

# THE GROUPS REPORT<sup>SM</sup>

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## THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE GROUPS' PROGRAMS, PRIORITIES AND CONFERENCES

### ASSOCIATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCIES (AAPCA)

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AAPCA is developing several resources to ensure its state members stay informed and engaged. AAPCA is currently coordinating a Spring 2020 Webinar Series centered on re-gearing meeting panels to a webinar format. The AAPCA Board will meet virtually.

Visit the AAPCA website here: [www.cleanairact.org](http://www.cleanairact.org)

### COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS (CSG)

Stateside Contact: Stephanie Reich at [sr@stateside.com](mailto:sr@stateside.com)

CSG is currently providing virtual programming including podcasts and webinars focused on COVID-19. Topics include e-learning, maintaining close cross-border coordination, public health, governments communicating with at-risk populations, and the utilization of technology for state governments and the American workforce.

In May, the CSG Healthy States and Future of Work national task forces will begin to release a series of podcasts on issues that have emerged from COVID-19 and policy considerations for lawmakers to ponder as they begin planning for special sessions and 2021 sessions.

CSG recently surveyed state Finance and Appropriations Committee leaders on projected fiscal

impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. CSG will use the data from the survey to advocate for states congressionally and with the federal executive branch on funding and relief efforts.

Visit the CSG COVID-19 resources website here: <https://web.csq.org/covid19/>

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### DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSOCIATION (DAGA)

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DAGA is providing the attorneys general with a weekly briefing on actions taken by partner organizations. If you would like to be included in this briefing please reach out to DAGA directly. DAGA will also begin virtual programming for partners and attorneys general in May (date TBD).

Visit the DAGA website here: [www.dems.ag](http://www.dems.ag)

### DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (DGA)

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DGA has had to shift away from in-person fundraising but it is still assisting its members and governors by

DGA provides daily updates to keep members informed on how governors are responding to the pandemic with emergency declarations, efforts to organize future re-openings, healthcare expansions, worker protections, and access to PPE. In addition, the DGA is hosting regular calls with leadership and has begun hosting virtual receptions. DGA are also sharing how their members are adapting to this new normal and how some member companies are shifting gears to manufacture PPE in states they work in.

Staff is keeping Democratic governors updated on issues not related to COVID-19, as members across every sector maintain focus on other matters that still affect everyday lives while the country deals with the pandemic.

Visit the DGA website here: [www.democraticgovernors.org](http://www.democraticgovernors.org)

### **DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (DLCC)**

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DLCC continues to offer opportunities to speak with state legislators from across the country. Since the first week of April, the DLCC has been hosting a weekly Virtual Legislative Leaders Series (LLS) video conference with legislative leaders and will continue these sessions weekly through May and biweekly until July. Virtual LLS attendees hear an update from the legislators about their state and upcoming legislative priorities.

In June, the DLCC will introduce two new events: 1) Virtual Roundtables, which will offer the ability for members to speak with multiple legislators in a small group format and 2) the first session of its Legislative Working Group, which convenes a group of senior staff members to top Democratic state legislative leaders.

Visit the DLCC website here: [www.dlcc.org](http://www.dlcc.org)

### **DEMOCRATIC LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (DLGA)**

Stateside Contact: Kiley Smith at [kds@stateside.com](mailto:kds@stateside.com)

DLGA is currently hosting weekly Zoom Conference Calls with Lieutenant Governors to dialogue with them about how member states are responding to the crisis and best ways to partner during and post-COVID-19. Corporate

members also have an opportunity to host these calls. Calls have already been held with Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II and Delaware Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long.

Visit the DLGA website here: [www.democraticlgs.org](http://www.democraticlgs.org)

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)**

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NACo has scheduled multiple webinars in May including the following:

- ◆ Long-Range Planning for Health, Equity, and Prosperity (May 5)
- ◆ Counties Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Small Business Support (May 12)
- ◆ The 2020 Census and Ensuring Access for Your Community (May 18)
- ◆ Tracking a Moving Target: Researching the Impact of COVID-19 on County Governments (May 21)

Visit the NACo COVID-19 resources website here: <https://www.naco.org/covid19>

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### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS (NAIC)**

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NAIC's Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group adopted three interpretations related to COVID-19. These allow insurance reporting entities to respond to policyholder needs for premium payment delays and address mortgage loan modification or forbearance requests, while mitigating insurance reporting entity concerns on the impact to statutory financial statements.

The interpretations provide additional time for insurance reporting entities to collect premium receivables before reporting the receivable as non-admitted in the statutory financial statements.

