

SLLF Abroad: 2005 SLLF/Europe Annual Board Meeting, Munich, Germany

The 7th annual meeting of the SLLF/Europe Board of Directors was held in Munich, Germany from February 24-26. A total of 28 political leaders and members of SLLF Europe's Business and Private Advisory Council from 15 nations participated in the meeting that was hosted by Alois Glück, Speaker of the Bavarian Legislature. The U.S. Board of SLLF was represented by President Stephen G. Lakis, Representative M. Lois DeBerry, SLLF Chairperson and Tennessee House Speaker Pro Tempore, Senator Bob Stenehjem, First Vice Chair and North Dakota Senate Majority Leader, and Representative H. William DeWeese, Pennsylvania House Minority Leader. The meeting was the most well attended in SLLF/Europe's seven year history. In his welcoming remarks, Alfons Schöps, SLLF Director of European Operations, noted, "SLLF/Europe is on its way. The organization is strong and growing!" In the last six years, SLLF/Europe has established a vital and unique transatlantic network of European and American political leaders and business representatives.

Meanwhile the organization is also recognized by other European institutions like the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference and the Committee of the Regions in Europe.

Currently, 17 European countries plus the European Parliament and the European Commission are actively involved in SLLF/Europe. As a result of electoral changes and retirements, there are seven vacancies on the Board of Directors, all of which are expected to be filled in coming months. The SLLF/Europe office in Berlin also hopes to add members from seven additional European countries not currently represented on its board.



Hon. Helena Höij
Chair, SLLF/Europe

The Hon. Helena Höij, Chair of SLLF/Europe and member of the Swedish Parliament, extended an invitation to all participants to attend the organization's 4th Transatlantic Forum in Stockholm, Sweden from August 25-28.

Quote of the Day

***"Today's headline wraps
tomorrow's fish!"***

Speaker David H. Wilkins, South Carolina House of Representatives when encouraging new Speakers to take their jobs seriously, but not themselves.

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2005 Programs: Cyber Security Program Shaping Up

Viruses, worms, fishing, identity theft, hackers - you read about them every day in the newspaper or online. You hear stories about them on the radio or television. Many of you have probably been a victim. Is there anything that you, as a policymaker in your state, can do protect yourself, your constituents and your state?



The answer to that question is an emphatic yes, and the people at Information Networking Institute (INI) at Carnegie Melon University can tell you what those things are! Join the faculty of the INI and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation for *Protecting the Information Highway: The Challenges of Cyber Security* from June 2-5, 2005 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

No institution is better equipped to help explore this critical issue than Carnegie Melon University (CMU), which houses the Information Networking Institute, and the CERT Coordination Center, the federally funded national research and development center for cyber security, which is charged with developing the roadmap for securing the nation's cyberspace. CMU also includes CyLab- a national leader in educating the public about cyber security issues. Faculty for the program include Richard Clarke, former Special Advisor to the President on Cyber Security, Andrew Purdy, US Dept. Of Homeland Security, Richard D. Pethia, the Director of CERT/CC, Cathilea Robinett, Executive Director of the Center for Digital Democracy, William F. Pelgrin, Director, New York Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination.

For additional information on the program, watch your mailboxes, check our website at sllf.org or contact Thomas H. Little at sllfthom@aol.com.

Plans Underway For Emerging Leaders Program

The staff of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business Administration are busy developing the curriculum for the *Program for Emerging Leaders: Preparing the Next Generation of Leadership in America* geared to legislators who do not currently hold key leadership positions (ie. floor leader or presiding officer), but have shown significant leadership potential. The selected participants will meet on the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville from July 12-15.



The program will feature some of America's most prominent scholars and experts on leadership, including Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian David McCullough, Professor R. Edward Freeman of the Darden School and Stephen G. Lakis, President of SLLF. The program will also feature some outstanding legislators who have served as presiding officers and floor leaders. The curriculum will include a mix of theoretical and practical discussions on leadership that will challenge emerging leaders to expand their concept of leadership and explore their own leadership opportunities and potential.

Nominations for program participants may be submitted by state legislative leaders (Senate Presidents, House Speakers, Majority Leaders, Minority Leaders and Pro Tempores) or others familiar with legislators in a particular state (journalists, clerks, etc.). Final selections will be made by a committee composed of SLLF senior staff and Darden faculty.

For further information about the program and nominations, contact Thom Little, Director of Curriculum Development and Research, State Legislative Leaders Foundation at (336) 856-0623 or sllfthom@aol.com.

What's Up With Us?

