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COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS (CSG)

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CSG will hold its **Leadership Forum** June 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Scheduled for June 20 is a Policy Workshop entitled State Global Engagement – Trends, Benefits and Opportunities. Also taking place is the Workforce Development Task Force and Subcommittee meetings.

Since 1988, Stateside Associates has been helping corporate, trade association and federal government clients plan and manage their engagement with organizations of state and local officials. Groups services include helping clients with strategic planning; using Groups' forums to educate policymakers; all aspects of lobbying Groups' policies, resolutions and model legislation; building sustainable relationships with Groups' leaders and staff; and monitoring Groups activities and issues.

An additional Policy Workshop has been scheduled for June 21 entitled CSG Policy Workshop: Sound Science. The General Session luncheon will feature a presentation entitled Matching Career-Readiness with the Needs of the Workforce. The 21st Century Foundation Meeting, which is by invitation only, will take place in the afternoon.

The CSG Committee on Suggested State Legislation (SSL) will meet June 20 in conjunction with the Forum to consider Docket items for inclusion in its Annual Volume.

A draft agenda is available at:

<http://www.csg.org/events/leadershipforum.aspx#Agenda>

GROUPS PRACTICE SNAPSHOT

Steve Arthur and **Dusty Brighton** will attend NAAG's Summer Meeting June 2-5 in Mackinac Island, Michigan on behalf of clients. **Heather Williams** will attend DLCC's Southern Leadership Conference June 8-9 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and CSG's Leadership Forum June 19-21 in Washington, D.C. **Steve Arthur** and **Dusty Brighton** will also attend RAGA's Summer National Meeting 21-24 in Coronado, California.

CSG will hold its **National Conference** August 9-13 in Anchorage, Alaska.

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The following Policy Workshops are scheduled for August 10:

- Fiscal and Economic Outlook for 2015
- Planning for the Future in Uncertain Times
- Federal Energy Policy and Impact on the States
- Economic Development with a Global Mindset

In addition, the CSG Associates Advisory Committee and the CSG 21st Century Foundation, which is by invitation only, will meet August 10.

Policy Workshops scheduled for August 11 include:

- States' Role in the Future of Energy Policy
- Improving State Elections for Military, Overseas Voters
- Hitting the Health Care Trifecta
- Promoting Effective Civics Education
- Protecting America's Economic Driver – Intellectual Property

On August 13 sessions entitled Linking Education, Workforce Development for More Competitive States and Opening Borders to Health Care Professionals will take place.

CSG's Executive Committee will also meet August 13.

The CSG Committee on Suggested State Legislation (SSL) will meet August 11 and 13 in conjunction with the Conference to consider Docket items for inclusion in its Annual Volume.

CSG will also hold three Policy Academies in conjunction with the National Conference. The Accounting for the State Public Pensions and the U.S. Workforce Development: Building Capacity at Home Policy Academies will take place August 9 and the Solar Ready II Policy Academy will take place August 13.

More information is available at:

<http://www.csg.org/2014annualconference/Agenda.aspx>

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (CSG-MLC)

Stateside Contact: Michael Behm at mjb@stateside.com

CSG-MLC will hold its **Annual Meeting** July 13-16 in Omaha, Nebraska. MLC 1st Vice Chair and North Dakota State Senator Tim Flakoll (R) will replace Nebraska Senator Beau McCoy as MLC Chair.

The Executive Committee will convene July 13. The policy committees will also convene on July 13. Anticipated topics of discussion for each committee include:

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
 - Food Safety Modernization Act
 - Farm Bill
 - Wind Energy: Maximizing Rural Returns
- Economic Development
 - Cross-State Economic Development Strategies
 - Building Successful Innovation Universities
 - The U.S. Cluster Mapping Project: Benchmarking the Economic Performance of Clusters and Regions
- Education
 - Student Achievement and Assessment
 - Teacher Preparation and Training
 - Higher Education Funding
- Health & Human Services
 - Trends in Health Care Cost Containment
 - Value-Based Purchasing
 - Health Care Spending in the Corrections System
- Midwest-Canada Relations
 - Cross-Border Mutual Aid in Times of Emergency
 - Ways to Solve Border Problems

Two plenary sessions have been scheduled for July 14 entitled The Midwest in 2020 and Beyond and The Future of Midwestern States' Economies. The Fiscal Leaders Roundtable will be held that evening.

The Public Policy Roundtable Discussions will take place July 15 followed by a Preview of the 2014 Elections presented by Senior Editor of The Cook Political Report, Jennifer Duffy.

