### 57th Conference
*September 15-19, 1974, at Anchorage, Alaska*

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### 58th Conference
*August 17-20, 1975, at Las Vegas, Nevada*

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59th CONFERENCE
July 18-21, 1976, at Dover, Delaware

President
Elwill M. Shanahan, Kansas

Vice President
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska

Treasurer
C. Delores Tucker, Pennsylvania

Secretary
Richard C. Thomas, Vermont

Recording Secretary
Mark White, Texas

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Frank Murray, Montana
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
Clyde L. Miller, Utah
60th CONFERENCE
September 19–23, 1977, at San Juan, Puerto Rico

The Hon. Reinaldo Paniagua-Diez was the host Secretary of State for this conference. The event was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This conference had many unusual features. It was the first conference held in a U.S. Territory outside of the continental United States. (There was a conference held in the State of Hawaii.) The conference was held in San Juan pursuant to a special resolution passed by the Legislature in Puerto Rico. The Secretaries gathered in Miami, Florida and traveled together as a charter group to San Juan.

President
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Vice President
C. Delores Tucker, Pennsylvania
Treasurer
Mark White, Texas*
Secretary
Fred L. Wineland, Maryland
Recording Secretary
Agnes Baggett, Alabama
Executive Committee
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Wesley Bolin, Arizona
Ben W. Fortson Jr., Georgia
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Frank Murray, Montana
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
Elwill M. Shanahan, Kansas

*At the 60th Conference, Mark White was elected president but resigned from office October 17, 1977 to become a candidate for Attorney General of Texas. Under the provisions of Article Six of the Constitution and by-laws of the National Association of Secretaries of State, Fred L. Wineland, the duly elected vice president, automatically became vested with all the duties and powers as president. The office of vice president remained vacant for the entire year.
One day of the conference was also spent in the Virgin Islands with Host Secretary of State/Lt. Governor Juan Luis.

In those days, NASS did not have a central office and staff. The host Secretary and the President put the convention together. President Beermann remembers this very well. The Secretary of State staff in San Juan did not speak English, and Beermann could not speak Spanish. Every detail and every plan was accomplished through an interpreter.

A major sponsor and host for this conference was the Bacardi Family. Adolfo and Olga Bacardi attended most of the functions and banquets.

It was at this conference where the Vice President of NASS was unable to be sworn in as President of NASS and the next in line suddenly became President. On the afternoon of the final banquet event, President Beermann got a call from the Governor of a state, and the Governor informed Beermann that the Secretary of State (NASS Vice President) had been fired and was being called home from the conference. Beermann had to inform the Secretary of State of the sad news. (This Secretary was later found not guilty of wrong-doing and was cleared of the charges). Beermann called the Executive Committee together quickly, and it was decided that Mark White, Secretary of State of Texas, would be sworn in as the new President. (White eventually became Governor of Texas). (by Allen Beermann)

### 61st CONFERENCE
*December 4-8, 1978, at Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida*

- **President**: Fred L Wineland, Maryland
- **Vice President**: Vacant*
- **Treasurer**: Agnes Baggett, Alabama
- **Secretary**: Gloria Schaffer, Connecticut
- **Recording Secretary**: Lorna B. Herseth, South Dakota
- **Executive Committee**: Thad Eure, North Carolina, Ben W. Fortson Jr., Georgia, Heber A. Ladner, Mississippi, O. Frank Thornton, South Carolina, Melvin D. Synhorst, Iowa, Ted W. Brown, Ohio, Ben Meier, North Dakota, Frank Murray, Montana, James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri, Elwill M. Shanahan, Kansas, Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska

### 62nd CONFERENCE
*September 9-13, 1979, at Lake Ozark, Missouri*

- **President**: Alan J. Dixon, Illinois
- **Vice President**: Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
- **Treasurer**: Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
- **Secretary**: Robert F. Burns, Rhode Island
- **Recording Secretary**: Rose Mofford, Arizona
- **Executive Committee**: Thad Eure, North Carolina, Heber A. Ladner, Mississippi, Melvin D. Synhorst, Iowa
Executive Committee  
continued  

Ben Meier, North Dakota  
Frank Murray, Montana  
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri  
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska  
Fred L. Wineland, Maryland  

63rd CONFERENCE  
August 24-27, 1980, at Atlantic City, New Jersey  

President  
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota  
Vice President  
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee  
Treasurer  
Robert F. Burns, Rhode Island  
Secretory  
Rose Mofford, Arizona  
Recording Secretary  
Jack H. Brier, Kansas  
Executive Committee  
Thad Eure, North Carolina  
Melvin D. Synhorst, Iowa  
Ben Meier, North Dakota  
Frank Murray, Montana  
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri  
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska  
Fred L. Wineland, Maryland  
Alan J. Dixon, Illinois  