New Leaders Guide Distributed



Being an effective state legislative leader has never been easy, but it may be more difficult now than ever before. In recognition of the importance and difficulties of effective leadership, SLLF developed a guide for new leaders in 2002. The guide has now been revised. Copies of the second edition of *What Have You Gotten Yourself Into? A Guide for New Legislative Leaders* have been distributed to all current state legislative leaders, as well as members of SLLF's Advisory Council and Board of Directors.

Based on the insights of more than twenty experienced legislative leaders with a combined experience of more than five hundred years of legislative leadership, *The Guide* offers leaders advice on how to prepare for, establish, and solidify their leadership. It includes twenty-four actions that are generally associated with successful legislative leadership and concrete steps necessary to implement each action. The revised edition of *The Guide* also includes five new propositions and an appendix describing publications, case studies and presentations available at SLLF to assist legislative leaders in doing their jobs. The 2005 edition of *What Have You Gotten Yourself Into?* is sponsored by DuPont, GlaxoSmithKline, Intuit, Symantec Corporation and WellPoint Health Networks Inc.

Leaders who did not receive a copy of the revised guide or who would like additional copies can contact Debbie Buckler at (800) 532-3375.

Term Limits Manual Available



Legislative leaders are used to dealing with challenges and difficult responsibilities. However, nothing has so challenged legislative leaders on the one hand, while taking away their ability to lead with the other, as have legislative term limits. In light of these problems, SLLF has prepared a document that we hope organizations and legislators will use to help repeal the failed experiment of legislative term limits, or at least to extend the maximum periods of allowable service in their states.

Restoring the Balance: Repealing The Failed Experiment Of Legislative Term Limits was prepared by SLLF to provide opponents of legislative term limits with nonpartisan factual information on the consequences of term limits. It looks at promises made by term limits supporters compared to the reality after term limits were implemented. It also includes an analysis of efforts to defeat, extend or repeal term limits, both successful and unsuccessful, to glean lessons for future efforts. Finally, the booklet concludes with an examination of various strategies that might be utilized in repealing or extending legislative term limits and an assessment of the potential costs and benefits of each strategy.

If you are in a term limited state, look for copies of this booklet in the mail by mid April. If you do not receive a copy, but would like one, contact Debbie Buckler at sllfdeb@capecod.net.

Tips From A Leader: Ten Tips on How to Be the Best Speaker Ever*

Speaker David H. Wilkins, South Carolina House of Representatives



1. Lead and they will follow.
2. Stay in touch with your members.
3. Dance with the ones who brought you to the dance.
4. Be inclusive and informative.
5. Build relationships by building trust.
6. Embrace the media.
7. Please as many people as possible with committee assignments.
8. Don't forget your family.
9. Build a strong staff.
10. Don't take yourself too seriously.

* These suggestions were the focus of Speaker Wilkins' remarks to the new Speakers attending An Orientation for New Speakers, at the Harvard University JFK School of Government and sponsored by the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, February 10-13, 2005. For an expanded version of the remarks, contact Thom Little at sllfthom@aol.com.

I Did Not Know That! No Dueling Legislators in Kentucky

Like legislators in every state, newly elected members of the Kentucky Legislature take an Oath of Office on the first day of the legislative session following their election. In the oath, they swear to support and uphold the state constitution and faithfully execute the duties of their office. However, the oath in the Blue Grass State is a bit unique. Since 1850, Kentucky legislators have had to swear that they "have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this state nor out of it, with a citizen of this state" or "acted as second in carrying a challenge nor aided or assisted any person thus offending." In 1891, the oath was amended to remove the condition that the duel not involve another Kentuckian. Apparently, between 1850 and 1891, it was okay to duel someone from outside the state (preferably those from the North!).

2005 Handbook Available In April!



It is that time of year again. Legislatures have new leaders, Committees have new Chairs and everyone, it seems, has a new office or phone number! As is usually the case following an election year, 2005 brought numerous changes in the states - new majority parties in more than a dozen chambers and new leaders in over half. Do you feel like you need a "cheat sheet" to keep up?

If so, help is on the way- *The 2005 Handbook of Legislative Leaders* will be in the mail by April with the names and contact information for all of the key players, both old and new, in the state legislatures. Need to know the e-mail address and Administrative Assistant of the new Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives? Look in *The Handbook*. Have to get in touch with the new Chairman of the Business Affairs and Labor Committee in the Colorado Senate quickly? Check *The Handbook* for the name and phone number. Need to track down the Majority Leader of the North Dakota Senate when they are not in session? Find his district phone number and address in *The Handbook*!

