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NCSLA ANNOUNCES 2017-18 OFFICERS

July 5, 2017 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) is pleased to announce its Executive Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. The officers and regional chairpersons elected at the NCSLA annual business meeting in Denver, Colorado on June 13, 2017 are:

President – A. Keith Burt of Oklahoma

1st Vice President – Jeffrey A. Kelly of Maryland

2nd Vice President – Teri L. Quimby of Michigan

3rd Vice President – Anna Hirai of Hawaii (City and County of Honolulu)

Immediate Past President – Matthew D. Botting of California

Southern Region – Thomas Philpot of Florida, Chair; Christine Trout of Kentucky, Vice Chair

Northern Region – Robert A. Wiest, Jr. of Delaware, Chair; Travis Hill of Virginia, Vice Chair

Central Region – Stephanie Strauss of Iowa, Chair; David Rothenberg of Indiana, Vice Chair

Western Region – Patrick Maroney of Colorado, Chair; Mary Kay Root of New Mexico, Vice Chair.

The two associate member representatives are Kristen Techel with Beverage Law Group LLP in San Francisco, California and Nicholas Bergman with Buchman Law Firm, LLP in New York, New York.



A. Keith Burt has been involved in Oklahoma State government for over 40 years. He has been an Auditor for the Department of Human Services, the Oil and Gas Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, where he was the lead Financial Auditor, auditing Mental Health Centers. He joined the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board in 1980. In 1985, Oklahoma approved a constitutional change to allow liquor-by-the-drink on a county option basis and renamed the ABC Board, the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission. During the 1990's the Commission added Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Charity Games

Enforcement. After serving as Director for both divisions, Keith became Executive Director in 2002 and remains in that position today. Now serving under his seventh Governor, Keith has been appointed to the Governor's Task force on Underage Drinking, the Tobacco Use Cessation Advisory Committee, and the Governor's Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Council and received the prestigious Regulator of the Year in 2014 awarded by the Center for Alcohol Policy. Although most of his professional career has been spent in state government, as former Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball coach, Keith has coached at various age levels including former college athletes looking to build resumes and compete professionally. Attending his first NCSLA national convention in 1982, Keith has served as regional chairman of the Southern Region and has been a part of the Oklahoma team hosting NCSLA regionals in 1986, 2001, 2012, and the NCSLA National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1989.

A graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Keith and wife Laurie make their home in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

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 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.