The Resolutions Committee will meet July 15 to review and act upon any policy positions that have been submitted prior to the Meeting. The positions passed out of committee will be voted on during the Business Meeting, and if passed shall be enacted for three years.

More information is available at:

<http://www.csgmidwest.org/MLC/AnnualMeeting.aspx>

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (CSG-SLC)

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CSG-SLC will hold its **Annual Meeting** July 26-30 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chair Elect and Georgia Speaker David Ralston (R) will replace Arkansas Senator Keith M. Ingram (D) as SLC Chair.

On July 26, the Executive Committee will convene followed by the opening reception.

The following committees will meet July 27-29:

- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs
- Energy & Environment

The Agriculture & Rural Development Committee will have sessions on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Strike Force program, Food Safety Modernization Act, recently passed Farm Bill, and the Rural Policy Research Institute's State Rural Policy Initiative.

The Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee will discuss how states can advance manufacturing and entice businesses to move in, the outlook on transportation funding in the states, and the factors that led to Memphis, Tennessee's reputation of one of the world's most advanced logistics hubs.

The Energy & Environment Committee will focus on protecting our electricity grids from cyber-attacks and issues surrounding SLC states' infrastructure development and environmental concerns of fracking.

The following committees will meet July 27-28:

- Education
- Human Services & Public Safety

The Education Committee is expected to discuss emerging designs to align K-12 education with workforce development and higher education as well as how to get funding for early childhood education.

The Human Services & Public Safety Committee will have a Medicaid expansion update from officials from Arkansas, Kentucky, and West Virginia as well as sessions on prison health care and mental health reform in SLC states.

The Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee is scheduled to convene July 28 and will feature discussions on pension funding trends and the role of economic incentives in state economic development projects.

The Policy Positions Committee will meet on July 28. All proposed policy positions must be received by July 4. If a policy position is voted favorably in its assigned committee as well as the Policy Positions Committee, it shall be enacted for one year.

For more information:

<http://www.slcatlanta.org/AR2014/>

WHERE SHOULD I START?



Which Group has a focus on my issues? Which Conferences should I attend?
How do I navigate a meeting once I am there? We have been answering these and other questions about state and local officials Groups since 1988.

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CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL (CWAG)

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CWAG will hold its **Annual Meeting** July 20-23 in Park City, Utah. In a change from previous years, the meeting will end at mid-day on Wednesday, rather than with a closing dinner on Wednesday night.

The first draft of the agenda includes a follow-up briefing on CWAG's Energy Summit held in April on Hydraulic Fracturing as well as sessions on the following topics:

- Net Neutrality
- Privacy and Retail Data Breaches
- Debt Collection and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- The Fourth Amendment and NSA Surveillance in the Digital Age
- Drug Overdose Prevention
- Legalized Marijuana Update
- Regulation of E-Cigarettes
- Environmental Protection and Economic Recovery
- Cooperative Federalism in the Regulation of the Environment
- XL Pipeline Update
- Indian Law and Order Commission Report Update
- Interior Department Initiatives
- Patent Reform
- Genetically Modified Foods
- The Future of "Resale Price Maintenance"

In addition to Attorneys General, their staff and the private sector, CWAG has invited officials from the U.S. EPA, Department of the Interior, Federal Communications Commission and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to participate in appropriate sessions.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (DGA)

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DGA will host its **Regional Policy Conference** June 24-25 in Chicago, Illinois.

The Conference opens with a reception the evening of June 24. Three roundtable policy panels on the topics of Energy, Infrastructure and Jobs and Economic Prosperity will take place June 25.

Hosted by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, attending governors include Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy and DGA Chair and Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin.

DGA will next host events during the National Governors Association (NGA) Summer Meeting taking place July 11-13 in Nashville, Tennessee.

DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (DLCC)

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DLCC will hold its **Southern Leadership Conference** June 8-9 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

The Conference will open with a reception and dinner the evening of June 8. June 9 will feature a policy discussion (topic TBD) followed by a closing reception and dinner.

West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin will attend as a special guest.