If you have any questions about *The Handbook* or have not received yours by the end of April, contact Roberta G. Duane, Editor, at (508) 771-3821 or sllfrgd@aol.com.



SLLF Latin America Pan American Leadership Summit

SLLF/Latin America's second annual Pan American Leadership Summit was held in Mexico City from March 10-13. The program was hosted by Deputy Blanca Gámez, Chair of SLLF/Latin America and member of Mexico's Chamber of Deputies. SLLF President Stephen G. Lakis and a dozen legislative leaders from the United States joined legislative leaders from Latin American countries, New Brunswick, Canada and Latvia, to discuss some of the critical issues facing Latin America and the Western Hemisphere in the 21st Century. Legislators also took time to develop international relationships and explore the unique Mexican culture, with trips to the cultural center of Mexico City, the Plaza of the Three Cultures and the Fine Arts Palace. Participants were also treated to a dinner at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, featuring remarks by Mr. Luis Ernesto Derbez, Head of the Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

SLLF Democracy Building: *SLLF Assisting In Establishment Of New Parliaments In Afghanistan And Iraq*

SLLF is becoming increasingly involved in the United States government's efforts to assist in the establishment and development of the new democratic parliaments of Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Foundation is a subcontract partner to the State University of New York's Center for International Development (SUNY/CID), which is under a three-year contract to assist the National Assembly of Afghanistan that will be elected later this year. During November and December of 2004, Dave Ogle, the Foundation's Director of International Program Development and Research, was in Kabul, Afghanistan heading up an assessment team that designed a blueprint of assistance activities for SUNY/CID to provide to the National Assembly through 2007. Among the most important of these activities will be orientation, training and professional development for the leaders of the new parliament, an area of assistance in which SLLF expects to be heavily involved.

Elections for the Afghanistan National Assembly are currently scheduled for April but are likely to be delayed until late summer or early fall to allow sufficient time to complete the necessary pre-election logistical arrangements. The National Assembly will consist of a 249-member popularly elected House of the People and a 102-member House of Elders. One-third of the House of Elders will be elected by the country's provincial parliaments, one-third by its district parliaments (the equivalent of county legislatures), and one-third will be appointed by President Hamid Karzai who was elected in October 2004 and is ruling the country by presidential decree until the parliament convenes.

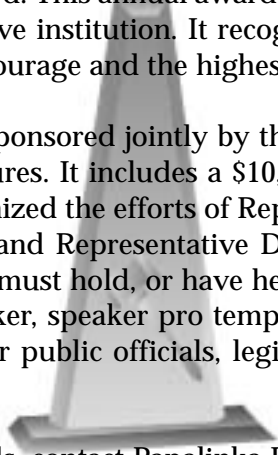
Dave Ogle also spent the first two weeks of February in Amman, Jordan conducting training workshops for the top staff members of Iraq's 275-member Transitional National Assembly (TNA) that was elected on January 30 in the country's first multi-party election since 1954. The primary responsibility of the TNA will be to draft a new constitution for a democratic Iraq, with a target date of December 2005 for completion of the document. The Amman workshops were conducted by Dave and a member of the SUNY/CID staff and covered the role of a parliament in a democracy, administrative management of a legislative body, staff/member relations, effective committee operations, parliament/media relations, constituent and interest group relations, document and record-keeping, information technology development, staff cooperation in problem solving, and legislative ethics.

Leaders In The Spotlight:
Honor An Outstanding Legislator With An ELA Nomination

State legislative leaders are overworked and underappreciated. You may not be able to do anything about the work, but here is your chance to show some appreciation! Nominations are now being accepted for the 2005 Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award. This annual award recognizes leaders who have worked to preserve and build public trust in the legislative institution. It recognizes legislative leaders whose careers embody the qualities of integrity, leadership, courage and the highest ethical standards.

The Excellence in State Leadership Award is sponsored jointly by the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the National Conference of State Legislatures. It includes a \$10,000 donation to a charity or institution chosen by the recipient. The 2004 award recognized the efforts of Representative Bob Ward, Minority Leader of the Connecticut House of Representatives and Representative David H. Wilkins, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Nominees must hold, or have held within the last two years, the post of senate president, president pro tempore, speaker, speaker pro tempore, majority leader or minority leader. Nominations can be made by legislators, other public officials, legislative staffers, journalists, lobbyists or interested citizens.

For more information and nomination materials, contact Papalinka Paradise at the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (phone: 508-771-3821; fax: 508- 775-7310; E-mail: pparadise@capecod.net). The deadline for submission of 2005 nominations is April 29.



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