to be considered by more than one committee. The Steering Committee shall designate one standing committee as the lead committee on each jointly referred resolution. Any standing committee to which the resolution is referred may report the resolution on the floor. If the lead committee adopts a version of the resolution, it shall be considered first at the Annual Business Meeting; other committees shall offer their versions and amendments from the floor.

- D)** In its meeting following the meetings of the standing committees, the Steering Committee shall establish the order of business and calendars for the business meetings; and designate policy directives and resolutions to be re-referred to one or more other committees. The policy directives or resolutions approved by the committee with original jurisdiction automatically shall be placed on the debate calendar at the next Annual Business Meeting. If the committee to which the policy directive or resolution is re-referred approves changes to it, it shall offer its version as an amendment on the floor. The Steering Committee shall also identify emerging state and federal issues; coordinate outreach to legislators and staff regarding the standing committees; coordinate planning of the Forum meetings; and consider the use of innovative technologies and communications devices for conducting meetings, increasing participation and informing legislators and staff about the work of the Standing Committees.

RULE VI
QUORUM AND PROXIES –ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

- A)** As required by the Bylaws, a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting shall consist of representation from at least twenty (20) member jurisdictions.
- B)** As required by the Bylaws, voting rights of a member may not be delegated to any other person nor exercised by proxy.

RULE VII
VOTING AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

- A)** All action in the Annual Business Meeting shall be by voice vote except when a roll call vote is requested by not less than five member jurisdictions or is ordered by the chair.
- B)** As provided in the Bylaws, on any vote that places the Conference on record in a matter of public policy, an affirmative vote of three quarters (3/4) of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call shall be required. A state not present for the most recent quorum call can, before the start of the next roll call vote, request recognition from the presiding legislator chair and be recorded as present for purposes of the quorum. New quorum calls shall be conducted at the request of not less than five (5) member jurisdictions. On all other matters, action is final by majority vote of the member jurisdictions who responded to the most recent quorum call. On any vote that places the Conference on record in a matter of public policy, legislative staff shall not be entitled to vote.
- C)** In the event of a roll call vote, each member jurisdiction shall be entitled to cast one undivided vote. Prior to the Annual Business Meeting, each member jurisdiction shall select the spokesperson who will announce the vote.
- D)** When a roll call is being taken, the member jurisdictions shall be called in alphabetical order by the Chief Executive Officer or designee. The spokesperson for the delegation shall reply by giving his or her name and then announcing the vote of the delegation.
- E)** If there is a challenge by a member of a delegation as to who shall be its spokesperson or as to the announced vote, the jurisdiction shall be called upon again. If the challenger continues the challenge, the chair shall poll the delegation and shall declare that the majority of said delegation prevails.
- F)** Until the chair announces the results of a vote, a jurisdiction has the right to change its vote, or to have its vote recorded if it was not recorded during the initial call of the vote, based on the most recent quorum call.
- G)** Consideration of policy directives and resolutions shall be by calendar. The consent calendar shall be limited to policy directives and resolutions approved unanimously by an NCSL standing committee at the Annual Meeting. The debate calendar shall include all policy directives and resolutions passed by the NCSL standing committees without unanimity; policy directives and resolutions removed from the consent calendar by majority vote of the Steering Committee; and policy directives and resolutions removed from the consent calendar at the Annual Business Meeting at the request of three (3) member jurisdictions. The memorial calendar shall include all resolutions that do not comply with Rule II [D] and approved according to rules governing consideration of policy directives and resolutions.
- H)** All policy directives, resolutions and amendments shall be submitted in writing, adhering to the NCSL By-Laws and Rules of Procedure, and available prior to the vote of member jurisdictions.

- I) Policy directives and resolutions that have been tabled or postponed by a committee may be brought for consideration following disposition of the debate calendar by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call on a motion to discharge the committee from further consideration. If thus brought up for consideration, the policy directives and proposed resolutions shall be voted upon under the rules governing consideration of policy directives and resolutions.

RULE VIII

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STATE ISSUES AND LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

- A) Standing committees, subcommittees, and task forces are authorized to issue reports, recommendations, and findings regarding state issues and legislative management. All such work products shall be approved by a majority of the member jurisdictions who responded to the most recent quorum call, and shall be clearly identified only as the work of that committee, subcommittee or task force. These work products shall be reported to the Executive Committee for any appropriate further action.

RULE IX

ADOPTION, AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES

These rules shall remain in effect until such time as they are amended at an Annual Meeting of the Conference. Any amendment or suspension of such rules shall require a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call. New quorum calls shall be conducted at the request of not less than five (5) member jurisdictions. Any motion to suspend shall be clear with respect to the rule or rules to which it applies.

