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Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at the Benton Convention Center

MEETING DIRECTORY

PLEASE NOTE

SLC committee meetings and workshops will be held at the Benton Convention Center unless otherwise specified. Committee Technical Tours will depart on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. from Cherry Street in front of the Marriott.

All publicized SLC committee sessions are open to all conferees regardless of formal committee appointments or affiliations; however, meal service can only be provided to appointed members of the specified committee in session.

The ethics laws in some states prohibit or limit the value of gifts for legislators and legislative staff. If it is a violation of your state's ethics laws to accept or use any of these gifts, you may return them or pass them along.

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Winston-Salem 2009



63RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

As Chair of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), it is my pleasure to welcome you to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, host city for our 63rd Annual Meeting. Wherever our annual meetings take us in our 16-state region, we know we will always find the warm hospitality for which the South is known. North Carolina is no exception, having graciously served as our host on five previous occasions, the first being 60 years ago.



As we gather in these times of economic challenge, the valuable information available at the SLC Annual Meeting is of more importance than ever. Throughout the week, legislative leaders, legislative staff, private sector friends and guests will hear from an array of policy experts on topics directly impacting their individual states as well as neighboring states. Whenever possible, an effort has been made to highlight a program, piece of legislation, or facility unique to North Carolina.

I encourage you to share ideas and solutions with your colleagues and to continue the discussions we hold here with others in your home state.

Once again, welcome to Winston-Salem! I hope you enjoy your time with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Wentworth". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas
SLC Chair, 2008 - 2009

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Plenary, Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Harry Markopolos: From Madoff to Medicaid Fraud



Profiled on *60 Minutes* and in *The Wall Street Journal*, Markopolos candidly explains his long fight to “gift wrap and deliver the biggest Ponzi scheme to the SEC ever” and reveals a captivating cloak-and-dagger story of one man and his tightly knit, highly trained team of trusted allies that never gave up. As a certified fraud examiner, Markopolos continues to attack what he calls “medical terrorism” or the huge amount of Medicaid fraud, going to where he can make the best case against the biggest offender that will become an overall nationwide deterrent.

Closing Plenary, Tuesday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Clyde Edgerton, Author



North Carolina Clyde Edgerton has delighted readers with his nine novels and a memoir that are at once comic and touching. Deeply connected to his Southern roots, Edgerton has become an exemplar of the Southern literary tradition that underscores the region’s tradition of storytelling and good humor. In addition to his literary work, Edgerton is a professor at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and an accomplished musician.

Legislative Plenary Luncheon, Sunday, August 16, noon - 1:30 p.m.

Generating Economic Development During Times of Extreme Fiscal Stress

M. Ray Perryman, Ph.D., President, The Perryman Group



Dr. Perryman is founder and president of The Perryman Group (TPG), an economic and financial analysis firm headquartered in Waco, Texas. He is widely regarded as one of the world’s most influential and innovative economists. His complex modeling systems form a basis for corporate and governmental planning around the globe. His thousands of academic and trade articles and presentations span a wide variety of topics, gaining him international respect and acclaim.

Economic Turbulence and State Investment Strategies

Janet Cowell, State Treasurer, North Carolina



Elected in 2008, Cowell is the state’s 27th popularly elected treasurer and is the first woman to win the post. As the state’s fiscal advisor, Treasurer Cowell oversees more than \$70 billion in state investments. An investment professional, Cowell earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business and a Master’s degree in International Studies from the Lauder Institute. She worked as a financial analyst with HSBC Bank and Lehman Brothers before making her home in North Carolina.

MEETING AT A GLANCE

Saturday, August 15

Registration

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LSA Workshop

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

2009 AgForum: Food Safety

noon - 4:30 p.m.

