TO: Legislative Coordinating Council
FROM: Tom Day
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RE: CSG Midwestern Leadership Conference, 76th Annual Meeting, Wichita, Kansas, July 10-13, 2022

The 76th Annual Meeting of the CSG-Midwest, Midwestern Leadership Conference (MLC), will be held July 10-13, 2022, in Wichita, Kansas. Senator Carolyn McGinn is the Chair of Midwestern Leadership Conference and Kansas will host the 2022 Annual Meeting. Kansas previously hosted CSG Midwestern Leadership Conference in 2009 and 1997, both in Overland Park, Kansas.

In 1997, the LCC authorized that every member of the legislature attending “receive reimbursement in the amount authorized by law”. In 2009, the LCC authorized legislators attending the meeting be reimbursed as if they were attending an interim committee meeting, which includes salary and subsistence for each day of the meeting they attend, plus mileage and turnpike tolls. Legislators who live more than 100 miles from Overland Park would also be entitled to an enroute day. “Early Bird” registration was paid separately through Legislative Administrative Services. If legislators missed the “early bird” cutoff date, they were responsible to pay the additional registration fee.

Below, I have offered options for the LCC to consider in reimbursing legislators who will attend the 2022 Annual Meeting. Options would not apply to legislators that are CSG-Midwest chairs, co-chairs, vice chairs, members of the CSG-Midwest Executive Committee, or LCC members. Pursuant to LCC Policy, they are eligible for reimbursement of actual expenses.

Options for Consideration:
Treat the CSG-Midwest 76th Annual Meeting as an interim committee meeting. Legislators would be paid salary ($88.66), subsistence ($155) for actual meeting days (July 10-13, 2022), mileage and tolls, and enroute day if they live over 100 miles from the Wichita meeting location.

Set a reimbursement cap, including total registration. If 4 days of salary and subsistence, plus the anticipated $375-$400 registration fee is paid, that would amount to $1,325-$1,375 per legislator who attends. (This amount does not include mileage, tolls or enroute day).

Register early (by May 9, 2022) or the legislator pays the additional $50 registration fee.

No subsistence paid if actual expenses are paid.

If legislator lives 50 miles or less from Wichita meeting site, no expenses or subsistence would be paid.

If legislator cancels, except in an emergency, they would be responsible for cancelation fee.

Recommendation: Treat CSG-Midwest 76th Annual Meeting as an interim committee meeting. Registration made through and paid by LAS. Legislators responsible for registration fee above “early bird” amount and any cancelation fee.