The following legislators are expected to attend the event:

- Arkansas Senator Keith Ingram
- Georgia House Democratic Leader Stacey Abrams
- Kentucky House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins
- Kentucky Senator Ray Jones
- Kentucky Speaker Greg Stumbo
- Kentucky Senate Caucus Chair Johnny Ray Turner
- Mississippi Senator Hob Bryan
- North Carolina Senate Democratic Leader Josh Stein
- Ohio Senator Lou Gentile
- Ohio Representative Michael Stinziano
- South Carolina House Democratic Leader J. Todd Rutherford
- Tennessee Representative Joe Armstrong
- Virginia House Caucus Chair Mark Sickles
- Virginia House Democratic Leader David Toscano
- West Virginia Senate President Jeff Kessler
- West Virginia Delegate Tim Manchin
- West Virginia Speaker Tim Miley
- West Virginia House Caucus Chairman Stephen Skinner
- West Virginia House Majority Leader Harry Keith White

DLCC will hold its **Western Leadership Conference** June 23-24 in Half Moon Bay, California.

The Conference will open with a reception and dinner the evening of June 23. June 24 will feature a breakfast briefing and discussion (topic TBD) followed by a closing reception and dinner.

The following DLCC Board Members are expected to attend the event:

- Arizona House Democratic Leader Chad Campbell
- Montana Senator Christine Kaufmann
- Oregon Speaker Tina Kotek

The following legislators are expected to attend the event:

- Arizona Representative Jonathan Larkin
- Arizona House Democratic Whip Eric Meyer
- Arizona Representative Andrew Sherwood
- Arizona Representative Bruce Wheeler
- California Assemblymember Marc Levine
- California Senator Norma Torres
- Colorado Senate President Pro Tempore Lucia Guzman
- Colorado House Majority Leader Dickey Lee Hulinghorst
- Colorado Representative Daniel Pabon
- Idaho Senator Elliot Werk
- Kansas Assistant House Democratic Leader Tom Burroughs
- Montana House Democratic Leader Chuck Hunter
- Nevada Senate Majority Leader Mo Denis
- Nevada Senator Aaron Ford
- Nevada Assistant Senate Majority Leader Debbie Smith
- Utah Representative Patrice Arent
- Utah House Democratic Leader Jennifer Seelig
- Washington Representative Joe Fitzgibbon
- Washington Senator David Frockt
- Washington Representative Sam Hunt
- Washington Senator Christine Rolfes

DLCC will hold its **Annual Meeting** July 30-31 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

The meeting will begin with issue briefings (topics TBD) followed by an opening reception and dinner on July 30. July 31 will feature a breakfast program and discussion (topics TBD).

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES (ECOS)

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ECOS will hold its third annual **State Environmental Protection (STEP) Conference** on July 31 in Washington, D.C.

ECOS has shaped the Conference around planning for carbon dioxide emission reductions under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The Conference will begin with an overview of the proposal as well as the legal issues related to it.

The following panels have been scheduled for the one day Conference:

- State Perspectives on the Proposal and on Implementing the Final Guideline
- Implications for Energy, Economy, and Environment Under the Proposal
- Planning to Plan: Actions for State Environmental Agencies, Utilities, and Others to Take Now
- Past Experiences and Looking Forward: Options to Reduce Emissions, Lower Costs, and Improve Reliability

More information is available at:

<http://ecos.org/section/events/?id=4925>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL (NAAG)

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NAAG will hold its **Summer Meeting** June 2-5 in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

The NAAG Executive Committee will meet June 3. The Chief Deputies Breakfast has been scheduled for June 4.

The agenda will include plenary sessions on prescription drug monitoring programs as well as improving responses to the sexual abuse of children. Additional sessions are expected to take place on the pros and cons of hydraulic fracturing and the current methods used to transport oil and gas.

NAAG President-Elect and Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood (D) will ascend to the NAAG Presidency during this meeting. NAAG will also elect regional officers. The State Awards Dinner will take place June 5.

An agenda is available at:

<http://www.naag.org/assets/files/pdf/meetings/2014-summer/2014%20Summer%20Meeting%20Agenda%20FINAL.pdf>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)

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NACo will hold its **Annual Conference** July 11-14 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NACo members will adopt their 2014-2015 American County Platform during the Conference. The Platform is its permanent policy document and sets NACo's legislative priorities for the year. All Platform changes as well as new resolutions, must be presented to NACo staff 30 days prior to the Conference.

The Conference will feature a variety of sessions and speakers. All NACo steering committees will convene during the Conference as well as its Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC), Rural Action Caucus (RAC), and Western Interstate Region (WIR) members.

The NACo Technology-Innovations Summit will take place July 11. The Policy Coordinating Committee will convene July 11 and July 12. The NACo Board of Directors' Business Meeting and Forum will take place July 13. The NACo Annual Business Meeting will take place July 14 where its members will elect new officers and adopt the 2014-2015 Platform.