LSA Workshop

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Old Salem Museums & Gardens

Chairman's Dessert Reception

Hosted by Senator Jeff Wentworth,

Texas, SLC Chair

10:00 p.m. - midnight

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Committee Breakfasts

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Agriculture & Rural Development

Human Services & Public Safety

Host State Gospel Brunch

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Legislative Plenary Luncheon

noon - 1:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee for Conference Officers

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Committee Programs

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Education

Energy & Environment

Flavors of Carolina Fun Night

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Energy & Environment

Fiscal Affairs & Government

Operations

Opening Plenary Session

10:00 a.m. - noon

Committee Luncheons

noon - 2:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Rural Development

Gulf Coast & Atlantic States Regional

Task Force

CSG Innovations Selection Panel

noon - 2:30 p.m.

Committee Programs

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development,

Transportation & Cultural Affairs

Human Services & Public Safety

Policy Positions Committee

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Executive Reception

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (by invitation)

South Carolina 2010 Reception

9:00 p.m. - midnight

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Committee Technical Tours

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Agriculture & Rural Development

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Economic Development,

Transportation & Cultural Affairs

Human Services & Public Safety

Reception & State Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

Executive Committee Business Breakfast

8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sunday, August 16 Autism Spectrum Disorders and Schools
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, August 17 Education and the Federal Stimulus
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Common Core Standards Initiative

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Sunday, August 16 Securing the South's Energy Future
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, August 17 Energy and the Federal Stimulus
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

FISCAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Sunday, August 16 Generating Economic Development During Times of Extreme
noon - 1:30 p.m. Fiscal Stress

Economic Turbulence and State Investment Strategies

Monday, August 17 Mortgage and Housing Meltdown: How Did We End Up
8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Here and North Carolina's Response

Comparative Data Report Presentations

GULF COAST & ATLANTIC STATES REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Monday, August 17 Creating Resilient Coastal Communities
noon - 2:00 p.m.

HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Sunday, August 16 Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 17 The Rise of HIV/AIDS and Teen Pregnancy in the South
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18 Technical Tour to the Institute for Regenerative Medicine,
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, and
Arts Tour

Saturday, August 15

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Registration**
Upper Level Foyer

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **LSA Directors Workshop**

North Main Hall C & D

*Presiding: Jerry Bassett, Director, Legislative Reference Service, Alabama
Chair, Legislative Service Agency Directors' Group*

Legislative Committee Structure and Staffing Patterns: The North Carolina Model

George R. Hall, Legislative Services Officer, North Carolina
Walker Reagan, Director, Research Division, North Carolina
Gerry Cohen, Director, Legislative Drafting Division, North Carolina
Dennis McCarty, Director, Information Systems Division, North
Carolina

An overview of the centralized legislative staff agency and divisions
in the Tar Heel State, and a discussion of their committee structure
and the various staff duties

ARRA and State-Specific Funding Mechanisms

Chris Whatley, Washington Office Director, The Council of State
Governments

noon - 4:30 p.m.

2009 AgForum: Food Safety

North Main Hall F & G

*Presiding: Delegate Bobby Orrrock, Virginia, Chair, SLC Agriculture & Rural
Development Committee*

Food Safety in Transition

Representative Terry England, Georgia

Senator Francis Thompson, Louisiana

Michael Doyle, Ph.D., Regents Professor of Food Microbiology;

Director, Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia

Steve Solomon, D.V.M., Deputy Director, Office of Regional

Operations, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Washington,
D.C.

America enjoys the safest and most affordable food system in
the world, but recent outbreaks of food-borne illnesses have had
significant impacts both in terms of human health and on food
producers. As action on the federal level has stalled, states have
responded with food safety legislation of their own. The 2009
AgForum on Food Safety explores the costs of food safety reforms
and the costs of inaction, as well as recent state-level activities.
AgForums are active, roundtable discussions for all participants, so
all are invited to share their ideas and insights in this critical area.