In addition, the interpretations provide allowances to insurance reporting entities in classifying a mortgage loan or bank loan, which was modified in response to COVID-19, as a troubled debt restructuring. Finally, the provisions allow deferred insurance reporting entity impairment assessments for bank loans, mortgage loans and investments, which predominantly hold mortgage loans due to forbearance or modifications, in response to COVID-19.

Visit the NAIC website here: [content.naic.org](https://content.naic.org)

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO)**

Stateside Contact: Kelsey Lovell at [kal@stateside.com](mailto:kal@stateside.com)

NACCHO has scheduled multiple webinars in May including the following:

- ◆ Retail Food Risk Factor Study Database (May 7)
- ◆ Policies Expanding Access to Care for People Living with HIV During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (May 7)
- ◆ Ending the HIV Epidemic – American Indian/Alaska Native Engagement (May 8)

Visit the NACCHO website here: [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org)

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS (NASCIO)**

Stateside Contact: Meghan Holihan at [msh@stateside.com](mailto:msh@stateside.com)

NASCIO has released podcasts featuring state CIOs and their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following episodes are available:

- ◆ How 45 Years in Government Prepared MA CIO Curtis Wood for Navigating a Pandemic
- ◆ Staying Positive During a Pandemic with Colorado CIO Theresa Szczurek
- ◆ Responding to COVID-19 with Delaware CIO James Collins
- ◆ Responding to COVID-19 with Ohio CIO Ervan Rodgers

- ◆ Responding to COVID-19 with Washington CIO Jim Weaver

Visit the NASCIO COVID-19 resources website here: <https://www.nascio.org/covid19resources/>

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### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY OFFICIALS (NASEO)**

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NASEO has multiple conference calls in May including its Rural Energy Task Force, its Government Affairs Committee, and its Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Working Group. NASEO has also scheduled multiple webinars in May including the following:

- ◆ NASEO Building Committee Webinar on COVID-19: Impacts on the Buildings, Construction, and Efficiency Programs (May 6)
- ◆ NASEO NARUC Microgrids State Working Group: Microgrid Planning and Deployment for Community Resilience (May 20)
- ◆ NASEO NARUC Comprehensive Electricity Planning Task Force: Webinar on Integrated, Resilient Distribution Planning (May 26)

Visit the NASEO website here: [www.naseo.org](http://www.naseo.org)

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS (NASPO)**

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NASPO has started a podcast, [Procurement Pulse](#). Episodes are scheduled semi-monthly and will be hosted by NASPO staff and will feature NASPO leadership, state central procurement officers, and subject matter experts.

Visit the NASPO COVID-19 procurement resources website here: <https://www.naspo.org/covid-19-resources>

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## **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)**

Stateside Contact: Robert Holden at [rah@stateside.com](mailto:rah@stateside.com)

NCOIL held conference call meeting May 1 of the Special Committee on Natural Disaster Recovery to discuss the Private Flood Insurance Model Act. NCOIL also held a webinar with the Rutgers Center for Risk and Responsibility to discuss legislative responses to business interruption insurance and COVID-19.

Visit the NCOIL website here: [www.ncoil.org](http://www.ncoil.org)

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES (NCSL)**

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NCSL has been providing its members with a range of reports, resources and support during the COVID crisis. This includes a web page dedicated to the federal government and states responses to COVID-19 for legislators and staff.

NCSL is also highlighting its 2021 State Budget Status on the NCSL website in the wake of COVID-19 and COVID's impact on the states' fiscal situation.

NCSL has scheduled multiple webinars in May including the following:

- ◆ Redistricting Criteria: Traditional and Emerging (May 5)
- ◆ COVID-19: Mobilizing a Safe and Adequate Health Workforce (May 6)
- ◆ COVID-19: How's It Changing Elections? (May 6)
- ◆ New WOTUS Rule and States Response to Jurisdictional Changes (May 7)
- ◆ Managing, Leading and Growing During Uncertain Times (May 8)
- ◆ What to Consider When You're Expecting More Absentee Voting (May 13)
- ◆ Moving to All-Mail Elections: Promises and Challenges (May 20)

The NCSL Task Force on State and Local Taxation is also holding virtual meetings on May 8 and May 15 to analyze the impact of the CARES Act on state tax systems, state tax administration and compliance in the COVID-19 era,

and revitalizing state revenue streams.