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NCSL BYLAWS

ARTICLE I ESTABLISHMENT

NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization is the National Conference of State Legislatures ("NCSL").

OFFICES

Section 2. NCSL may establish offices in locations as determined by the Executive Committee.

MISSION

Section 3. NCSL will strive to:

- a) Advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of legislatures in the states, territories, and commonwealths of the United States.
- b) Foster interstate cooperation and to facilitate information exchange among state legislatures.
- c) Represent the states and their legislatures in the American federal system of government consistent with support of state sovereignty and state flexibility and protection from unfunded federal mandates and unwarranted federal preemption.
- d) Improve the operations and management of state legislatures; to improve the effectiveness of legislative leaders, legislators and legislative staff; and to encourage the practice of high standards of conduct by legislative leaders, legislators and legislative staff.
- e) Foster bipartisanship and promote cooperation within and between state legislatures in the United States and legislatures in other countries.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 4. NCSL membership consists of the legislatures of the states, the District of Columbia, and the territories and commonwealths of the United States. Participation of legislators and legislative staff within each of the membership jurisdictions are predicated upon satisfaction of membership requirements.

GOVERNANCE

Section 5. The Executive Committee serves as the NCSL governing body, as provided in Article II.

AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES

Section 6. NCSL may affiliate with public, private or other entities to advance its mission, with special emphasis on entities that represent local and state government. NCSL may also affiliate with state or provincial legislatures of other countries. The Executive Committee will establish guidelines for and approve affiliations.

ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Section 1. As the governing body of NCSL, the Executive Committee will supervise, control and direct the affairs of NCSL; implement the mission and policies of NCSL; and supervise NCSL finances. The Executive Committee may adopt rules

and regulations for the conduct of its business and may delegate aspects of its authority and responsibility to the officers, Chief Executive Officer, and NCSL divisions, sections, and committees.

OFFICERS

Section 2. The officers of the NCSL consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, President Emeritus, Staff Chair, Staff Vice Chair, and the Immediate Past Staff Chair.

- a) The President serves as chair of the Executive Committee and as a member, ex officio, with the right to vote, on all committees and subcommittees of the Executive Committee except the Nominating Committee. The President, with the approval or authorization of the Executive Committee, appoints the legislative officers and members of all appropriate committees and subcommittees of the Executive Committee. The President presides at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The President performs such other duties as are incidental to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.
- b) The President-Elect performs the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or inability to serve. Other duties may be delegated to the President-Elect by the Executive Committee or the President.
- c) The Vice President performs the duties of the President-Elect in the event of the absence or inability of the President-Elect to serve. Other duties may be delegated to the Vice President by the Executive Committee or the President.
- d) The President Emeritus serves as the President of the Foundation for State Legislatures and shall perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee and the President.
- e) The Staff Chair serves as the staff chair of the of the Executive Committee and perform such other duties delegated by the Executive Committee or the President. The Staff Chair, with the approval or authorization of the Executive Committee, appoints the legislative staff officers and members of all appropriate committees and subcommittees of the Executive Committee.
- f) The Staff Vice Chair serves as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee and performs the duties of the Staff Chair in the event of the staff officer's absence or inability to serve and perform such other duties as may be delegated to the Staff Vice Chair by the Staff Chair or the Executive Committee.
- g) The Immediate Past Staff Chair serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation for State Legislatures and shall perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee and the Staff Chair.

COMPOSITION

Section 3. The Executive Committee is comprised of 63 members as follows:

- a) Forty-one legislators.
- b) Twenty-one legislative staff members.
- c) One nonvoting ex officio legislator member representing international affiliates.

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Section 4. The 41 legislators include:

- The President.
- The President Emeritus.
- The President-Elect.
- The Vice President.
- Twenty-seven at-large members.
- One ex officio member representing the state hosting the annual meeting at the time of that member's election.
- Two ex officio members representing the states hosting the next two annual meetings.
- The Co-Chairs of the NCSL Standing Committees, who serve ex officio, appointed by the President and President-Elect.
- Five ex officio members representing the Council of State Governments (CSG), including the Chair of the CSG and one member or alternate member elected from each of the four regional conferences of the CSG, as provided herein, provided to the best of our ability that the regional conference members and alternates shall be elected from states not having at-large legislator representation on the Executive Committee.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF MEMBERS

Section 5. The 21 legislative staff members include:

- a) The Staff Chair.
- b) The Staff Vice Chair.
- c) The Immediate Past Staff Chair.
- d) Sixteen at-large members.
- e) The Staff Co-Chairs of the NCSL Standing Committees, who serve ex officio.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Section 6. Ex officio members are voting members of the Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided herein.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION

Section 7. each member jurisdiction will have the opportunity to be represented on the Executive Committee at least once every five years.

LEGISLATOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 8. The President shall appoint a Legislator Nominating Committee consisting of ten members at least sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of an equal number of members from the two major political parties. It shall include at least one member from each of the two major political parties from each region and no more than four members from the same region. The President shall select members with the advice and consent of the legislator members of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint the chair of the Legislator Nominating Committee, who shall be a legislative leader.

The Legislator Nominating Committee shall present to the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the offices of President-Elect and Vice President. The President succeeds automatically from the office of President-Elect; the President Emeritus succeeds automatically from the office of President. No officer who has served one full term shall be eligible for reelection to the same office until at least one intervening term has elapsed. The President-Elect and Vice President shall be legislative leaders from a member jurisdiction at the time of their election. The offices of President, President-Elect, and Vice President shall alternate between the two major political parties. For the office of Vice President and President-Elect, the Legislator Nominating Committee may submit more than one name.

The Legislator Nominating Committee shall present at the Business Meeting a slate of candidates for the at-large positions, the member representing international affiliates and the annual meeting host state positions on the Executive Committee. In nominating members for the Executive Committee, the Legislator Nominating Committee shall, insofar as possible, consider geographic balance. No less than ten of the at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be legislative leaders at the time of their election. No more than two legislator members other than ex officio members shall come from the same member jurisdiction.

Voting on the reports of the Legislator Nominating Committee shall be by member jurisdiction, and each member jurisdiction in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote regardless of the number of delegates present from that jurisdiction. A majority of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call shall be required to adopt the reports of the nominating committees at the Business Meeting. If no nominee receives a majority of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call on the first ballot, there shall be a runoff ballot among the two nominees receiving the highest vote. The nominee who receives a majority of votes on the runoff ballot shall be elected.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Business Meeting for the offices of Vice President and President-Elect. Such candidates shall be qualified as provided herein.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 9. The Staff Chair, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee legislative staff members, shall select a Legislative Staff Nominating Committee consisting of seven legislative staff at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Staff Chair shall appoint the chair of the Legislative Staff Nominating Committee.

The Legislative Staff Nominating Committee shall present at the Business Meeting a slate of candidates for the Executive Committee and the office of Staff Vice Chair. The Staff Chair succeeds automatically from the office of Staff Vice Chair. The Immediate Past Staff Chair succeeds automatically from the office of Staff Chair. All nominees of the Legislative Staff Nominating Committee shall be full-time professional legislative staff from member jurisdictions. In nominating legislative staff for the Executive Committee, the Legislative Staff Nominating Committee shall, insofar as possible, consider geographic balance. No more than one legislative staff member shall come from the same member jurisdiction, except that member jurisdictions represented by an officer or ex officio member may have two members.

The voting procedures are as provided herein.

TERMS

Section 10. The term of office for the officers and members of the Executive Committee begins at the close of the Business meeting and ends at the conclusion of the subsequent Business Meeting.

Members of the Executive Committee may serve for no more than three consecutive terms. The limitation is tolled for individuals who serve as officers and ex officio members.

LEGISLATOR VACANCIES

Section 11. Legislator vacancies will be filled as follows:

- a) President Emeritus. A vacancy in the office of President Emeritus shall be filled by the executive committee.
- b) President. After notice and opportunity to apply is provided, a vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The replacement shall be a current or former Executive Committee member, chair of an NCSL task force, or chair of an NCSL standing committee, provided that the replacement is of the same political party as the person vacating the office.
- c) President-Elect. After notice and opportunity to apply is provided, a vacancy in the office of the President-Elect shall be filled by the Executive Committee. Within 120 days of the vacancy, the Vacancy Nominating Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee a nominee, who is of the same political party as the person vacating the office, to fill the vacancy. The Executive Committee will act upon the nomination at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- d) Vice President. After notice and opportunity to apply is provided, a vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled by the Executive Committee. Within 120 days of the vacancy, the Vacancy Nominating Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee a nominee, who is of the same political party as the person vacating the office, fill the vacancy. The Executive Committee will act upon the nomination at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- e) Executive Committee Members. A vacancy in the non-officer membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by the President. Within 60 days of the vacancy, the President shall submit to the Executive Committee a nominee to fill the vacancy. The Executive Committee will act upon the nomination at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF VACANCIES

Section 12. Legislative Staff vacancies will be filled as follows:

- a) Staff Chair. The Staff Vice Chair shall succeed to the office of Staff Chair.
- b) Other Vacancies. Other vacancies will be filled pursuant to the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee Bylaws.