Saturday, August 15

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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After 2010:

Legislative Redistricting in the Coming Decade

Moderator: Frank Caggiano, President & CEO, 21st Century Services, Inc., South Carolina

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS AND ACCESS

Bill Gilkeson, Senior Attorney, Research Division, General Assembly, North Carolina

Peter Capriglione, Business Applications Manager, General Assembly, North Carolina

Jeff Archer, Chief Legislative Counsel, Legislative Council, Texas

Howard Simkowitz, Ph. D., Director, Government Services, Caliper Corporation, Washington, D.C.

THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

Paul Smith, Partner, Jenner & Block, Washington, D.C.

J. Gerald Hebert, Executive Director and Director of Litigation, The Campaign Legal Center, Washington, D.C.

LSA SOUTHERN STATE REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE: STAFFING NEEDS, BUDGETING & PUBLIC ACCESS AND INPUT

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

Hearn B, C & D

Presiding: Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas, SLC Chair

State Roundtable

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Opening Reception

Old Salem Museums & Gardens

10:00 p.m. - midnight

Chairman's Dessert Reception

Suite 1810, Marriott

Hosted by Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas, SLC Chair

Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Registration**
Upper Level Foyer

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
Business Breakfast**

North Main Hall F & G

*Presiding: Delegate Bobby Orrock, Virginia, Chair, SLC Agriculture & Rural
Development Committee*

Preserving Farmland

Edgar Miller, Government Relations Director, Conservation Trust of
North Carolina

Joshua M. Duke, Professor of Food and Resource Economics, Legal
Studies, and Economics, University of Delaware

While farmland preservation activities have been underway in many parts of the country for decades, recent economic events and ongoing development pressure have put into sharp focus the importance of well-designed, well-thought out programs. This session reviews the progress North Carolina as well as what recent research has to say on these programs.

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Human Services & Public Safety Committee
Business Breakfast**

North Main Hall C & D

*Presiding: Representative John A. Arnold, Jr., Kentucky, Chair, SLC Human Services &
Public Safety Committee*

Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment

Toni King, Unit Manager, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Services, North Carolina

For more than 80 years, North Carolina's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services has assisted citizens with a variety of disabilities in achieving independence and gaining employment. This session examines how, during these dire economic times, states rely on such programs for workforce development.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Host State Gospel Brunch**
Grand Pavilion (Embassy Suites)

Sunday, August 16

noon - 1:30 p.m.

Legislative Plenary Luncheon

South Main Hall 6, 7 & 8

Presiding: Representative Daniel T. Cooper, South Carolina, Chair, SLC Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee



Generating Economic Development During Times of Extreme Fiscal Stress

M. Ray Perryman, Ph.D., President, The Perryman Group, Texas

In a fiscal environment where states face an increasing number of enormous challenges alongside dwindling sources of revenue, this presentation focuses on how state policymakers can effectively and efficiently harness scarce resources to generate sound economic development.



Economic Turbulence and State Investment Strategies

Janet Cowell, State Treasurer, North Carolina

During a period of economic and market volatility, state policymakers face substantial hurdles in ensuring the viability of the state's pension fund investments, short-term cash investments and supplemental retirement funds. This presentation provides insights on some of the strategies devised by North Carolina's principal fiscal advisor.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee for Conference Officers

Hanes Boardroom (Marriott)

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Education Committee Program Session

North Main Hall C & D

Presiding: Senator Jimmy Jeffress, Arkansas, Chair, SLC Education Committee

Autism Spectrum Disorders and Schools

Joanne Cashman, Ph.D., Director, IDEA Partnership Project, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Washington, D.C.

Gary Mesibov, Ph.D., Director of Division TEACCH, University of North Carolina

Jennifer Neitzel, Ph.D., Content Specialist, National Technical Assistance Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders, University of North Carolina

The number of children identified with autism has increased by nearly 400 percent during the past decade, making it the fastest growing categorical learning disability schools must address. Serving these children well is a challenge for schools financially and logistically. This session reviews the current population statistics and its implications, as well as promising treatment options for children with autism.

