



**62nd Annual Meeting of the
Southern
Legislative
Conference
Oklahoma City**

**July 11-15, 2008
Friday - Tuesday**



FINAL AGENDA

**SLC
in
OKC** **FRIDAY, JULY 11**

8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Registration
First Floor, Cox Center

9:00 am to 11:30 am
LSA Directors' Workshop
Ballroom B

noon to 3:30 pm
LSA Directors' Workshop
Oklahoma State Capitol

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Executive Committee
Ballroom D

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Opening Reception
Oklahoma State Capitol

**SLC
in
OKC** **SATURDAY, JULY 12**

8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Registration
First Floor, Cox Center

8:00 am to 9:30 am
**Agriculture & Rural Development
Committee Business Breakfast**
Ballroom D

**RURAL HOUSING:
IMPROVING ACCESS &
AFFORDABILITY**
*Joe Belden, Deputy Executive Director,
Housing Assistance Council,
Washington, D.C.*

UPDATING AG EDUCATION
*James Woodard, Director, Career, Technical
& Agricultural Education, Georgia
Department of Education*

**TECHNICAL COLLEGES &
RURAL PROSPERITY**
*Randy Smith, Ph. D., Vice President for
Academic Affairs, Western Oklahoma
State College; President, Rural
Community College Alliance*
*Roger Stacy, Ph.D., President, Northern
Oklahoma College*

**SLC
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8:00 am to 9:30 am
**Human Services & Public Safety
Committee Business Breakfast**
Meeting Rooms 19 & 20

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
*Representative Marian Cooksey, Oklahoma
Senator Jennie Forehand, Maryland*

8:00 am to 9:30 am
**Economic Development, Transportation
& Cultural Affairs Committee
Business Breakfast**
Meeting Rooms 16 & 17

**EMERGING ROLE OF RAIL IN SLC
STATE TRANSPORTATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS**
*Representative Vance Smith, Georgia
Mike O'Malley, Vice President for
State Government Relations,
CSX Transportation, Florida*

**SECURE, SMART & SWIFT FLOWS OF
COMMERCE AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER**
Senator Elliot Shapleigh, Texas

**SHORT UPDATE ON THE SOUTHEAST
U.S. - CANADA TRADE ASSOCIATION**
Senator Mark Norris, Tennessee

10:00 am to noon
Opening Plenary Session
Ballroom C
Todd Buchholz

noon to 2:00 pm
**Navigating the Rapids of Term Limits
Roundtable Discussion**
Meeting Rooms 19 & 20
*Rick Farmer, Ph.D., (Moderator)
Director of Committee Staff, House of
Representatives, Oklahoma*
Senator Shane Broadway, Arkansas
*Senator Glenn Coffee, Co-President Pro
Tempore, Oklahoma*
*Alan Rosenthal, Ph.D., Professor of Public
Policy and Political Science, Eagleton
Institute of Politics, Rutgers University,
New Jersey*
*Thomas Little, Ph.D., Director of
Curriculum Development and Research,
State Legislative Leaders Foundation*
*Karl Kurtz, Ph.D., Director of the Trusts
for Representative Democracy, National
Conference of State Legislatures, Colorado*

**SLC
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1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Nominating Committee
Native American Boardroom

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Education Committee Program Session
Meeting Rooms 16 & 17

**PRACTICAL LESSONS ON TEACHER
COMPENSATION**
*Rich Nagel, Executive Director, Arkansas
Education Association*
*Jason Culbertson, Director, South Carolina
Teacher Advancement Program,
Department of Education*

**THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
FOR MILITARY CHILDREN**
*Keith Scott, Director, The National Center
for Interstate Compacts, The Council of
State Governments, Kentucky*

**STAY ON TRACK:
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION**
*Major Rickey Thomas, Chief, National
Guard Drug Demand Reduction
Program, Virginia*
*Lt. Col. Kevin Tackett, Coordinator,
Oklahoma Counterdrug Task Force,
Oklahoma National Guard Drug Demand
Reduction Program*
*Scott Steger, President, National Conference
for Prevention and Research Solutions,
Florida*

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
**Energy & Environment Committee
Program Session**
Ballroom D

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY
IN SOUTHERN STATES**
*Wayne Shirley, Director, The Regulatory
Assistance Project, Vermont*
*Craig Johnston, Vice President, Strategy and
Marketing, Oklahoma Gas and Electric*
*Todd Lucas, General Manager of Trans-
mission Maintenance, Georgia Power*

