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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

Support our staff

I am asking all CSL members to support our staff by performing the duties outlined in the CSL Resource Manual. The resource manual is available on our website at www.4csl.org. We are excited to have Office Technician, Crystal Wallace; and Executive Director, Clare Smith as members of our CSL team. Your efforts in submitting completed Travel Expense Claim forms and sharing of information are sincerely appreciated...keep up the good work!

Legislative Proposals 2012!

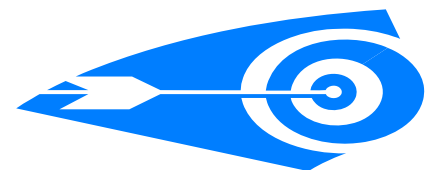
The new date for submitting proposals is May 1, 2011 so now is the time to work on proposals.

Remember, proposals must be on the proper form. Did you know that a copy of the required form is included in your Resource Manual? You should have already received a copy of the form from our Office Technician, Crystal Wallace.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will not be able to retype proposals if they not submitted correctly. I have instructed staff to return proposals to the sender if they are not on the proper form.

The Legislative Committee will assign proposals to the various Policy Committees. The early May deadline gives us more time to get the proposal books printed which gives members more time to read the proposals and prepare for our Annual Session in October 2011.



CODE 402

Thanks for continuing to promote the opportunity for people to donate to CSL when completing their taxes. The *California Fund for Senior Citizens* (Code 402) is the primary source of funds for CSL. Thanks for spreading word!

Don't forget!

Spread the word!

Check Code 402!

When filing your tax return, remember **Code 402** on the California State Income Tax Return. Support statewide efforts to improve the quality of life for aging Californians.

CSL PROPOSALS THAT ARE NOW LEGISLATIVE BILLS

There are several proposals developed by Senior Senators and Assembly Members that are now in legislative bill form.

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse

SB 33 [Senator Joseph Simitian](#) and [Senator Lois Wolk](#) (AP-34 Senior Assembly Member Krohn)

Amends the Elder Abuse and Adult Civil Protection Act. The bill removes the current sunset date of 2013 requiring financial institutions to be mandated reporters of suspected of elder financial abuse. Please contact [Shirley Krohn](#) (skrohn9520@aol.com) for more information.

Elder Abuse

AB 332 [Assembly Member Betsy Butler](#) (AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Shontz)

Amends the existing law regarding elder abuse. Provides that the penalties would be imprisonment in a county jail and a fine and for each subsequent offense, those same penalties and an additional fine.

Mobilehome Parks:

Liability: Attorney's Fees
AB 579 [Assembly Member Bill Monning](#) (AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Molnar)

Permits the award of attorney's fees and, in some

cases, other litigation expenses, to a local governmental entity in an action brought by the owner of a mobile home park to challenge the validity or application of a local ordinance, rule, regulation, or initiative measure that regulates space rent or is intended to benefit or protect residents in a mobile home park, if the local governmental entity is determined to be the prevailing party.

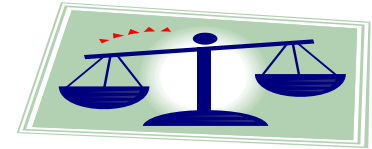
Seniors: Community-Based Services: Long Term Care
SB 529 [Senator Lou Correa](#) (SP-11 Senior Senator Levy)

Requires the Department of Aging, in consultation with the Commission on Aging, the area agencies on aging, and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, to develop a long-term care strategic plan to provide guidance and temporary funding for community-based programs that serve seniors.

Long-Term Care

Ombudsman Program
SB 354 [Senator Lois Wolk](#) (AP-32 Senior Assembly Member Krohn)

Makes a technical, non-Would establish an independent State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program in California. For more information, please contact [Shirley Krohn](#) (skrohn9520@aol.com).



Please help CSL, Legislative Committee leadership, staff and supporters successfully pass the above legislation addressing pressing needs in our communities. Please share the information on these bills with local community-based groups, interested people and local advocacy organizations. Please ask for their support. Now more than ever, Californians need to be vigilant in protecting our neighbors who are most vulnerable to abuse and are less likely to have the social supports necessary to access needed care and help when needed.

For more information, visit www.4csl.org, or contact the California Senior Legislature office at (916) 552-8056 or csl@seniorleg.ca.gov.

Travel Expense Claim Tips

The CSL administrative staff are working diligently to expedite the processing of travel expense claim reimbursement requests. In most cases, "back-up" paperwork is required. Without specific additional information that is attached to the request, processing will not move as quickly.

**STATE CAPITOL VISITS
January 2011**

In order to have **auto mileage** reimbursed, a paper copy of directions, such as those provided by online map programs such as [Yahoo](#), [Mapquest](#) or [Google](#) are required. If you are driving from home to the airport and would like to be reimbursed, please provide the hard copy details on your mileage from home to the airport using one of the online maps. If you are traveling from home to the meeting location, please provide the hard copy directions that include the mileage. One way mileage in the form of printed driving directions (no map needed) will help in calculating the total round trip costs.

If you parked at the airport and would like to be reimbursed for parking fees, an original receipt is required. In addition, the parking rates from the airport location are required.

If you need some help or have questions, please call Crystal Wallace, Office Technician at (916) 522-8056, or send e-mail message to cwallace@seniorleg.ca.gov.



Senior Senator Sol Fingold visiting with [Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Fiona Ma](#) and Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh

CODE 402

CSL needs your help! Over the next few weeks, it is critically important that CSL members and supporters promote **Code 402 (the third from the top of the list on Form 540)** as an easy way for people to donate to the CA Fund for Senior Citizens. This fund provides core funding that keeps CSL programs viable and supports the local work of CSL members. Over the past several years, CSL members have tackled key issues addressing nursing home reform, elder and dependent adult abuse prevention, mobile home tenant rights, veterans' protections and affordable long term care options.

Information for your local community groups, TV and radio news stations:

"Check off CODE 402 on side 3 of your [State Income Tax Form 540](#) to contribute to the CA Fund for Senior Citizens and support the work of the California Senior Legislature working to improve the quality of life for Aging Californians."

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
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Senior Senator Anne Mack and Gary Passmore, Executive Director, [Congress of California Seniors](#) during the CSL January Legislative Committee meeting

Need brochures, pens, CODE 402 post cards or donation envelopes for your next presentation? Call or write the office and request a box with your materials.

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Joint Rules Committee Meetings

February 14-15, 2011	Sacramento
April 11-12, 2011	Sacramento
June 13-14, 2011	Sacramento
September 12-13, 2011	Sacramento
October 24-27, 2011	Sacramento

Legislative Committee Meetings

February 15-16, 2011	Sacramento
April 26-28, 2011	Sacramento with the Alternates
July 12-13, 2011	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
February 1-2, 2011	Sacramento	Celebrating Caregiving in California
April 5-6, 2011	Santa Cruz	Celebrating Caregiving in California (II)
June 28-29, 2011	San Diego	TBA
September 13-14, 2011	Roseville	TBA
November 14-15, 2011	Los Angeles	No public hearing. Meeting will coincide with Statewide Senior Center Forum

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