Sunday, August 16

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Energy & Environment Committee Program
Session**

North Main Hall F & G

*Presiding: Representative Rocky Adkins, Kentucky, Chair, SLC Energy & Environment
Committee*

Securing the South's Energy Future

Ken Nemeth, Executive Director, Southern States Energy Board,
Georgia

Bill Schafer, Senior Vice President of Business Development, Range
Fuels, Colorado

Rodney Andrews, Ph.D., Director, University of Kentucky Center
for Applied Energy Research

Joseph Craft, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance Resource Partners,
Kentucky

Christopher Hamilton, Senior Vice President, West Virginia Coal
Association

This session focuses on the role both fossil fuels and renewable energy sources will play in Southern states in the years to come. It includes presentations that will address, among other topics, cellulosic ethanol production, lithium-ion batteries, and innovative coal technologies.

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Flavors of Carolina Fun Night**
Exhibition Hall

10:00 p.m. - midnight **Chairman's Dessert Reception**
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8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Registration**
Upper Level Foyer

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Education Committee Business Breakfast Session**
North Main Hall B & C
Presiding: Senator Jimmy Jeffress, Arkansas, Chair, SLC Education Committee

Education and the Federal Stimulus

Stacey Jordan, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S.
Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides nearly \$100 billion for education, an unprecedented infusion of federal funds to schools. This session takes a closer look at the impact these funds might have and the consequences of a larger federal role in education.

Common Core Standards Initiative

Ilene M. Berman, Ed.D., Program Director, Education Division,
National Governors Association, Washington, D.C.
Chris Minnich, Director of Standards, Council of Chief State School
Officers, Washington, D.C.

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia have signed on to an effort spearheaded by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association to craft a unified model of what children need to learn from kindergarten through high school in the areas of English language arts and mathematics. This session addresses this ambitious, state-led program to move beyond the current patchwork of standards that exists toward a single standard of excellence for all students, regardless of where they live.

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Energy & Environment Committee Program Session**

North Main Hall E & F
Presiding: Representative Rocky Adkins, Kentucky, Chair, SLC Energy & Environment Committee

Energy and the Federal Stimulus

Skila Harris, Recovery Adviser, U.S. Department of Energy,
Washington, D.C.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes \$47 billion for renewable energy, smart grid, and energy efficiency programs, as well as an additional \$20 billion in the form of tax incentives. This session examines how these funds will affect the Southern states and what role they will play in the South's energy future.

Monday, August 17

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee Business Breakfast Session

Hearn Ballroom (Marriott)

Presiding: Representative Daniel T. Cooper, South Carolina, Chair, SLC Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee

Mortgage and Housing Meltdown: How Did We End Up Here and North Carolina's Response

John Allison, former CEO and President, BB&T; current Chairman of the BB&T Board, North Carolina
Senator Dan Blue, North Carolina

The collapse of the housing and construction sectors and the meltdown in the mortgage markets rank high among the contributory factors to our current economic malaise. This session hones in on the origins of the housing and mortgage crises sweeping the entire country and prescriptions for staving-off future crises, along with details on North Carolina's efforts to mitigate the impact of this crisis.

Comparative Data Report Presentations

Revenues: Kim Arnall, Assistant Director, Fiscal Division, Bureau of Legislative Research, Arkansas

Education: Hank Hager, Legislative Counsel, Senate Committee on Education, West Virginia

10:00 a.m. - noon

Opening Plenary Session

North Main Hall A

Presiding: Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas, SLC Chair

Harry Markopolos: From Madoff to Medicaid Fraud



The repercussions from the Madoff scandal are felt throughout the financial and nonprofit world—even by organizations that had no direct involvement with his massive Ponzi scheme. Of even greater concern is the fact that Medicaid fraud has the potential to dwarf financial fraud.

As a certified fraud examiner, Markopolos continues to attack what he calls “medical terrorism” or the huge amount of Medicaid fraud, going to where he can make the best case against the biggest offender that will become an overall nationwide deterrent. He will educate and inform about how to identify Medicaid fraud and what to do to prevent it from ever happening to you in the future.

