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About NLGA

NLGA is the nation's only association exclusively serving the seconds-in-command of every state and territory.

NLGA Mission

NLGA promotes the office of lieutenant governor and contributes to efficiency and effectiveness in state and territorial government.

NLGA Engagement

NLGA executes three meetings a year and initiates research, programs, opportunities, and communication on policy issues, state government, executive branch succession, and the office of lieutenant governor.

NLGA Recognition

NLGA was named one of the nation's six best associations for programming in 2007 for programs. In 2010, NLGA was recognized for success in developing public-private partnerships.

NLGA Online

Dear Friends,

In 2012, lieutenant governors continued to diversify their portfolios of work and National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) members continued to become governor at a greater rate than any other local, state or federal official. NLGA hosted a meeting of the U.S. Vice President and its members and had historic attendance at its annual meeting. Top speakers covered an array of state leadership issues at NLGA's three meetings. And, the Association continued to grow hosting its first policy summit, naming a new energy committee, and expanding its global footprint.

NLGA marked its 50th Anniversary in 2012 and saw the passing of the Chairmanship gavel from Nebraska Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy to Massachusetts Lt. Governor Tim Murray. NLGA is lead by an engaged, bi-partisan, 18-member [Board of Directors](#) of lieutenant governors from every region of the nation (*click link for complete list of leadership members*) and NLGA continues robust affiliation with [Conference Associate Partners](#) (*click link for CAPs listing*). We invite you to actively connect with NLGA in 2013!

NLGA Executive Director Julia Hurst,

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COVERING ISSUES

Lieutenant governors are the only state leaders with powers in both the executive and legislative branches. More than half the NLGA members preside over state senates while others lead divisions of government. Among NLGA's membership, you will find homeland security directors, heads of insurance departments, election directors, and leaders in health care, tourism, energy, and more. Other lieutenant governors sit on governor's cabinets or chair commissions tackling the day's toughest issues.

Reflecting the diversity of their positions and initiatives and the fact that each NLGA member must be ready at a moment's notice to become governor, NLGA meetings, committees, and research cover a myriad of issues. NLGA meetings in 2012 covered sequestration, oil & shale gas, the Affordable Care Act, economic forecasts, food deserts, globalism and international trade, and more. As an organization, members bi-partisanly passed eleven (11) policy resolutions on topics from higher education, health information technology, and housing, to long term care, natural gas, aerospace, and the military. NLGA held its first policy summit on Chronic Disease.

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS

In addition to having nearly 20-lieutenant governors actively engaged in NLGA in leadership and committee roles, NLGA partners to present two awards annually. The seventh annual Public Leadership in the Arts award was given to Louisiana Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne. The second annual Public Leadership in Energy and Environmental Stewardship award was given to Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Jim Cawley.

NLGA continually elevates the office of lieutenant governor. NLGA maintains www.nlga.us daily, a robust web site showcasing the work of lieutenant governors, as well as research on the office. NLGA sends a printed newsletter quarterly to 1,000s of people in the state government community. This newsletter highlights activities of the state and territorial seconds-in-command and opportunities within NLGA. NLGA sends news, policy updates, and best practices among members in a monthly e-newsletter. In addition, NLGA maintains a partnership with an award-recognized library building a national collection on the office of lieutenant governor.

BENEFITING CONSTITUENTS

NLGA members adopt projects of general importance and interest to constituents. NLGA members are engaged in "Your Heart is in Your Hands," a project allowing more than 10,000 constituents to track their activity and food choices online to earn recognition from participating lieutenant governors and NLGA. Likewise, NLGA members brought awareness to advancements which can 'End to Cervical Cancer in our

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Lifetime.' Individually and as a group, members actively promote policy, awareness and projects to expand broadband access to the nation.

GROWING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Lieutenant governors embraced the role of expanding markets and contacts for their states and territories in the challenging economic times of 2012. Through NLGA meetings, attendees worked with the Ambassadors of both Brazil and Romania. A NLGA delegation to Germany in the Fall focused on workforce development, education, energy, and comparative health. The NLGA Board of Directors also approved an agreement with the association of state economic development directors of Mexico which will be signed in early 2013.

OPERATING NLGA

NLGA itself is a best practice of its mission: increasing effectiveness and efficiency in operations while advancing the office of lieutenant governor. NLGA maintains two employees and a part-time office coordinator to accomplish its work. NLGA continues its robust participation, meeting attendance, and healthy operations with budgets finishing with a surplus every year for more than a decade. The Board and staff remain intent in focus to continue to grow NLGA as an unparalleled opportunity for the exchange of insights.

What's Ahead for NLGA?

Registration is open for the Federal-State Relations meeting for NLGA members, partners, & sponsors. Keep up with NLGA at www.nlga.us and/or at the NLGA Twitter or Facebook pages.

*** NLGA 2013 Federal-State Relations Meeting**

Location: Washington, D.C.

Date: March 20- 22, 2013

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW at www.nlga.us

*** NLGA 2013 Annual Meeting**

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Date: July 17 - 19, 2013

*** NLGA 2013 Executive Committee & New Elect Meeting**

Location: Arkansas

Date: November 20 - 22, 2013

Invite Only: Executive & Operational Committees & New Elects

No Unaffiliated group meetings

*** NLGA 2014 Federal-State Relations Meeting**

Location: Washington, D.C.

Date: March 18 - 20, 2014