Comments CSL By Law Amendment B

The amendment proposal to increase the term of the CSL Chair is important to the sustainability of CSL both financially and as a respected organization. As a former Chair, I can attest to how difficult it is to get yourself “up to speed” on the financial and procedural aspects of being a State Agency, not to mention learning the budget process and how to access it. Additionally, a great deal of relationship building and trust building with State Employees and Legislators is required to make progress with keeping CSL functioning.

Currently, we are at a critical point where our current Chair and Staff services Manager have worked incredibly hard to receive incredible concessions to keep us going and guaranteed its funding for this coming year. It is clear that without structural changes, the Legislature could withdraw their support for CSL. Without the understanding of financial processes and the relationships built, CSL would be out of business by now. Each time a new Chair begins, it takes at least a year to build understanding and relationships; turn over after a year interrupts any progress made.

Having stable leadership for any organization is critical to creating the changes necessary to keep the organization strong and sustainable.

I ask you to vote for this amendment

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