New member orientation is organized by the North Carolina Legislative Services Office for both chambers of the legislature. The program is divided into three portions, of which the orientation is held at the Statehouse and a subsequent program is conducted at the Institute of Government on the campus of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC).

The first program is two days and covers administrative information as well as sessions on research, bill drafting, fiscal research, and ethics.

The second portion of the program is a one and a half day agenda that is facilitated by the UNC School of Government faculty and additional academics from surrounding college campuses. The agenda consists of issue briefings and leadership training.

The last leg of the North Carolina new legislator orientation involves a one-and-a-half day follow-up on the information imparted in the previous two sessions as well as an overview of new developments policy and legislative strategies.
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
Agenda
December 13-14, 2006 – State Legislative Complex, Raleigh

Wednesday, December 13

9:15 am    Pick up materials in Room 544, Legislative Office Building
            (light refreshments served)

9:30 am    Welcome
            Deputy President Pro Tempore Charlie S. Dannelly
            Speaker James Black

            Elected Officers
            Senate Principal Clerk Janet Pruitt
            House Principal Clerk Denise Weeks

10:00 am   Staff Structure, Services and Benefits
            George R. Hall, Legislative Services Officer
            Carolyn Jernigan, Personnel Officer

10:15 am   Administrative Division
            Tony Goldman, Director

10:45 am   Visits with Staff Divisions
            New members will be divided into three groups and will go to three
            Divisions within Legislative Services – Research, Bill Drafting, and
            Fiscal Research

10:45 – 11:15 am – Group A – Research Division, Terry Sullivan, Director
                    Group B – Fiscal Research Division, Lynn Muchmore, Director
                    Group C – Bill Drafting Division, Gerry Cohen, Director

11:15 – 11:45 am Group A – Fiscal Research Division
                    Group B – Bill Drafting Division
                    Group C – Research Division

11:45 – 12:15 pm Group A – Bill Drafting Division
                    Group B – Research Division
                    Group C – Fiscal Research Division

Group A = Senators Brunstetter, Preston; Reps. Braxton, Blue, Brisson, Harrell,
Killian, Thomas; Guide: Karen Cochrane-Brown, Research Division
Group B = Senators Foriest, Queen; Reps. Boylan, Hall, Love, Neumann,
Samuelson, Tillis; Guide: Deborah Bridgers, Fiscal Research Division
Group C = Senator Goss; Reps. Avila, Hurley, Jones, McElrath, Spear, Tarleton,
Warren; Guide: Emily Johnson, Bill Drafting Division
12:30 pm  Lunch  
Legislative Building Cafeteria, Members’ Dining Room (Dutch Treat).

Return to Room 544 LOB after lunch

1:45 pm  Legislative Panel  
This session will utilize experienced legislators who will offer helpful hints on dealing with constituents, the press, and lobbyists.  
Senator Phil Berger  
Senator Kay Hagan  
Representative Beverly Earle  
Representative Bill Daughtridge

Moderator: Jim Drennan, Professor of Public Law and Government, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill.

2:30 pm  Information Systems Division  
NC General Assembly Computer Policies and Procedures  
Dennis McCarty, Director

3:00 pm  Break

3:15 pm  Budget Session  
Fiscal Research Division Staff

4:30 pm  Adjourn

Thursday, December 14

9:00 am  House and Senate Chambers – Legislative Building  
Senate Principal Clerk, Janet Pruitt  
House Principal Clerk, Denise Weeks

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm  Legislative Ethics  
Walker Reagan, Staff Attorney, Research Division  
Erika Churchill, Staff Attorney, Research Division

2:30 pm  Adjourn

REMINDER! A FOLLOW UP ORIENTATION SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT IN CHAPEL HILL, JANUARY 10-11, 2007
New Member Orientation Follow-Up  
UNC School of Government

Agenda

Tuesday, November 13

9:30   Continental breakfast

10:00  Welcome
       •    Aimée Wall, UNC School of Government

10:10  Reflections on the Session
       •    Jim Drennan, moderator, UNC School of Government

11:45  Lunch

12:45  How Blogs and Other New Media Are Affecting the Policy Debate
       •    Shannon Schelin, UNC School of Government
       •    Jason Smith, Office of Senator John Snow
       •    Ryan Thornburg, UNC School of Journalism
       •    Ryan Teague Beckwith, Raleigh News & Observer

1:45   Break

2:00   Advanced Legislative Strategy
       •    Philip Boyle, Leading and Governing Associates and UNC School of Government

5:00   Adjourn
Wednesday, November 14

9:30 Legislative Ethics Update 2007
   • Walker Reagan, Co-Counsel to Legislative Ethics Committee

10:15 Break

10:30 The Legislator/Staff Connection
   • Brian Weberg, National Conference of State Legislatures
   • NC General Assembly Division Directors
      o Gerry Cohen, Bill Drafting
      o Lynn Muchmore, Fiscal Research
      o Terry Sullivan, Research
      o John Turcotte, Program Evaluation
   • Anne Cole, Director of Legislative Assistants (House)
   • Joyce Hodge, Director of Legislative Assistants (Senate)
   • Janet Pruitt, Senate Principal Clerk
   • Denise Weeks, House Principal Clerk

12:30 Adjourn (boxed lunch provided)
Agenda

New Member Orientation  
Institute of Government, UNC School of Government  
Room 2403

Wednesday, January 10

8:30  Pick up materials  
Light refreshments served

9:00  Welcome  
Michael Smith, Dean, School of Government and Vice Chancellor for University Engagement, UNC Chapel Hill

9:15  The Constitution and the General Assembly  
James Drennan, Professor of Public Law and Government, Institute of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill

10:00  Break

10:15  Dealing with the Press  
Laura Leslie, WUNC  
Mark Johnson, Charlotte Observer  
Moderator: Aimee Wall, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, Institute of Government, UNC Chapel Hill

10:45  Financing the Future: Fiscal Modernization in North Carolina  
Roland Stephen, Assistant Director for Research and Policy, Institute for Emerging Issues, NC State University

12:00  Lunch (provided)

1:00  Financing the Future: Fiscal Modernization in North Carolina (continued)  
Roland Stephen, Assistant Director for Research and Policy, Institute for Emerging Issues, NC State University

1:45  Break

2:00  Transitioning from Campaigning to Governing  
Phillip Boyle, Adjunct Instructor, Institute of Government and President, Leading and Governing Associates

5:00  Reception

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Thursday, January 11

8:30  Light refreshments available

9:00  North Carolina – A Historical Context
      A Tar Heel Journey from the 16th to 21st Century
      Karl Campbell, Professor of History; Appalachian State University

10:30 Break

10:45  The Changing Face of North Carolina
      James Johnson, Professor of Management, Sociology and Public Policy and
      Director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center in the Kenan Institute, UNC-Chapel
      Hill

12:15  Closing Remarks

12:30  Lunch (provided) and adjourn