Workshops planned thus far include:

- Learn New Strategies for Your County Economy
- Refocus on Access to Healthcare Services
- Planning for the Future: Your County Budget and Retiree Benefits
- Cyber Security Risk Management: Accountability and Best Practices
- Supporting Your Veterans: Understanding the Role and Importance of a County Veterans Service Office
- Challenges with Funding County Public Defender Delivery Systems
- Legislative Update on Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Counties
- Bring Broadband to Your Rural Economy
- Smart Justice and Behavioral Health: Collaborative Systems Change
- Crisis Leadership: What County Officials Need to Know
- Transformational Leadership for Turbulent Times -- Part 2

- A Workforce that Works: Innovations in Workforce Development
- Being Your Own Public Information Officer
- Maintaining Ethical Behavior in the Spotlight and Under a Microscope
- Plan to be Resilient to Floods: Risk Map Assessments and Other Tools for County Planning
- Data-Driven Decision Making: Using Technology and Performance Dashboards to Manage Justice Costs
- From Data to Advocacy: Using NACo's Research Database
- Building a Healthy, Prosperous, Sustainable County: County Solutions to Improve Health
- Creating Lasting Wealth and Prosperity through Economic Diversification
- Transformational Leadership for Turbulent Times
- Strategically Navigating the Business Side of County Health Facilities
- The Link between Saving for Retirement and Healthcare Costs
- Plan for Procurement: Lessons Learned from Disasters
- Enrolling Pre-Adjudicated Individuals into Health Coverage
- Injustices in Juvenile Justice: "Kids for Cash" Film and Discussion
- Keeping Cool When the Heat is on
- Employee Wellness Programs: Return on Investments 101
- The Value of Professional Management

More information will become available at:

<http://www.naco.org/meetings/participate/NACoAnnual/Pages/Annual-Conference.aspx>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO)

Stateside Contact: Robert Holden at rah@stateside.com

NACCHO will hold its **Annual Conference** July 8-10 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Conference theme is The New Era of Public Health: Science, Innovation, and Policy. The session tracks will be Assessment in the New Era; Policy in the New Era; and Assurance in the New Era.

Multiple sessions have been planned thus far, including:

- Leveraging Relationships and Influencing Change within School Districts in Harris County, Texas

- On the Cutting Edge of Accreditation: Using Innovative Approaches to Prepare for National Voluntary Public Health Accreditation
- Resources and Opportunities for Collaboration with Health Directors: A Look At Public Health Ethics
- Guidelines for Including People with Disabilities in Health Program Initiatives and Policies
- Leveraging Technology for Efficiency Improvements Around Food Inspections
- The Local Public Health Services Collaborative: A Statewide Solution to the Insurance Billing Challenge
- Environmental Public Health Tracking: A Collaborative Surveillance System Linking Environmental Factors and Health Outcomes
- Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on Local Health Departments
- Health on the Shelf: Developing A Strong Healthy Food Retail Certification Program
- Safe Storage of Firearms Saves Lives: A Public Health Approach to Suicide Prevention
- Health Impact Assessment: Role Of Local Health Departments in Advancing the Consideration of Health in Public Policy Decisions
- Navigating the Waters of Local Electronic Cigarette Regulation
- Savannah's Journey Through Smoke-Free Air: The Impact of a Smoke-Free Ordinance on Community Health, Businesses And The Local Economy
- Using Surveillance Data to Target Assurance Activities with Community Providers

More information is available at:

<http://www.nacchoannual.org/>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS (NARUC)

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NARUC's U.S. regulatory affiliate organizations will hold annual meetings over the next month to explore regional issues specific to their needs.

The **Mid-America Association Regulatory Conference (MARC)** will hold its **Annual Meeting** June 1-4 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Panels scheduled throughout the Meeting include:

- Natural Gas and Electric Generation – Coordinating for the Future

- The Water-Energy Nexus and Adapting to the New Normal
- The Regulatory and Market Effects of New Technologies
- Pros and Cons of Going Beyond Coal
- Telecom
- Gas Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention
- Financial Ratemaking and Utility Rating
- Maintaining a Diverse Energy Mix

The **Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners** will hold its **Annual Conference** June 1-4 in Seattle, Washington.