VACANCY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 13. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a Vacancy Nominating Committee comprised of six members, to include the chair, who shall be a legislative leader. The committee shall consist of an equal number of members from each of the two major political parties and be geographically diverse.

QUORUM AND VOTING

Section 14. A majority of the Executive Committee membership shall comprise a quorum. Unless specified otherwise, a simple majority of the members present and voting is required for passage. Each member shall be entitled to vote on any matter coming before the Executive Committee.

Where the legislator members of the Executive Committee vote upon a policy directive or resolution, a majority of the legislative members of the Executive Committee membership is required to establish a quorum and three-fourths of the legislative members present is required to adopt the directive or resolution.

MEETINGS

Section 15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times each year at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee, of which no more than one shall be held during the Annual Meeting.

Absence from two Executive Committee meetings within a year without cause shall be grounds for removal.

All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the public.

PRIORITIES AND ISSUES

Section 16. At the start of the biennium, the Executive Committee shall receive a report for consideration of the state federal priorities and major state issues from the standing committees and task forces of the Executive Committee. These state federal priorities and major state issues shall serve to guide the NCSL's representation before the federal government, in standing committees and meeting programming and grant funded research.

COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 17. There shall be a Budget, Finance and Rules Committee, and such other committees and subcommittees as the Executive Committee may authorize. Membership on committees and subcommittees shall be divided between legislator and staff members in accord with voting eligibility on the Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided by the Executive Committee. The Legislator and Staff Chairs and members of these committees and subcommittees shall be appointed by the President and Staff Chair, respectively, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III

FINANCE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall determine the funding of the NCSL, which shall include but not be limited to membership dues. Population of each jurisdiction shall be a factor in the determination of the amount of dues.

RULES

Section 2. The Budget, Finance and Rules Committee shall present to the Executive Committee a set of Financial Rules, which, when adopted, shall govern the fiscal affairs of the NCSL without re-adoption except that they may be amended from time to time. These Financial Rules shall establish the fiscal year, set forth the extent of surety bonding required, provide for the annual audit, specify the way grants in aid are to be solicited and handled, and such other items of fiscal management as are deemed necessary.

BUDGET

Section 3. The Budget, Finance and Rules Committee shall make budget recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall submit a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year for consideration and adoption at the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee may approve transfers of funds within the budget adopted or amend the budget during the course of the fiscal year by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee.

AUDIT

Section 4. The accounts of the NCSL shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant retained by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Such audit shall be reported to the Executive Committee and at the Business Meeting.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1. The NCSL shall meet annually at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Section 2. A Business Meeting shall be held at the Annual Meeting. The matters to be presented and voted upon at the Business Meeting include, but are not limited to, the proposed budget, the annual audit, reports of the legislator and legislative staff nominating committees, and policy directives and resolutions presented by the standing committees.

Voting at the Business Meeting shall be by roll call by member jurisdiction. Each member jurisdiction in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote regardless of the number of delegates present from that jurisdiction. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of representation from at least twenty member jurisdictions. An affirmative vote of a simple majority of the jurisdictions responding to the most recent quorum is required for adoption of the nominating committee reports and the NCSL budget. On any vote that places the NCSL on record in a matter of public policy, an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call shall be required to adopt the motion. A state not present for the most recent quorum call can, before the start of the next roll call vote, request recognition from the presiding legislator Chair and be recorded as present for purposes of the quorum. New quorum calls shall be conducted at the request of five (5) member jurisdictions. The determination of the vote within each jurisdiction shall be by the members present from that jurisdiction. On any vote that places the NCSL on record in a matter of public policy, legislative staff shall not be entitled to vote.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 3. Special meetings of the NCSL may be convened upon (a) a three-fifths vote of the members of the Executive Committee; or (b) a three-fifths vote of the member jurisdictions.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened upon (a) a three-fifths vote of the members of the Executive Committee; or (b) the request of a majority of the Executive Committee officers.

NOTICE AND PROCEDURE

Section 4. Notice of the Annual Meeting and Business Meeting shall be provided to members of the NCSL no later than thirty days prior to the meeting.

Notice of a special meeting of the NCSL shall be provided to members of the NCSL as soon as practicable and shall include the purpose of the meeting.

