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NCSLA ANNOUNCES 2012-13 OFFICERS

July 17, 2012 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) is pleased to announce its Executive Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. The regional appointments are as follows:

**Western Region** - Rick Garza of Washington State is serving as President, Matthew D. Botting of California is Chairman, and Rudy Williams of Oregon, Vice Chair.

**Central Region** - Anne C. Hutchison of North Dakota is 1st Vice President, Richard R. Haymaker of Illinois, is Chairman, and Sarah Byrne of Kansas, Vice Chair.

**Southern Region** - Robert S. Hill of Alabama is 2nd Vice President, A. Keith Burt of Oklahoma is Chairman, and Sherry Cook of Texas, Vice Chair.

**Northern Region** – W. Curtis Coleburn, III of Virginia is 3rd Vice President, Jerry W. Waters of Pennsylvania is Chairman, John Cordrey of Delaware is Vice Chair, and William A. Kelley, Jr. of Massachusetts is Immediate Past President.

The two non-voting associate member representatives are Deborah Rossi of Mark Anthony Services Inc. and Catherine Jacoy of the Wine Institute. The election of officers and regional chairpersons was conducted at the NCSLA annual business meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 23, 2012.

Rick Garza is currently the Deputy Director of the Washington State Liquor Control Board where he leads the agency’s policy, legislation and media relations. Rick has been with the Liquor Control Board since 1997 and also serves as the Board’s legislative and tribal liaison. Prior to joining the Liquor Control Board, Rick served 13 years as a staff member for the Washington State Legislature, including five years with the Washington State Senate and eight years with the state House. His legislative assignments included Policy Analyst in the state Senate, House of Representatives Staff Director, and adviser to House and Senate leadership.

*About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:*
A national organization of state alcohol beverage regulators, founded June 19, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, whose purposes are to promote the enactment of the most effective and equitable types of state alcoholic beverage control laws; devise and promote the use of methods which provide the best enforcement of the particular alcoholic beverage control laws in each state; work for the adoption of uniform laws insofar they may be practicable; promote harmony with the federal government in its administration of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act; and strive for harmony in the administration of the alcoholic beverage control laws among the several states. Visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) for more information.