Panels scheduled throughout the Conference include:

- The Impact of Increased Telecommunications Competition on State Regulation
- Pipeline Safety: Building a Safety Culture in our Companies & Commissions
- Water-Energy Synergies: Best Practices for Conservation of Valuable Resources
- Outlook for Electricity and Natural Gas Demand
- The Future of Coal Generation in the West
- Securing Long-Term Physical Gas Supplies: How Utilities are Protecting their Customers from Rising Future Gas Prices

The **New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners (NECPUC)** will hold its **Annual Symposium** June 15-18 in Stowe, Vermont.

Panels scheduled throughout the Symposium include:

- New Business Models in an Age of Distributed Energy Resources
- Northeastern Governors' Infrastructure Initiative
- Rapid Deployment of Natural Gas LDC Infrastructure and Replacement Facilities
- Utilities' and Public Utilities Commissions' Role in Driving Building Energy
- Performance Benchmarking
- The Broadband Build-out – Is It Working?
- Water Companies, Climate Change, Drought, Tropical Storms and Blizzards

The **Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC)** will hold its **Annual Education Conference** June 22-25 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Panels scheduled throughout the Conference include:

- Can the E-Rate Program Benefit MACRUC States?

- Cohesively Developing Demand Response, Distributed Energy Resources and Smart Grid through Microgrids
- Ensure Reliability under Blue Sky Conditions While Managing Risk for Much Worse
- MACRUC Telecommunications Issues
- How Will EPA's Power-Plant Emissions Rule Impact MACRUC States
- Taking the Wire out of Wired Voice Service
- Gas/Electric Coordination and the Cold Weather Snap
- MACRUC and the FCC
- Two State Challenges: USFs and Public Awareness

NARUC will hold its **Summer Committee Meetings** July 13-16 in Dallas, Texas.

The following NARUC committees will meet throughout the event:

- Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications
- Staff Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs
- Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration
- Subcommittee on Utility Marketplace Access
- Staff Subcommittee on Executive Directors
- Staff Subcommittee on Electricity
- Committee on Consumer Affairs
- Committee on International Relations
- Committee on Critical Infrastructure
- Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure
- Staff Subcommittee on Gas
- Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety
- Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety
- Staff Subcommittee on Electric Reliability
- Committee on Electricity
- Committee on Gas
- Committee on Telecommunications
- Committee on Water

A general session has been scheduled for July 14 on how man-made, natural, and economic disasters challenge the utility sector and how it can respond. A general session has also been scheduled for July 16 entitled 111(d) in Big D: Compliance Options, Regional Approaches, and Where We Go from Here. This session will feature a U.S. EPA representative from the Office of Air and Radiation and two panels that will discuss stakeholder reaction and compliance and enforcement options.

A draft agenda is available at:
<http://summer.narucmeetings.org/>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BUDGET OFFICERS (NASBO)

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NASBO will hold its **Annual Meeting** July 20-23 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The following sessions have been scheduled:

- National Economic Outlook
- Aligning Child Welfare funding to Achieve Better Outcomes
- Challenges of Financing Higher Education through Budget Cycles
- Federal Budget Update
- States Use of Performance in Decision Making
- Transforming Government: Non-healthcare Innovations
- The Changing Landscape of it: A Primer for Budget Officers

NASBO committees will also give updates throughout the Meeting.

A tentative agenda is available at:
<http://www.nasbo.org/meetings-events/annual-meeting>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE (NASS)

Stateside Contact: Michael Behm at mjb@stateside.com

NASS will hold its **Summer Meeting** July 13-16 in Baltimore, Maryland.

NASS President-Elect and Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown (D) will become NASS President for 2014-2015. All new resolutions, and those resolutions passed during the Summer Meeting in 2009, will be up for adoption, and will sunset if not voted favorably.

Each of NASS' nine (9) committees will meet during the Summer Meeting:

- Elections Committee
- Voter Participation Committee
- Business Services Committee
- Securities Committee
- State Heritage Committee
- International Relations Committee
- Awards Committee
- Corporate Affiliate Advisory Committee
- Nominations & Credentials Committee

A draft agenda is available at:
<http://www.nass.org/meetings/summer-2014-at-a-glance/>

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)

Stateside Contact: Robert Holden at rah@stateside.com

NCOIL will hold its **Summer Meeting** July 10-13 in Boston, Massachusetts.

