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NCSLA SPECIAL ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 27, 2019 – 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 3rd Vice President. Government Relations Officer Stephanie Strauss of the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, and current NCSLA Central Region Chairperson, was unanimously elected by the Executive Committee to serve as 3rd Vice President. “NCSLA brings together regulators and a wide range of experts in the field of beverage alcohol law to discuss regulatory topics of mutual interest and emerging trends in the industry,” stated Ms. Strauss. She added, “NCSLA’s commitment to fostering this dialogue benefits its members and the industry as a whole.” The officer vacancy was a result of Commissioner Teri Quimby’s resignation as NCSLA President due to the end of her appointment as Commissioner for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Additional Executive Committee changes occurred with Commissioner Quimby’s resignation as President. In accordance with NCSLA Bylaws, the following officers accepted ascension to the vacant office for the remainder of this term (June 30, 2020): Anna Hirai (Hawaii) as President, Thomas Philpot (Florida) as 1st Vice President, and Robert Wiest (Delaware) as 2nd Vice President.

With Ms. Strauss’s acceptance of the office of 3rd Vice President, an additional change resulted in the position of Central Region Chair. NCSLA is also pleased to announce and congratulate Debbi Beavers, Director, Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, on her new position of Central Region Chairperson. “Stephanie Strauss and Debbi Beavers 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, “The contributions, support and leadership provided by Teri Quimby after becoming an active NCSLA member in 2014 will be missed by the organization.”

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.

Stephanie Strauss has served as an Executive Officer at the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division since 2010, leading the Division’s governmental and public affairs program. In this role, she works in collaboration with the Administrator and the senior leadership team to develop the policies, initiatives, goals, and objectives of the Division. Her duties include developing and securing enactment of the Division’s legislative package, coordinating rule making activities, and communicating to members of the executive and legislative branches and other stakeholders on controversial, sensitive, and complex issues related to alcohol policy. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University in Business Administration.

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.