Notice of a special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be provided to members of the Committee as soon as practicable and shall include the purpose of the meeting.

REMOTE MEETINGS

Section 5. Meetings may be held via video, audio, telephone, and other appropriate electronic means.

PROXY VOTING

Section 6. Proxy voting shall not be permitted during any meeting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 7. Rules governing the conduct of meetings shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and adopted at the Business Meeting, provided that Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the proceedings in all cases not covered by these Bylaws or the NCSL Rules of Procedure.

ARTICLE V EMERGENCIES

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Section 1. If the NCSL is not convened at the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee, by a majority vote, may declare the existence of an emergency for the purpose of delegating to the Executive Committee in whole or in part, or the officers, such matters that are ordinarily determined at the Business Meeting. . The declaration shall state the circumstances that constitute an emergency, the reasons that the emergency make it impracticable for the NCSL to act in the normal course, and the matters to be delegated. Members of the NCSL shall receive notice of such declaration as soon as practicable.

POLICY DIRECTIVES AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 2. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the Executive Committee may consider and adopt policy directives and resolutions when it would be impracticable to consider them under normal processes, policy directives and resolutions having the same force and effect as policy directives and resolutions adopted at the Business Meeting may be established by either of the following means: (1) three-fourths of the legislator members, present and voting, of the Executive Committee in meeting assembled; or (2) the unanimous agreement by conference call of the President, the President-Elect, the Vice President, the President Emeritus, the Legislator Co-Chairs or a legislator Vice Chair of the NCSL Standing Committees, and the Legislator Co-Chairs or a legislator Vice Chair of the appropriate standing committee. Proposed policy directives and resolutions must be provided to the Chief Executive Officer by 4 p.m. of the day before the Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE VI CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer and determine the terms and conditions of employment.

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief administrator of the NCSL, responsible for all management functions under the direction of the officers and Executive Committee. The Chief Executive Officer shall manage and direct all activities of the NCSL as prescribed by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible to the Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer shall employ members of the staff necessary to carry on the work of the NCSL, shall fix their compensation within the approved budget, subject to the direction and approval of the officers and Executive Committee, supervise them in the conduct of their duties, and terminate them as necessary.

ARTICLE VII NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The NCSL shall not, at any time, directly or indirectly participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the NCSL for any reason, such funds remaining after the satisfaction of all obligations shall be returned to the member jurisdictions in the proportion to which they were received during the prior fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Bylaws and other instruments of the NCSL, certain terms shall be defined as follows:

- a) "Legislative leaders" are those legislators who are elected by the body in which they serve or by its respective political caucuses to be presiding officer, majority or minority leaders, other officers elected by the body as a whole, and any other legislator so designated by the presiding officer of either chamber.
- b) "Two major political parties" refers to the two political parties with the most elected legislators in member jurisdictions.
- c) "Member jurisdiction" refers to the respective legislature of a state, the District of Columbia and the territories and commonwealths of the United States.
- d) "Regions" refers to states and territories grouped together as prescribed by the bylaws of the Council of State Governments for the purpose of defining its regional legislative conferences.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

The NCSL at any meeting may amend these Bylaws by a three-fifths majority vote of the member jurisdictions who respond to the most recent quorum call. A state not present for the most recent quorum call can, before the start of the next roll call vote, request recognition from the presiding legislator Chair and be recorded for purposes of the quorum. New quorum calls shall be conducted at the request of five (5) member jurisdictions. A notice of such amendments shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Upon receipt of a copy of the proposed amendments, the Chief Executive Officer shall forward copies thereof to the presiding officers of each house of every member legislature and to the members of the NCSL Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws shall take effect on January 1, 1975, provided that they are adopted by the governing bodies of the National Legislative Conference, National Conference of State Legislative Leaders, and the National Society of State Legislators.

Adopted at the Annual Meeting in October 1975 and amended at the Annual Meeting in July 1976; August 1977; July 1979; July 1988; August 1989; Orlando, Fla., Aug. 15, 1991; New Orleans, July 25, 1994; Milwaukee, July 17, 1995; St. Louis, 1996; Philadelphia, 1997; Denver, July 26, 2002; Salt Lake City, July 23, 2004; Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 17, 2006; Louisville, Ky., July 28, 2010; San Antonio, Aug. 11, 2011; Chicago, Aug. 9, 2012; Atlanta, Aug. 15, 2013; Minneapolis, Aug. 22, 2014; Los Angeles, Aug. 1, 2018; Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 8, 2019; Tampa, Fla., Nov. 5, 2021; Denver, Aug. 3, 2022.