Monday, August 17

noon - 2:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Rural Development Committee Program Luncheon

North Main Hall E & F

*Presiding: Delegate Bobby Orrock, Virginia, Chair, SLC Agriculture & Rural
Development Committee*

Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide

Jason Gray, co-author of The Aspen Institute report, *Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide*, North Carolina

John Molinaro, Associate Director, Community Strategies Group,
The Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C.

Finding common ground among rural and urban communities is of critical importance to finding policy solutions for the complex issues facing all people today. Yet all too often these two constituencies find themselves on opposite, often antagonistic, sides of the issues. This session explores this dynamic and seek solutions.

noon - 2:30 p.m.

CSG Innovations Selection Panel

Hearn Ballroom A (Marriott)

Presiding: Bill Voit, Senior Project Director, The Council of State Governments, Kentucky

CSG helps state officials by highlighting innovative programs that states develop to address emerging shifts in public policy. Such shifts derive from a number of factors and often impact more than one department or branch of state government. As the Southern regional component of CSG, the Southern Legislative Conference annually selects two regional winners from among numerous programs nominated for an Innovations Award. For 2009, a pre-selected panel will evaluate the eight finalist programs from the South, with the winners to be recognized nationally by CSG in November.

Florida » Employ Florida Banner Centers

Kentucky » Kentucky Department of Corrections Reentry Hotline

Louisiana » Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration Program

Mississippi » Mississippi Department of Mental Health Focus Program

North Carolina » Western NC Data Center

Texas » Texans Feeding Texans

West Virginia » eCDL

West Virginia » Teach 21

Monday, August 17

noon - 2:00 p.m.

Gulf Coast & Atlantic States Regional Task Force Luncheon

Hearn Ballroom C & D (Marriott)

Presiding: Senator David Baria, Mississippi

Creating Resilient Coastal Communities

Tracie Sempier, Ph.D., Coastal Storms Outreach Coordinator,
Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, Mississippi
Berry Williams, President, Berry A. Williams and Associates, North
Carolina

Resilience is the capacity of human and natural/physical systems to adapt to and recover from change. While the interior states of the Southern region also suffer from various natural disasters, as well as the lingering effects of hurricanes that initially impact the Gulf Coast and Atlantic states, the far-reaching and long-term effects of hurricanes on both the Southern region and the nation are more serious when the Gulf Coast and Atlantic states are nature's target. This session provides members with hazard mitigation development strategies in the coastal zone and information about flood insurance incentives available under the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System.

noon - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch with Cecilia Budd Grimes

North Main Hall B & C

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SOUTHERN



Join Cecilia Budd Grimes as she takes us on a fun romp through all things Southern. If you know about such things, join us as she gives us a nostalgic tour through deviled egg plates, double names, down home cooking, customs and traditions, soft drink rituals and giving directions—all Southern style. “Ce Ce” Grimes is the award-winning author of a popular book series including the title *What It Mean to Be Southern*.

noon - 2:30 p.m.

LSA Directors' Luncheon

(by invitation)

Monday, August 17

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Human Services & Public Safety Committee

Program Session

North Main Hall C & D

Presiding: Representative John A. Arnold, Jr., Kentucky, Chair, SLC Human Services & Public Safety Committee

The Rise of HIV/AIDS and Teen Pregnancy in the South

Dr. R. Luke Shouse, Reporting, Analysis, and Evaluation Team
Leader, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, The Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia

Representative Beverly Earle, North Carolina

Evelyn Foust, Director, Communicable Disease Branch, Department
of Health, North Carolina

Kay Phillips, Director, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign,
North Carolina

During the last several years, Southern states have seen the most dramatic increase of HIV/AIDS cases, as well as the greatest rise in teen pregnancy, in the nation. This session examines the trends behind these problems and what states can do to address them, with particular attention given to disparities among various demographic groups.