**APPLIED ENERGY SOLUTIONS:
CO₂ COLLECTION PROJECT**
*Lundy Kiger, Director of Government and
Community Relations, Applied Energy
Solutions, Oklahoma*

SLC in OKC SATURDAY, JULY 12

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee Program Session
Ballroom B

NATIONAL & REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS
Chad Wilkerson, Assistant Vice President and Oklahoma City Branch Executive for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma
Mark Snead, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University

FISCAL DIMENSIONS OF ENHANCING HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Donald Hamilton, Executive Director, Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, Oklahoma

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Executive Reception

9:00 pm to midnight
"North Carolina in My Mind" Reception - SLC2009
Ballroom C

SLC in OKC SUNDAY, JULY 13

8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Registration
First Floor, Cox Center

8:00 am to 9:30 am
Education Committee Business Breakfast
Meeting Rooms 16 & 17

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION UPDATE
Diane Horm, Ph.D., Director of the Early Childhood Education Institute, The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa
W. Steven Barnett, Director, National Institute for Early Education Research, New Jersey

8:00 am to 9:30 am
Energy & Environment Committee Business Breakfast
Meeting Rooms 19 & 20

OKLAHOMA BIOENERGY CENTER
Bobby Wegner, Deputy Director, Oklahoma Department of Energy

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9:30 am to 11:00 am
Host State Gospel Brunch
Ballroom C

noon to 2:00 pm
Gulf Coast & Atlantic States Regional Task Force Luncheon
Meeting Room 16

INTERSTATE COOPERATION ON WATER QUALITY
Kevin Morley, Regulatory Analyst, American Water Works Association, Washington, D.C.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR
Bryan Koon, Senior Operations Manager, Department of Emergency Management, Wal-Mart, Arkansas

noon to 2:00 pm
Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee Business Luncheon
Ballroom B

IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET DECISIONS ON STATE FINANCES
Elizabeth McNichol, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

RATING AGENCY PERSPECTIVE ON STATES FINANCES
James Breeding, Director, Southwest Region Standard & Poor's, Texas

noon to 2:00 pm
Agriculture & Rural Development Committee Program Luncheon
Ballroom D

COMMODITY MARKETS IN TURMOIL
Bailey Ragan, Vice President and General Manager, Grain Division, Bunge North America, Missouri
Kim Anderson, Ph.D., Professor and Extension Economist, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University

THE 2007 2008 FARM BILL
Larry Sanders, Ph.D., Professor & Extension Economist, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University

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3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Human Services & Public Safety Committee Program Session
Meeting Rooms 19 & 20

PANEL DISCUSSION ON CORRECTIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES
Steve Buck, Deputy Commissioner for Communication and Prevention, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Senator Kenneth Corn, Oklahoma
Richard Jerome, Project Manager, Public Safety Performance Project, Pew Center on the States, Washington, D.C.
Justin Jones, Director, Oklahoma Department of Corrections
Frank Smith, Field Organizer, Private Corrections Institute, Kansas

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee Program Session
Meeting Rooms 16 & 17

OKLAHOMA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS
Natalie Shirley, Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Tourism

STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES: PERSPECTIVES OF A SITE SELECTOR
Mike Mullis, President & CEO, JM Mullis, Inc., Tennessee

OKLAHOMA'S EFFORTS TO BOOST THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY
Jill Simpson, Director, Oklahoma Film & Music Office

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Policy Positions Committee
Native American Boardroom

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Family Night
AT&T Bricktown Ballpark



SLC in OKC MONDAY, JULY 14

8:00 am to 11:00 am
Registration
First Floor, Cox Center

7:30 am to 9:00 am
Lower Mississippi River Basin Initiative
Meeting Rooms 16 & 17
Dave Hokanson, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA), Minnesota
Ron Nassar, Ph.D., Coordinator, Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee, Mississippi
Peter Tennant, Deputy Director, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, Ohio

9:30 am to 11:00 am
Closing Plenary Session & Business Session
Ballroom C
John B. Herrington, Commander, USN Ret. NASA Astronaut

11:30 am to 4:30 pm
Committee Technical Tours
Buses depart from in front of the Cox Center

Agriculture & Rural Development SHAWNEE MILLING & REMINGTON PARK

Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) TRAINING ACADEMY

Energy & Environment CHESAPEAKE ENERGY

noon to 2:30 pm
CSG Innovations Selection Panel
Meeting Rooms 14 & 15

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Reception & State Dinner
Ballroom C

SLC in OKC TUESDAY, JULY 15

8:15 am to 9:30 am
Executive Committee
Ballroom D