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Lt. Gov. Matt Michels on Arts & the Military
Lt. Gov. Brian Calley on wireless broadband
Lt. Gov. Dan McKee on Electric Rates

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SPOTLIGHT

Kansas Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer is preparing for gubernatorial succession.

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Review the list of your peers serving on the NLGA Executive Committee 2017 - 2018: Chair Lt. Governor Matt Michels (SD), Chair-Elect Lt. Governor Mike Cooney (MT), Treasurer Lt. Governor John Sanchez (NM), Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul (NY), Lt. Governor Brian Calley (MI), Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib (WA), Lt. Governor Bill Nungesser (LA), Lt. Governor Osbert Potter (USVI), Lt. Governor Mike Stack (PA), Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui (HI), Sec. of State Michele Reagan (AZ), Lt. Governor Randy McNally (TN), Lt. Governor Ralph Northam (VA), Lt. Governor Mike Foley (NE), Lt. Governor Mike Parson (MO), Lt. Governor Dan McKee (RI), Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman (CT), and Lt. Governor Todd Lamb (OK).

South Dakota Lt. Governor Matt Michels led the signing of The State Military and Veterans Arts Initiative at the NLGA Annual Meeting between NLGA and the Americans for the Arts. NLGA is collaborating with the group to strengthen the health and well-being of active duty military members, veterans, their families and caregivers through promoting the arts in America.

The hotel block is open for the NLGA Business Meeting in St. Thomas November 29 - December 1, 2017. Go to www.nlga.us for details on reserving a hotel room.

Please share your thoughts on the new layout of this monthly NLGA e-newsletter by emailing jhurst@nlga.us.

YOU *IN THE NEWS*

Missouri Lt. Governor Mike Parson is using his authority as Senate President to seek expulsion of a state senator. And, Connecticut Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman cast the tie-breaking state senate vote for a union deal impacting the state budget.

Rhode Island Lt. Governor Dan McKee testified to the Public Utilities Commission against a 53% requested electricity rate increase request. And, West Virginia Lt. Governor Mitch Carmichael named the interim Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development.

Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti opposes a \$275-M US Army Corp plan regarding carp in the Great Lakes.

Arkansas Lt. Governor Tim Griffin wrote the state's Charter Authorizing Panel in support of expanding charter school options. And, Guam Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio is working on a tuition-free college education proposal.

Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley signed the state agreement entering Michigan into FirstNet developing a wireless broadband communications network for first responders at no state cost for 25-years.

Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser is promoting rural tourism using connectivity, promotion & education. And, New Mexico Lt. Governor John Sanchez says the spaceport is an opportunity to diversify the state's economy which is now largely dependent on oil and gas.

Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox helped brief lawmakers on a successful law enforcement crackdown on crime surrounding downtown homeless shelters. And, Mississippi Lt. Governor Tate Reeves highlighted the state's new law doubling the punishment for anyone who intentionally harms law enforcement.

Arizona Sec. of State Michele Reagan says election improvements include systems' authentications, better passwords, and a center to run elections in case of mass incident.

USVI Lt. Governor Osbert Potter launched the "Stimulating and Uplifting Neighborhoods" (S.U.

N. Project) to keep youth positively engaged through the summer.

SPOTLIGHT

Kansas Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer
His Vision as He Prepares for Succession
Excerpted & summarized from KSNT (7-30-17)

Kansas will likely be getting a new Governor. The White House announced plans to nominate the governor as Ambassador-at-Large of International Religious Freedom. The governor ... will resign to take the job in the administration.

KSNT News sat down with Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer who is set to replace (the governor) should he be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Lt. Governor Colyer ... (said) he was concerned with the 'tone' of Kansas politics. ... "Topeka needs to shout less and listen more, and that is what I'll do."

He did distance himself (from the governor). "He is my friend and he is going to be a great ambassador in a very sensitive position," said Lt. Governor Colyer. "But I'm my own man."

Away from the Statehouse, Lt. Governor Colyer is a craniofacial plastic surgeon. He regularly performs free surgeries for needy people in Kansas and also across the world as part of the International Medical Corps. The lieutenant governor said he's volunteered in more than 20 different war zones in the last 25 years.

Lt. Governor Colyer spoke at the NLGA Annual Meeting on Medicaid and Medicaid reform just hours before his pending succession was announced.

Q; What are Ambassadors at Large? A: From U.S. State Dept. Historian
From the earliest days of the Republic, Presidents designated special diplomatic envoys for specific assignments, primarily overseas. The President appointed the first official to bear the title of Ambassador at Large on Mar 12, 1949, under the authority vested in Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution that empowers the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers, and Consuls. A full list and more are here: <https://history.state.gov/departmenthistory/people/principalofficers/ambassador-at-large>.

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NLGA Business Mtg
St. Thomas
Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 2017

NLGA Federal State
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Washington DC
March 14 - 16, 2018

NLGA Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA
June 27 - 29, 2018



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