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SAAB MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Brummond (CA) at 4: 45 pm at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. on September 29, 2010. Twenty three attendees signed in from the following States: CA, CO, D.C., FL, IL, LA, IN, MA, MD, NJ, TX.

The Chair noted it was his first meeting in this new capacity and asked that the attendees introduce themselves and sign the attendance sheet while the agenda was being circulated. He then recapped the prior meeting on April 23, 2010 in Chicago.

Eugene Ferraro (CO), President of NCISS, spoke to the purpose of SAAB and how it supports NCISS, and in return, the NCISS purpose to serve the States. Legislation Chair Jimmie Mesis (NJ) made several suggestions for increasing participation and membership. A Hit-the-District idea was put forth: getting Regional Directors to meet with local and State Legislators and even asking each State for a designated Legislative Liaison. He also asked for the most up to date list of PI's from each State in electronic format. He would like to know the total number of PI's in each State and the number of PI's in each State Association.

The Chair noted the need for a way to bring more members into the process of legislation and communication and uses of Smart Phones to do this. Vince Ruffalo (IL) related the Roy Bucklin, our Technology Chair, provides electronic and archived information about State Associations on our Web site. Several States have dropped paper newsletters/Journals and have gone to electronic versions (IL, MA, NJ). Chris Reynolds (CA/CALI) reported they still have a demand for a printed version. Others said they were considering a once a year print version.

List serve issues and remedies for negative uses were also discussed.

The Chair asked how State Associations were handling NCISS News and Legislative alerts. He mentioned he has his own web site with links for NCISS information and he also sends them to all of his District members. Colorado sends them out to all their members as does Illinois. Remarks were also made to remind the group that the analysis put out by NCISS Legislation Chair and Lobbyist is not a "cut-and-paste" product. President Ferraro further reminded attendees that the Leg. Update is recapped in the E-Reports and Francie Koehler, COB, (CA/CALI) added that the Regional list serves are also available for messages specific to each area.

A handout relating to the links available to state associations on the BRB Publications site was briefly discussed. An email will go out about this source of government information on line.

A brief discussion about the Georgia increase in various fees was considered and what effect it would mean for Pi's and Security Companies.

The last subject for the meeting concerned which State Associations have lobbyist and what they are paid. Ken Cummins (DC/MD) stated they have one on an "as-needed" basis. Texas pays \$12,000 - \$18,000 a year. California (CALI) pays \$68,000. It was noted that State situations are quite different; factors of size, full or part-time legislature and the number of bills in a year are all important issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55. The next meeting will take place in Vail, Colorado.