Monday, August 17

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee Program Session

Hearn Ballroom B, C & D (Marriott)

Presiding: Senator John R. Unger II, West Virginia, Acting Chair, SLC Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee

How Do We Move toward High Speed Rail?

Pat Simmons, Director, Rail Division, Department of Transportation, North Carolina

Tony J. Morris, President and CEO, American Maglev, Georgia

This session focuses on North Carolina's efforts to capitalize on the movement toward a national network for fast train travel along with an update on the American Maglev project, including details on the technology, cost-benefit analysis comparing the different kinds of Maglev technologies and light rail, operating costs and procedures, maintenance requirements, energy requirements and financing.

Federal Transportation Reauthorization and the Successor to SAFETEA-LU

Curtis Johnson, Associate Director for Government Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.

The upcoming federal transportation reauthorization remains of critical importance to all states. This presentation provides a status report on where the reauthorization process currently stands, along with preliminary details on the trajectory of the legislation.

Infrastructure Report Card: Trends from South Carolina, the SLC and the Nation

Matt Silveston, P.E., Section President, American Society of Civil Engineers, South Carolina

For some years now, experts, particularly those with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), have been urging policymakers at to devote resources and attention to upgrade the nation's crumbling and aging infrastructure network. This presentation provides an update from South Carolina, the SLC and the nation.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Policy Positions Committee

Hanes Boardroom (Marriott)

9:00 p.m. - midnight

"South Carolina - We've Got It All" 2010 Reception

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10:00 p.m. - midnight

Chairman's Dessert Reception

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8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Registration**
Upper Level Foyer

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee Business Breakfast**
Hearn Ballroom B, C & D (Marriott)
Presiding: Senator John R. Unger II, West Virginia, Acting Chair, SLC Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee

The Drive to Move South: How Do We Move It to a Higher-Tech Gear?

Simon Cobb, Chief Operating Officer, Center for Automotive Research (NCCAR), North Carolina

A number of Southern states have made impressive strides in the automobile assembly and manufacturing spheres for some decades now. This presentation focuses on how entities like NCCAR are rising to the challenge of the ever-evolving product research, testing and development demands of the automotive industry and advancing the industry in the South to the next level.

Funding the Arts During Extreme Fiscal Stress

Milton Rhodes, President and CEO, Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, North Carolina

Arts agencies face tremendous challenges in continuing to secure state and local government appropriations along with funds from corporate and individual sources during an economic recession. This presentation identifies some of the strategies deployed by the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County to continue funding programs and projects.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Closing Plenary Session and Business Meeting**
North Main Hall A
Presiding: Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas, SLC Chair



Clyde Edgerton, Author

North Carolina Clyde Edgerton has delighted readers with his nine novels and a memoir that are at once comic and touching. Deeply connected to his Southern roots, Edgerton has become an exemplar of the Southern literary tradition that underscores the region's storytelling and good humor. In addition to his literary work, Edgerton is a professor at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and an accomplished musician.

Tuesday, August 18

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Committee Technical Tours

Tours will depart from Cherry Street in front of the Marriott; Dress is casual; a box lunch will be provided; please sign up in advance as space is limited; priority will be given to Committee appointees.

Agriculture & Rural Development Committee

Shelton Vineyards and the North Carolina Wine Industry

North Carolina has a long and storied history of wine production dating back to Sir Walter Raleigh. In the early part of the last century, North Carolina was the leading wine producing state in the country. While Prohibition closed the state's wineries in the 1920s, the industry has recently rebounded, particularly as tobacco farming has declined in the state. Today, the wine industry boasts more than 80 wineries, a number that has tripled since 2001. Shelton Vineyards, founded in 1999, is the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina and was an early leader in establishing the Yadkin Valley as the viticulture center of the state.