The following committees will meet throughout the Meeting:

- Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Health Insurance
- State-Federal Relations
- Business Planning
- Membership
- Property-Casualty
- Life Insurance & Financial Planning
- Bylaws Revision
- Financial Services & Investment Products
- Health, Long-Term Care & Health Retirement Issues

Expected topics of committee discussion include:

- Impacts of the ACA on Workers' Compensation
- Professional Employer Organization (PEO) Reforms
- Farm Laborer Coverage and Current NCOIL Proposed Model Law
- Proposed Medicaid Interception of Insurance Payments Model
- Consumer Legal Funding
- Update on Federal Insurance Office's (FIO) Report on Modernizing Insurance Regulation
- Update on Federal Cyber-Security and Cyber Insurance Initiatives
- Telemedicine Development in States

On July 10, NCOIL's newly formed International Issues Task Force will meet to plan out its top priorities. There will be a joint committee session of the Workers Compensation and Health Insurance Committees to review proposed changes to NCOIL's Opioid Best Practices document. The NCOIL-NAIC Dialogue will also take place in the afternoon of July 10.

The general sessions on July 11 will cover the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) alternative as well as how insurers can support access to mental health care services and the current funding issues for mental health care in the states.

The Executive Committee will convene July 13 to consider proposed model laws by the committees.

A draft agenda, and 30-day meeting materials will become available at:

<http://www.ncoil.org/schedule/summer14.html>

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NGA)

Stateside Contact: Mark Anderson at mda@stateside.com

NGA will hold its **Summer Meeting** July 10-13 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Executive Committee will convene July 10. The Corporate Fellows Reception will take place that evening.

The opening session will be held on July 11 and will focus on outgoing NGA Chair and Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin's (R) yearlong initiative, *America Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow's Jobs*.

The Economic Development and Commerce Committee is expected to meet July 11 for a discussion entitled The State of U.S. Manufacturing: Growing Small and Medium Sized Enterprises. The Education and Workforce Committee will also meet July 11 to discuss Pathways to Work.

The Chiefs of Staff Breakfast and Business Session will take place July 12. The Health and Human Services Committee will meet to discuss Health Care Payment Reform and the Homeland Security and Public Committee will also convene. The Natural Resources Committee will meet to explore Electric Grid Modernization.

On July 13 a governors-only breakfast and business session has been scheduled. The Summer Meeting will come to a close with remarks by the incoming 2014-2015 NGA Chair.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)

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NLC will hold its **Summer Board of Directors and Policy Meetings** July 24-26 in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

All seven (7) Policy Steering Committees will convene to develop National Municipal Policy positions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting during the Congress of Cities and Exposition taking place November 18-22 in Austin, Texas.

NLC's policy committees include:

- Community & Economic Development (CED)
- Energy, Environment & Natural Resources (EENR)
- Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR)
- Human Development (HD)
- Information Technology & Communications (ITC)
- Public Safety & Crime Prevention (PSCP)
- Transportation Infrastructure & Services (TIS)

REPUBLICAN ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSOCIATION (RAGA)

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RAGA will hold its **Summer National Meeting** June 21-24 in Coronado, California.

In addition to a political update, policy discussions are tentatively scheduled for the following topics:

- Privacy in Social Media
- State Actions to Confront Federal Regulatory Burdens

The meeting will begin with a sponsors' reception on Saturday evening and conclude with breakfast on Tuesday morning.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (RLCC)

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RLCC will hold its annual **National Meeting** July 17-19 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Club 100 Dinner featuring Executive Committee members will be held July 17. A social agenda takes up much of July 18, with the Welcome Reception scheduled for that evening. On July 19, the Political Update Breakfast will take place along with two Issue Briefings (topics TBD).

RLCC Executive Committee Members expected to be in attendance include:

- Pennsylvania Speaker and RLCC Chairman Sam Smith
- Iowa Speaker and RLCC Vice Chairman Kraig Paulsen
- Arkansas Senate President Pro Tem Michael Lamoureux

- California Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway
- Colorado Senate Republican Leader Bill Cadman
- Indiana Speaker Brian Bosma
- Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers
- Michigan Speaker Jase Bolger
- Minnesota House Republican Leader Kurt Daud
- Missouri Speaker Tim Jones
- New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean
- North Carolina Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger
- Tennessee Speaker Beth Harwell
- Utah Speaker Becky Lockhart
- Virginia Speaker Bill Howell
- Washington Senate Republican Leader Mark Schoesler
- Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald

Other Republican leaders expected to be in attendance include:

