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NCSLA SPECIAL ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 28, 2020 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) announced the results of a special election to fill the recent vacancy on the Executive Committee for the position of 2nd Vice President. The officer vacancy was a result of resignation from Delaware Deputy Commissioner Robert Wiest due to retirement after nearly 30 years of government service. In accordance with NCSLA Bylaws, Government Relations Officer Stephanie Strauss of the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division and NCSLA 3rd Vice President accepted ascension to the vacant office of 2nd Vice President for the remainder of this term (June 30, 2020).

Chief Executive Officer Travis Hill of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC), and current NCSLA Northern Region Chairperson, was unanimously elected by the Executive Committee to serve as 3rd Vice President. “In an industry where proper regulation is essential to a healthy marketplace and at a time when long held thoughts on business practices are being drawn into question, NCSLA provides an excellent forum in which regulators may learn from one another and industry participants are able to share their insights on a national scale,” said Mr. Hill. “NCSLA provides regulators the unique opportunity to consider developing issues in the law and learn from the diverse state regulatory approaches afforded by our Constitution.”

With Mr. Hill’s acceptance of the office of 3rd Vice President, an additional change resulted in the position of Northern Region Chair. NCSLA is also pleased to announce and congratulate Jenna Giguere, Deputy Chief of Legal Services, Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, on her new position of Northern Region Chairperson. “Travis Hill and Jenna Giguere have both been very active members of NCSLA and will carry out these positions with professionalism and dedication,” said Anna Hirai, NCSLA President and Assistant Administrator, City and County of Honolulu Liquor Commission. She also stated that, “Rob Wiest has been an unfailing and enthusiastic supporter of the organization for 18 years, and his contributions and leadership for the past six years on the Executive Committee were influential to NCSLA’s continued growth.”

Executive Committee officers hold positions for the term of July 1 through June 30 each year. The next election of officers and regional chairpersons for fiscal year 2020-21 is scheduled for the annual membership meeting on June 16, 2020, held during the NCSLA Annual Conference June 14-17, 2020 in Overland Park, Kansas.



Travis Hill was appointed as Virginia ABC’s Chief Executive Officer by Governor Ralph Northam in January 2018. As CEO, Travis Hill serves as the head of the Authority and works with the appointed five-member Board of Directors to set the course and strategic objectives for Virginia ABC. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Hill served as Virginia ABC’s Chief Operating Officer after being appointed to that position by Governor McAuliffe in October 2014. During his time as COO, Hill focused on increased revenue, a modernization of business practices and agency infrastructure, and enhancing regulatory service provided by the Bureau of Law Enforcement. He also guided the smooth transition of Virginia ABC from an agency to an authority structure.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national, non-profit 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 42 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.