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Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, and Arts Tour

According to a recent industry survey, North Carolina ranks third in the nation in the number of biotechnology companies for the fourth consecutive year with more than 450 bioscience companies headquartered or operating in the state and employing a total of 55,000 people. The Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine is an important element in the state's biotech sector and is an international leader in translating scientific discovery into clinical therapies. Tour members will visit the laboratory where scientists were the first in the world to successfully implant a laboratory-grown organ into a human. Today, the Institute is working to grow more than 22 different organs and tissues in the laboratory, as well as repair or replace diseased tissues and organs of soldiers injured in combat.

After the visit to the Institute, tour members will visit several prominent Winston-Salem arts venues (North Carolina School of the Arts Campus/School of Film and the Sisters House at Salem College, the oldest building on a college campus in North Carolina) with a final stop at the Winkler Bakery.

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Reception & State Dinner**
North Main Hall and Prefunction

Wednesday, August 19

8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Executive Committee Breakfast**
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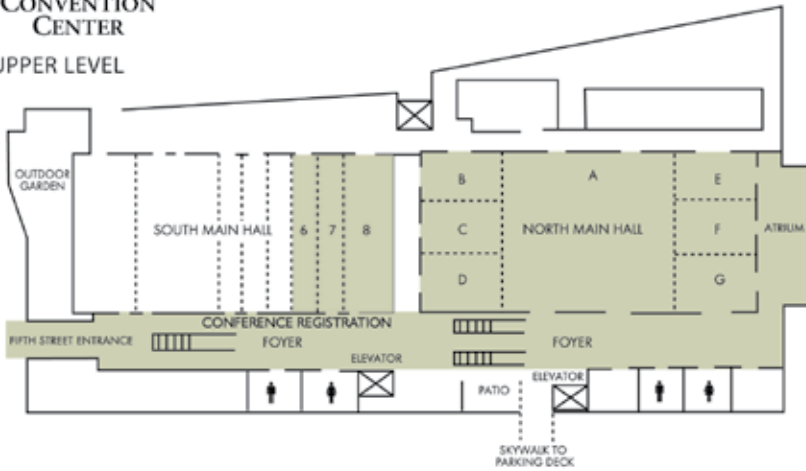
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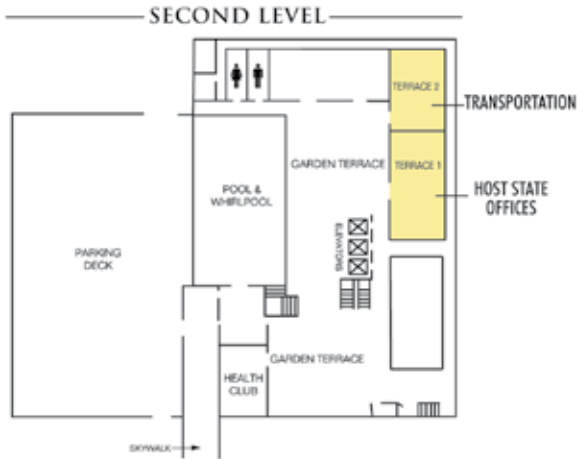
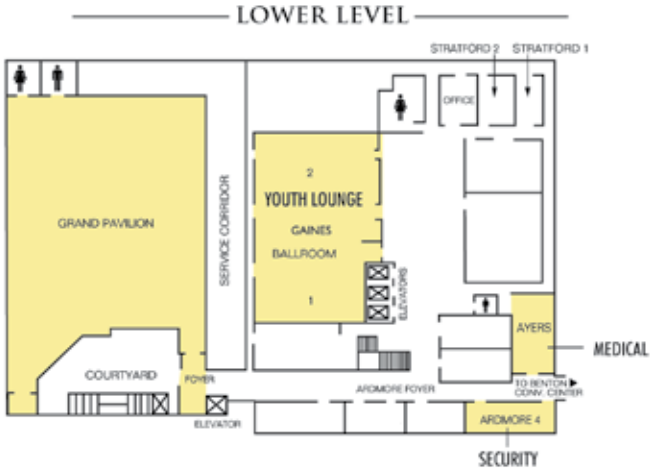
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