

**2011 NASS Winter Conference**  
**NASS State Heritage Committee**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2011**  
**JW Marriott**  
**Washington, DC**  
**11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Members Present:**

Hon. Al Jaeger, ND – Co-Chair  
Hon. Mark Ritchie – Co-Chair  
Hon. Ross Miller, NV  
Hon. Beth Chapman, AL

**NASS Staff Present:**

Ms. Kay Stimson, NASS Director of Communications & Special Projects

Secretary Jaeger called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Review of Awards

Secretary Jaeger began by asking all committee members to help him promote the NASS Medallion Awards program to new and current members. He reminded everyone that a summary of NASS Medallion recipients for each state was available on the conference USB drive.

He then discussed the timing of nominations and presentation process for the Margaret Chase Smith Award, which he said was unclear and potentially unappealing to some members.

Secretary Ritchie noted that although the process may not be clear or seem logical to new Secretaries, it is useful to have a lot of lead time once the recipient is determined. Some past NASS MCS Award honorees, such as Sandra Day O'Connor, can be hard to reach and they have busy schedules that fill up quickly. Having months to plan to attend the NASS meeting in Washington, DC is important when the recipient is a well-known figure.

Secretary Jaeger then discussed the Freedom Award, noting that there would once again be no recipient of this award this summer due to the fact that NASS did not receive the requisite number of nominations for this award. He suggested that given the lack of participation and interest in this award, the committee work to expand and reformulate the program to focus more on member recognition and state member office innovations. He asked that it include a broader focus, since NASS has a number of members that do not deal with election administration.

Secretary Ritchie and Secretary Chapman agreed to help with this review and suggested that the committee put something together to present to NASS membership at the NASS 2011 Summer Conference.

There were no action items for this committee. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.