



**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Southern  
Legislative  
Conference  
Oklahoma City**

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



**PRELIMINARY 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  
in  
OKC** **SATURDAY, JULY 12**

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

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:  
CO<sub>2</sub> 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

**SLC in OKC** SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

**SLC in OKC** SUNDAY, JULY 13

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*