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From the 1st Vice President...



– Wes Bearden, 1st Vice President

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 1st Vice President. This has been a good year for NCISS.

NCISS continues to monitor federal legislation in Washington, DC through our lobbyist representation and through the diligent efforts of its volunteers. As you may know, NCISS is supported by individual members and association members. Those association members provide great support to NCISS in making us effective. Presently, we have over 35 active associations which help advance our banner and goals. We want to thank them for all that they do.

I have been busy helping facilitate and host our first legislative round table call. Recently, NCISS launched a new initiative to assist our association members. In July, NCISS hosted our first legislative roundtable conference call. Hosted by myself and Andrea Orozco, NCISS President. Prior to the call, we asked all of our state associations to designate one member (whether President or Legislative Chair or State Board Member) to call in and participate. We are glad to report that we had over thirty (30) association representative join in. During the call, we discussed an ongoing framework to communicate on a regular basis with our associations needs and nationwide legislative movements.

This call is meant to accomplish two objectives. First, to create tangible value for our association members who have been supportive of the association. Second, to create a framework to collaborate on new and exciting legislative goals and opportunities. I encourage you to read the summaries of the call. But, in short it seems that we have had success. As we move to the new year, I intend to propose to the board creating a new nationwide public relations campaign designed to feature individual members. Such a campaign is useful in convincing Congress, regulators and state legislatures of our relevance and purpose.

During the call, Keith Nelson NCISS Lobbyist and our Washington, D.C. representation delved into the current bills that we have been monitoring. Those include the upcoming and highly publicized Data Privacy Act proposed legislation. Although several bills have been filed and will continue to be filed, we discussed the potential impact on pretexting and data providers. We hope to be able to address our concerns and find a work around to this upcoming legislative agenda. Further, we discussed ban the box legislation and the stalled nationwide GPS law.

We then turned our attention to state issues. Those include Utah's recent victory over a proposed GPS bill initially designed to prohibit its use amongst private investigators. We also discussed using our new conference call as a means to allow state associations to support each other in various state legislature battles. We also discussed the possibility of coordinating efforts on reciprocity issues for investigators doing business in multiple states.

We are very excited to help coordinate efforts amongst all of our associations. We hope that this recurring call will create a framework for accomplishing all of our legislative goals. If you are leader or member of an association that is not part of NCISS, please consider joining. We want you to be part of the fold and help us shape the laws and regulations that will shape our profession for years to come. Remember, we are stronger together!

NCISS is finishing out the year with a bang! We would encourage each of you to attend our midterm board meeting on Monday September 30th, 2019 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan. This event will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Council of Private Investigators ("MCPI"). We are ecstatic that they are hosting us and look forward to this joint event. Please consider attending the conference and board meeting even if you are not from Michigan. Making cross state border connections is a great way to expand your contact base and to learn new investigative techniques.

I hope to see each of you at the upcoming Michigan convention and that we have a productive mid-term board meeting. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you in this role.