

LEGISLATORS FORUM

Referred to as both Legislators Forum and International Legislators Forum

Current South Dakota Membership

Member	Chamber	Political Party	Appointing Authority	Term Expires
Duvall, Mary	House	R	Speaker	12/31/2016
Hawley, Spencer	House	D	Speaker	12/31/2016
McCleerey, Steve	House	D	Speaker	12/31/2016
Parsley, Scott (Steering Committee Member)	Senate	D	Pro Tem	12/31/2016
Peterson, Jim	Senate	D	Pro Tem	12/31/2016
Solum, Roger (Steering Committee Member)	House	R	Speaker	12/31/2016
Tidemann, Larry	Senate	R	Pro Tem	12/31/2016
Vehle, Mike	Senate	R	Pro Tem	12/31/2016
Haverly, Terri (alternate)	Senate	R	Pro Tem	12/31/2016
Wiik, John (alternate)	House	R	Speaker	12/31/2016

2016 Information

- Annual dues of \$10,000.00 are paid to the Consensus Council.
- The 2016 annual meeting was held June 22-24, 2016 in Grand Forks, ND. The agenda included genetically modified organisms, aquatic invasive species, and human trafficking.
- Each jurisdictional membership has two representatives on the Steering Committee. South Dakota members of the Steering Committee are: Senator Scott Parsley and Representative Roger Solum. The Steering Committee meets face to face twice; once in September (generally in the Fargo-Moorhead area), and once at the International Legislators Forum in June. Between September and June, the Steering Committee meets monthly by conference call. The Steering Committee assists in the planning of the ILF by choosing topics, location, venue, and assisting in the development of the work groups for the topics. Members of the Steering Committee are selected by leadership. (One member from each chamber of different political parties.)

Background – as posted on its website

The International Legislators Forum (ILF) is an annual meeting of legislators from Manitoba, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota. It provides an opportunity for delegates to share information, understand problems, build relationships, and develop collaborative agreements on a wide variety of issues relevant to the participating jurisdictions. Forums have been hosted in Winnipeg and Gimli, Manitoba; St. Paul and Moorhead, Minnesota; Brookings, Deadwood and Pierre, South Dakota; and Fargo, Bismarck and Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The Legislators Forum grew out of the International Flood Mitigation Initiative (IFMI), which developed agreements to mitigate flooding in the Red River Basin following the 1997 flood. However, through its annual meetings, the Legislators' Forum has considered many other issues on a much broader range of issues that have directly impacted the region. These discussions have addressed water quantity and quality, regional energy production and transmission, renewable fuels, human and animal health and food safety, methamphetamines, rural access to health care, broadband technology, outmigration and immigration, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), tourism, and other public policy issues.

Over the years, the delegates have found that their jurisdictions have mutual concerns and similarities (even across an international boundary) and that programs and efforts that originate in one jurisdiction to deal with public policy issues can be useful in other jurisdictions.

Historical Notes

- Annual dues of \$10,000 are paid by the LRC to the Consensus Council. History regarding dues: LRC has paid the full \$10,000 since 2011. In years 2006-2010 LRC paid half (\$5,000). In 2006, BFM also paid \$5,000. LRC cannot confirm that BFM paid \$5,000 in years 2007-2010.

- The LRC pays the travel expense. (There have been past years when the Legislators Forum has had funds available to supplement travel expenses.)

- Members are appointed for one year (interim), but have generally been reappointed.

- The Legislators Forum does not have any rules/bylaws dictating the number of members appointed. Total membership of the Forum in most years is 32.

- A review of the information on file at the LRC and the Executive Board minutes (back to 2000) did not reveal any records regarding why SD has chosen 8 members plus 2 alternates, House or Senate, R or D, or any basis for the appointing authority. They appear to be based on tradition (or action prior to 2000). Originally, all members were appointed by the Executive Board Chair.

- On May 18, 2016, the Executive Board clarified the appointing authority for South Dakota. (motion follows) "THE EXECUTIVE BOARD REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE TO APPOINT FOUR SENATE MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATORS FORUM, NO MORE THAN TWO FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY AND ONE ALTERNATE SENATE MEMBER; AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO APPOINT FOUR HOUSE MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATORS FORUM, NO MORE THAN TWO FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY AND ONE ALTERNATE HOUSE MEMBER. MEMBERS WILL SERVE ONE YEAR TERMS BUT MAY BE REAPPOINTED."