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Foundation Newsletter for January 2014



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Winter Executive Committee/LSCC Meeting



The Winter Executive Committee and Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held in Austin, Texas, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2014, at the Omni Hotel. Platinum sponsors receive five complimentary registrations, gold two and silver one. The Foundation **board of directors** will meet on Friday, Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Austin room. [READ MORE](#)

- [Register online](#) by Tuesday, Jan. 20.
- [Book your room](#) at the Omni Downtown Austin
- View the [preliminary agenda](#)
- [Register for the legislator & sponsor bike ride](#) by Wednesday, Jan. 29

Sponsor Luncheon

The Nuclear Energy Institute will host a luncheon for all sponsors at their Washington, D.C., office on March 5, 2014, noon-1:30 p.m. NCSL Executive Director Bill Pound will be in attendance to provide updates and answer questions. NEI is located at 1201 F Street, NW, Suite 1100. Invitation to follow.

Spring Executive Committee/LSCC Meeting

Save the date! The Spring Executive Committee and Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, May 29-31, 2014.

WHAT'S NEW



Celebrating 40 Years of NCSL

Forty years ago, the National Conference of State Legislatures and State Legislatures magazine made their debut. In this month's issue, read more about those humble beginnings, learn about the hot issues facing legislatures this year, check in on the fiscal state of states and hopes to reap revenue from cloud computing, and much more.

[READ THE ARTICLE IN STATE LEGISLATURES MAGAZINE](#)

Look out for more celebrations of NCSL's 40th anniversary through our 40th Legislative Summit this year in Minneapolis.

Share Your Views

Take a look at the latest addition to the Foundation's page, [Our Sponsors' Views](#). We encourage all of our sponsors to take advantage of the opportunity to make your organization's policy statements and studies available to NCSL's constituents via our website. [TO SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENTS, CONTACT ROBERT WILLIAMS](#)



Latest Webinars

Evaluating School Principals: From the Statehouse to the Schoolhouse: Given the nexus between effective school leadership and student achievement, evaluating and supporting school principals is increasingly recognized as a key strategy for improving schools, increasing student achievement and narrowing persistent achievement gaps. This webinar takes an in-depth look at how a state and large urban district are working together to evaluate and support principals, with particular attention to supporting principals as evaluators of teachers. [READ MORE](#)

Funding Strategies for Charter School Facilities: NCSL explores the complexities of funding charter school facilities. Experts will discuss the various strategies states have implemented to support the acquisition of facilities for charter schools including: state appropriations, credit enhancement, debt-servicing and use of school district facilities. [READ MORE](#)

Performance-Based Funding for Higher Education: A growing number of states are turning to performance-based formulas to provide some amount of funding based on indicators such as course completion, time to degree, transfer rates, the number of degrees awarded, or the number of low-income and minority graduates. Many of the metrics used to evaluate the performance of colleges and universities are designed to produce long-term results (i.e. more degree completers). However, states also need to monitor whether institutions are actively building the necessary capacity to promote student success in the short-term. [READ MORE](#)

Latest LegisBriefs

- [Solving the Transportation Funding Crisis](#)
- [Healthy Women, Healthy Babies](#)
- [Addressing Child Safety in Disasters](#)
- [Teen Pregnancy Among Youth in Foster Care](#)
- [The Role of Fiscal Notes in the Legislative Process](#)
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- [Google](#) (Gold)
- [Citigroup Management Corp](#) (Silver)
- [International Bottled Water Association](#) (Silver)
- [TIAA-CREF](#) (Platinum upgrade)

Leveraging IT to Strengthen Government

New technologies provide a range of opportunities for government to strengthen services to citizens, improve efficiency and security, and fight fraud and abuse. This latest public-private partnership will identify ways to improve government decision-making through improved business processes, effective data management, and the use of advanced analytics. Current partners include **Esri**, **Hewlett-Packard**, **SAS Institute** and **Mob Advocacy**. The partners met at the Fall Forum with a session in the Communications, Financial Services & Interstate Commerce Committee as well as a business meeting. The partnership will host a conference call this month to discuss the next meeting and site visit.

Partnership on Jobs and Innovation

The Jobs Partnership publications are all in draft form and are going through editing by the steering committee members and NCSL. Publications include a brief on entrepreneurship, workforce development and

manufacturing. The invitational Jobs Summit in Austin in September 2013 was such a success we are moving forward with a follow-up summit in the fall of 2014. Summit II will be structured around four topics (workforce development, manufacturing, entrepreneurship and tax incentives) and devote three-hour blocks of time to each topic. Dates to be determined.

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- Get Involved With NCSL
- Jobs Clearinghouse
- Legislative Careers
- NCSL Staff Directories
- Staff Directories
- StateConnect Directory

Policy & Research Resources

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- Legislative Websites
- NCSL Bookstore

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