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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**September 11-12, 2012**

**The Vagabond Inn**

**909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

LEG Committee Chair: Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg

LEG Committee Vice Chair: Senior Senator Lola Young

LEG Committee Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Anne Warren

**I. Call To Order**

The Legislative Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, Julia Rosenberg at 1:04 p.m.

Invocation by Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Senator Sol Fingold

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Sol Fingold, Nneenah Frazier, Jane Ann Godager, Marcia Gould, Charles Mitchell, Chuck Molnar, Julia Rosenberg, Richard Shontz, Anne Warren, Lola Young

**Excused:** Craig Orange, Dee Erman

**Staff:** Elizabeth Thorstad It was determined that a quorum was present.

**III. Introductions**

None

**IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**V. Approve Agenda of September 11-12, 2012 Legislative Committee Meeting**

Agenda was approved as presented by Chair, Julia Rosenberg

**VI. Approve Minutes of July 09-10, 2012 Legislative Committee Meeting**

Minutes approved as submitted by Chair, Julia Rosenberg

## **VII. Preparation and Review Program Advertisement Details**

Chair Rosenberg provided CSL Program Advertisement Forms and the following hand-outs in preparation of walk the Halls.

- Copy of prior year Session Program Book.
- Updated copy of Red/White/Blue Legislative Handout.
- Copy of page 35 and 39 of 2011 Session Book.
- Team Visit Report.

Senior Senator Young indicated that CSL is in need of and looking for Legislative Consultants to volunteer at the Annual Session. She asked that members share this information with staff they meet. Interested individuals should be referred to CSL office staff Janice Bailey at [jbailey@seniorleg.ca.gov](mailto:jbailey@seniorleg.ca.gov).

**Meeting recessed at 1:25pm to “walk the halls”  
Walk the Halls 1:30pm-3:30pm**

## **VIII. Parliamentarian Training**

### **Group met at the Chief Clerks Office 3<sup>rd</sup> floor room 3196**

E. Dotson Wilson Chief Clerk and Parliamentarian for the California State Assembly presented parliamentarian training for Legislative Committee. He and his staff Brian Ebbert Assistant Chief Clerk and Olga Nichols Executive Assistant to the Chief Clerk gave a brief summary of their backgrounds and how they came to work in the capitol. E. Dotson Wilson shared some of the Capitol's rich history and provided a better understanding of how our state government functions

**IX. Meeting recessed at 5:17p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened 9:00a.m. September 12, 2010**

**X. “Walk the Halls” De-Briefing and Sharing Insights**

Each member provided an update on the results of their site visit. All members reported an exceptional good walk the halls.

Sol Fingold reported he was well received by staff and stopped in to see his district representative. He indicated that he had an interesting discussion with Betsy Butler's Chief of staff.

Richard Shontz was covering for Craig Orange and secondary Jack Alderson. Made contact with Senator Gene Fuller's office. Spoke to an executive assistant that showed interest in an ad. Shontz talked with Ray Ceterro a communications director who expressed an interest in receiving CSL proposal information way before January. Shontz will follow up and e-mail the top ten proposals given at the news release. Strickland termed out. No interest from Steve Bradford. Cathleen Galgiani's door was locked.

Marcia Gould saw 11 of her 12 appointments. She indicated the importance of knowing their legislatures interests and know what issues they are passionate about. Marcia offered to create a list of each constituent's issues and interests than distribute to all CSL members. Chair Rosenberg suggested members forward the names of staff that would like to volunteers for the Annual CSL Session to Evelyn Tom. Senior Senator Lola Young offered to take the names back to the Session Planning Sub-Committee. Chuck Molnar shared that you can google California State Assembly elections 2012 or California State Senate elections 2012 to find out members who are retiring, termed out and leaving and a list of the candidates running for office. Molnar called on Mark Leno's office and spoke with the assistant Allison discussing legislative updates and purchasing an ad. Visited Lois Wolf's office and upon opening the door Senator Lue carrea shook his hand. Molnar was able to talk to his chief of staff Amy Jenkins good communication his office sponsored Jim Levy's bill. Stopped in Luis Alejos office and spoke with Rebecca Delrosa.

Neenah Frazier stopped in Butler's office warm reception. John Skoland indicated although unable to help with this year's session but would definitely like to volunteer for the next annual session. Chair requested that all possible volunteers should be referred to Evelyn Tom. The office of Allison Hubert has decided to resign. Tim Reardon is her chief of staff and said he would absolutely volunteer for this year's session. Mike Davis is termed out office staff is looking for a job. Frazier reported Linda Halderman will be returning to her practice. She visited her representative Steve Knight assembly who may be taking a as though he will take Sharon's seat in Senate. Neenah asked for a list of individuals who have placed an ad. She would like the list so that she can send out thank you letter. Chair Rosenberg asked that office staff send a list of all the individuals who have purchased an ad this year and send it to all leg members.

Jane Anne Godager stopped at Mike Fuer's then visited Chris Olsen's office and spoke with clerical staff made a good connection for next year. Went into Cameron Smyth's office and spoke with Chief of Staff very good relationship with her office. Last stop was Wilmer Amina Carter. Upon entering office could see chief of staff and Carter talking. Ester Jimenez came in and said I'm leaving and several staff became tearful. When Ester said goodbye Godager discovered that Ester has terminal cancer.

Anne Warren shared two draft letters she had written. First letter was a welcome and congratulatory letter for all new incoming constituents. The second draft was for termed out members thanking them for their shared experiences and support of CSL. Warren will submit her final drafts to JRC Chair Don MacAllister to approve. After

approval the letter's will be sent welcoming newly appointed legislators in their respective areas The letters will include reference to website and a CSL brochure.

**XI. Discussion how Walk the Halls can be improved**

Members need to know their districts assembly and senate representatives. Find out seniors issues in their community. Know county supervisors and city council members.

**XII.** Discussion of Leg members mentoring new CSL members.

**XIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:27p.m.**