Visit the NCSL website here: [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org)

## **NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NGA)**

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NGA has been leading a bipartisan effort to effectively respond to this public health crisis by delivering timely communications across all channels and developing a variety of engagement tools to support stakeholders. NGA is helping to facilitate regular calls among the nation's governors regarding the pandemic, and NGA staff have been working with senior gubernatorial staff to address specific questions around health care, mitigation, economic recovery, essential business designations and other issues.

Additionally, NGA staff have been sharing research and resources on best practices through weekly conference calls with state staff, one-on-one consultations, and technical assistance memos. NGA has also taken a lead role in organizing and communicating governors' and state priorities to the federal government, such as spending from the CARES Act, cost-sharing with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and guidance on reopening state economies.

The NGA Partners program has provided a platform for NGA to collaborate with the private sector to share ideas and insights through facilitation of biweekly calls, webinars, weekly emails, and virtual meetings.

Visit the NGA COVID-19 resources website here: <https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/>

Visit the NGA website here: [www.nga.org](http://www.nga.org)

## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN LEGISLATORS (NFWL)**

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NFWL is continuing to connect to over 4,500 elected women in the United States.

NFWL is proud to offer its Digital Community, a virtual community for our partners to interact with its elected women members. Outreach includes monthly newsletters, state director leadership calls, and daily social media posting. Adding in webinars on key issues and social interactions, NFWL is building digital campaigns to reach elected women where they are.

Visit the Digital Community here: <https://www.womenlegislators.org/about/sponsorship-opportunities/>

Visit the NFWL website here: [www.womenlegislators.org](http://www.womenlegislators.org)

### **NATIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATORS (NHCSL)**

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NHCSL has focused on improving federal response, with both Congress and the Administration. NHCSL achieved two of the three main goals in the CARES Act: removing the poverty penalty that would have reduced the \$1,200 stimulus payment for those making under \$23,500 annually, and making sure the law allowed electronic payments and debit cards. NHCSL is also working to ensure any changes to the decennial Census make sense for hard-to-count populations like Hispanics, so that apportionment, redistricting, and future funding levels are fair to legislators of color and their constituents. NHCSL is working with the Leadership Conference and plans to join the upcoming Congressional Advisory group.

Visit the NHCSL website here: [www.nhcsl.org](http://www.nhcsl.org)

### **NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)**

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NLC is hosting advocacy updates for its members on its efforts to secure critical resources for cities, towns and villages. Members will hear from NLC's federal lobbyists during these calls. NLC also has scheduled a webinar entitled Make Early Learning a Priority on May 20.

Visit the NLC website here: [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org)

### **REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (RGA)**

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RGA has canceled all in-person fundraising events in April and May. The RGA is actively engaged in facilitating the sharing of information and best practices among Republican governors and their staff, and communicating governors' actions and success stories with members through regular updates via email, briefing calls, and one-on-one conversations.

Visit the RGA website here: [www.rga.org](http://www.rga.org)

### **REPUBLICAN STATE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (RSLC)**

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RSLC has been hosting calls twice a week with legislative and executive level leaders and corporate members. Calls have already been held with Alabama Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth, Louisiana Lt. Governor Bill Nungesser, Oklahoma Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, and legislative leaders from Arizona, Mississippi, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Recently, the SGLF held a policy discussion entitled How States are Adapting to a New Reality.

Visit the RSLC website here: [www.rslc.gop](http://www.rslc.gop)

### **WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT (WIG)**

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WIG has launched a weekly virtual round-table series entitled #WIGWednesdays with over 100 women state legislators and private sector attendees and speakers. WIG has had participation from more than three dozen states and topics have ranged from COVID-19 related matters by the CDC, to hearing from the U.S. Census on how to conduct a full and complete census; including information and resources for state legislators to provide to their constituents.

Visit the WIG website here: [www.womeningovernment.org](http://www.womeningovernment.org)

## **STATESIDE ASSOCIATES' GROUPS PRACTICE**

Groups and their members are policymakers and lobbyists. They are hubs of communication among state and local government officials. Their actions and policies transcend district lines.

Since 1988, Stateside Associates has been helping corporate, trade association and federal clients better plan and manage their engagement with organizations of state and local officials.

We help our clients leverage more value from their Groups participation, including but not limited to representing our clients at Groups meetings; adding expert bandwidth to their program while ensuring proper execution of Groups' engagement efforts; identifying the right people to meet and building productive, sustainable relationships; and, establishing client's credibility with Groups' leaders and staff in relevant issue areas.

**Want to maximize your Groups engagement?** Call Michael Behm at 703-525-7466 or email him at [mjb@stateside.com](mailto:mjb@stateside.com).