- Arizona Senate President Pro Tem Gail Griffin
- Arizona House Majority Leader David Gowan
- Colorado Senate Republican Assistant Leader Mark Scheffel
- Colorado Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Scott Renfro
- Colorado Senate Republican Whip Kevin Grantham
- Colorado House Republican Leader Brian DelGrosso
- Colorado House Republican Assistant Leader Libby Szabo
- Colorado House Republican Caucus Chairwoman Kathleen Conti
- Colorado House Republican Whip Polly Lawrence
- Delaware Senate Republican Leader Gary Simpson
- Delaware House Republican Whip Deborah Hudson
- Florida Senate Majority Leader Lizbeth Benacquisto
- Florida Speaker-Designate Steve Crisafulli
- Georgia House Majority Leader Larry O'Neal
- Hawaii House Republican Leader Aaron Johanson
- Hawaii House Republican Floor Leader Beth Fukumoto
- Idaho Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis
- Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin
- Iowa Senate Republican Leader Bill Dix
- Iowa House Majority Leader Linda Upmeyer

- Kentucky House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover
- Louisiana Speaker Chuck Kleckley
- Maine House Republican Leader Ken Fredette
- Mississippi Speaker Phil Gunn
- Nebraska Senator John Murante
- Nevada Senate Republican Leader Michael Roberson
- Nevada Assembly Republican Leader Pat Hickey
- New Hampshire Senate Commerce Chairman Andy Sanborn
- New Hampshire House Republican Policy Leader Laurie Sanborn
- New Mexico House Republican Whip Nate Gentry
- New Mexico House Republican Caucus Chairman Alonzo Baldonado
- New York Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos
- North Carolina Senate Majority Leader Harry Brown
- North Carolina House Caucus Chairwoman Ruth Samuelson
- Ohio Senate President Keith Faber
- Oklahoma Senate President Pro Tem Brian Bingman
- Oklahoma Senate Majority Caucus Chairman Bryce Marlatt
- Oregon Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli
- Oregon House Republican Leader Michael McLane
- Rhode Island House Deputy Republican Whip Doreen Costa
- South Dakota Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave
- Tennessee Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris
- Tennessee Senate Majority Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron
- Texas Republican Representative Campaign Committee Chairman Lyle Larson
- Vermont House Republican Leader Don Turner
- Washington House Republican Leader Dan Kristiansen
- West Virginia House Republican Leader Tim Armstead
- Executive Chairman, WVRLC Delegate Eric Nelson

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (USCM)

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USCM will hold its **Annual Conference of Mayors** June 20-23 in Dallas, Texas.

The Conference will begin with an orientation for new mayors on June 20. The Mayors Water Council as well as the Council on Metro Economies and the New American City will convene concurrently. The following standing committees will meet throughout the day:

- Children, Health and Human Services
- Criminal and Social Justice
- Environment
- Metro Economies
- Membership

USCM President and Mayor of Sacramento Kevin Johnson (D) will deliver his Inaugural Address during the opening plenary luncheon followed by a special session entitled Education Excellence.

The Mayors and Business Leaders Plenary Breakfast will take place June 21 with early learning issues slated as the topic of discussion. At the Annual Celebration of City Livability Luncheon, mayors will discuss reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act. At Business Council member-sponsored Best Practice Forums, mayors will discuss innovations in transportation as well as how to better assist our military veterans. The following standing committees will meet throughout the day:

- Energy
- Jobs, Education, and the Workforce
- Transportation and Communication
- International Affairs
- Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports

The opening plenary session on June 22 will feature a discussion on climate protection. At Business Council member sponsored Best Practice Forums, mayors will discuss innovations in technology as well as financing progress. The following task forces will meet throughout the day:

- Small Business, Franchising and Entrepreneurship
- Vacant and Abandoned Properties
- Mayors and Police Chiefs
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Food Policy
- Mayors and Metro Universities
- Hunger and Homelessness
- Immigration Reform
- Energy Independence and Climate Protection

Community Leaders of America (CLA) and National Conference of Democratic Mayors (NCDM) will meet concurrently in the evening.

On June 23 the USCM Business Session will take place where Mayors will vote on resolutions that passed their respective committees. The Executive Committee will also meet before the close of the Conference.

An agenda and list of attending mayors is available at: <http://www.usmayors.org/82ndAnnualMeeting/>

WESTERN GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION (WGA)

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WGA will hold its **Annual Meeting** June 9-11 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The following governors will be in attendance:

- Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (D)
- Arizona Governor Jan Brewer (R)
- Montana Governor Steve Bullock (D)
- Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval (R)
- North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple (R)
- South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard (R)
- Utah Governor Gary Herbert (R)
- Wyoming Governor Matt Mead (R)

This will be Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper's last meeting as the WGA presiding officer. Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval (R) will be named the WGA Chair for 2014-2015. A new Vice-Chair will be elected for 2014-2015.

