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NCSLA ANNOUNCES FY2021 OFFICERS

July 1, 2020 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) is pleased to announce its Executive Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The officers and regional chairpersons elected at the NCSLA virtual annual business meeting on June 16, 2020 are:

President – Anna Hirai of Hawaii (City and County of Honolulu)

1st Vice President – Thomas Philpot of Florida

2nd Vice President – Stephanie Strauss of Iowa

3rd Vice President – Travis Hill of Virginia

Immediate Past President – Jeffrey Kelly of Maryland

Northern Region – Jenna Giguere of Rhode Island, Chair; Rodrigo Diaz of Pennsylvania, Vice Chair

Central Region – Debbi Beavers of Kansas, Chair; Dorothy Taylor of Missouri, Vice Chair

Western Region – Steven Marks of Oregon, Chair; John Cocca of Arizona, Vice Chair

Southern Region – Steven Barker of Oklahoma, Chair; Stephen Humphress of Kentucky, Vice Chair.

The two associate member representatives are Carrie Bonnington with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in Sacramento, California and Kimberly Frost with Martin, Frost & Hill, P.C. in Austin, Texas.



Anna C. Hirai is the Assistant Administrator at the Honolulu Liquor Commission. She has been with the Commission since 1997, first as Adjudications Deputy Corporation Counsel, then in various capacities to include Special Assistant to the Administrator, Assistant Administrator, and Acting Administrator. Previously, she was in private practice in Honolulu, Hawaii (corporate, healthcare & real estate) and Little Rock, Arkansas (securities regulation & corporate finance). She has been a member of the Hawaii Bar since 1981 and the Arkansas Bar since 1984.

Anna graduated from Punahou School (1973); Georgetown University (1977; A.B. American Studies); and Boston College Law School (1981). Born and raised in Honolulu, she returned as an empty-nester after a 25-year hiatus. Her first exposure to NCSLA was attending the 2001 annual conference at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui, and she led the host team that brought NCSLA back to Hawaii in 2013 at the Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu. She has served on the executive committee representing the Western Region states since 2013.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, NCSLA is composed of state regulators as active members, and associate members consisting of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, law firms, associations, and other service-related organizations in the alcoholic beverages sector. Currently, regulatory agencies from 41 of 50 states and the District of Columbia are active NCSLA members. The primary focus of NCSLA is education on historical and current issues related to the regulation of alcoholic beverages. Visit www.ncsla.org for more information.