The Meeting will begin with the signing of a Tourism Memorandum of Understanding between members of the Western States Tourism Policy Council and multiple federal agencies committing all signatories to cooperatively promote tourism on federal lands in the western states.

The first Roundtable planned for June 9 entitled Preparing for and Responding to Drought and Flooding will feature Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Jo-Ellen Darcy and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA Administrator, Dr. Kathryn Sullivan.

The June 10 Keynote will be delivered by U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. Governors will hold a Roundtable entitled Water in a Changing West with expected topics of discussion including flooding, groundwater issues, and conservation. Joining the governors on the panel will be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Mike Connor; Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Jo-Ellen Darcy; Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, James Eklund; General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, John

Entsminger; and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA Administrator, Dr. Kathryn Sullivan.

Also taking place on June 10 is the third Roundtable of the Meeting; it will feature a discussion on energy and how the governors can promote cleaner energy in their states. Private sector representatives Al Walker, CEO of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and Ben Fowke, CEO of Excel Energy will join the panel.

One Roundtable session has been scheduled for June 11 on Inter-related Challenges of Wildfire, ESA and Invasive Species.

The WGA governors will hold their Business Session on June 11 to approve any new policy positions, which can only be submitted by governors up to and during the Annual Meeting. The body will then elect a Vice-Chair, and be introduced to the WGA strategic focus for 2014-2015 from the incoming Chair, Governor Sandoval.

LOOK AHEAD TO JULY...

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO)

July 8-10 | Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)

July 10-13 | Summer Meeting
Boston Park Plaza | Boston, Massachusetts

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NGA)

July 10-13 | Summer Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)

July 11-14 | Annual Conference and Exposition
Morial Convention Center | Orleans Parish-New Orleans, Louisiana

REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (RGA)

July 12 | Summer Reception
Nashville, Tennessee

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS (NASPO)

July 13-16 | Midwest Region Meeting
Chicago, Illinois

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE (NASS)

July 13-16 | Summer Conference
Baltimore Hilton | Baltimore, Maryland

**COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS MIDWESTERN
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (CSG-MLC)**

July 13-16 | 69th Annual Meeting
Omaha, Nebraska

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY
UTILITY COMMISSIONERS (NARUC)**

July 13-16 | Summer Committee Meetings
Omni Hotel
Dallas, Texas

**ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL
HEALTH OFFICIALS (ASTHO)**

July 14-17 | Senior Deputies Orientation and Annual
Meeting
Sheraton Hotel & Marina | San Diego, California

**ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL
HEALTH OFFICIALS (ASTHO)**

July 17-18 | State Legislative Liaison Annual Meeting
Sheraton Hotel & Marina | San Diego, California

**REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE (RLCC)**

July 17-19 | National Meeting
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
AGENCIES (WAFWA)**

July 17-23 | Annual Conference
Westin Riverwalk | San Antonio, Texas

**DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEYS GENERAL
ASSOCIATION (DAGA)**

July 19 | Pre-CWAG Reception & Dinner
The Canyons Resort | Park City, Utah

**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS
GENERAL (CWAG)**

July 20-23 | Annual Meeting
The Canyons Resort | Park City, Utah

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BUDGET
OFFICERS (NASBO)**

July 20-23 | Annual Meeting
Rapid City, South Dakota

**DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE (DLCC)**

July 20-21 | Midwestern Leadership Conference
Kohler, Wisconsin

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (DGA)

July 21-22 | Senior Staff Summit
Leesburg, Virginia

**REPUBLICAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS
ASSOCIATION (RLGA)**

July 22-23 | Alaskan Summer Meeting
Girdwood, Alaska

**NATIONAL LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS
ASSOCIATION (NLGA)**

July 23-25 | Annual Meeting
The Hotel Alyeska | Girdwood, Alaska

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)

July 24-26 | Summer Board of Directors and Policy
Meetings
Saint Paul, Minnesota

**COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS SOUTHERN
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (CSG-SLC)**

July 26-30 | 68th Annual Meeting
Little Rock, Arkansas

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY
OFFICIALS (NASEO)**

July 29-30 | NASEO Board Meeting
Arlington, Virginia

**AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL
(ALEC)**

July 30-August 1 | Annual Meeting
Dallas, Texas

**DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE (DLCC)**

July 30-31 | Annual Meeting
Lake Tahoe, Nevada

**ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES
(ECOS)**

July 31 | STEP Meeting: Planning for CO2 Reductions
Under 111(d)
The Mayflower Renaissance | Washington, D.C.

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