64th CONFERENCE  
August 9-13, 1981, Afton, Oklahoma  

President  
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee  
Vice President  
Robert F. Burns, Rhode Island  
Treasurer  
Rose Mofford, Arizona  
Secretary  
Jack H. Brier, Kansas  
Recording Secretary  
Edwin J. Simcox, Indiana  
Executive Committee  
Thad Eure, North Carolina  
Ben Meier, North Dakota  
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri  
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska  
Fred L. Wineland, Maryland  
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota  

65th CONFERENCE  
November 14-18, 1982, Biloxi, Mississippi  

President  
Robert Burns, Rhode Island  
Vice President  
Rose Mofford, Arizona  
Treasurer  
Jack Brier, Kansas  
Secretary  
Edwin Simcox, Indiana  
Recording Secretary  
Jeannette Edmondson, Oklahoma
Executive Committee

Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee

66th CONFERENCE

June 25-30, 1983, Bismarck, North Dakota

President Rose Mofford, Arizona
Vice President Jack Brier, Kansas
Treasurer Edwin Simcox, Indiana
Secretary Jeannette Edmondson, Oklahoma
Recording Secretary Paul Riviere, Arkansas
Executive Committee Thad Eure, North Carolina

67th CONFERENCE

July 8-11, 1984, Annapolis, Maryland

President Jack H. Brier, Kansas
Vice President Edwin Simcox, Indiana
Treasurer Jeannette Edmondson, Oklahoma
Recording Secretary James Douglas, Vermont
Executive Committee Thad Eure, North Carolina

Ben Meier, North Dakota
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
Rose Mofford, Arizona
Don Siegelman, Alabama
Jim Waltermire, Montana
68th CONFERENCE
July 8-10, 1985, Indianapolis, Indiana

President
Edwin J. Simcox, Indiana

President Elect
Jeannette Edmondson, Oklahoma

Vice President
James H. Douglas, Vermont

Treasurer
Jim Waltermire, Montana

Secretary
James H. Brown, Louisiana

Executive Committee
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
Rose Mofford, Arizona
Jack H. Brier, Kansas
Alice Kundert, South Dakota
Clara P. Jones, New Mexico
69th CONFERENCE

President
President Elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Committee

Jeannette B. Edmondson, Oklahoma
James H. Douglas, Vermont
Jim Waltermire, Montana
James H. Brown, Louisiana
Jim Edgar, Illinois
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
Rose P. Mofford, Arizona
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Edwin Simcox, Indiana
Ralph D. Munro, Washington
Julia Z. Tashjian, Connecticut
70th CONFERENCE
July 11-16, 1987, Boston, Massachusetts

President
President Elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Committee

James H. Douglas, Vermont
Jim Waltermire, Montana
James H. Brown, Louisiana
Jim Edgar, Illinois
Julia H. Tashjian, Connecticut
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
Rose P. Mofford, Arizona
Jeannette B. Edmondson, Oklahoma
Ralph D. Munro, Washington
Dick Molpus, Mississippi
71st CONFERENCE
July 9-13, 1988, Portland, Oregon

President
President Elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Committee

Jim Waltermire, Montana*
Jim Edgar, Illinois
Julia H. Tashjian, Connecticut
Ralph Munro, Washington
Dick Molpus, Mississippi
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
James H. Douglas, Vermont
Bill McCuen, Arkansas
Natalie Meyer, Colorado
Gail Shaffer, New York
Barbara Roberts, Oregon

72nd CONFERENCE
July 15-19, 1989 at A Mountaintop Experience in Vail, Colorado

President
President Elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Committee

Jim Edgar, Illinois
Julia H. Tashjian, Connecticut
Ralph Munro, Washington
Dick Molpus, Mississippi
Roy D. Blunt, Missouri
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota

*Deceased April 8, 1988
Executive Committee

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Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
James H. Douglas, Vermont
Natalie Meyer, Colorado
Jane Burgio, New Jersey
Rebecca Vigil-Giron, New Mexico
Barbara Roberts, Oregon
73rd CONFERENCE
July 15-18, 1990 in Hartford, Connecticut

Executive Committee:
President
Julia Tashjian, Connecticut
President Elect
Ralph Munro, Washington
Vice President
Dick Molpus, Mississippi
Treasurer
Roy Blunt, Missouri
Secretary
Frankie Sue Del Papa, Nevada
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Joan A. Growe, Minnesota
James H. Douglas, Vermont
Jim Edgar, Illinois
Kathleen Connell, Rhode Island
Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota
John Campbell, South Carolina
Michael Harkins, Delaware
74th CONFERENCE

Executive Committee:
President
Ralph Munro, Washington
President Elect
Dick Molpus, Mississippi
Vice President
Roy Blunt, Missouri
Treasurer
Gail Shaffer, New York
Secretary
Natalie Meyer, Colorado
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
James H. Douglas, Vermont
Elaine Baxter, Iowa
Bill Graves, Kansas
Jim Smith, Florida
Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina

75th CONFERENCE
August 8-13, 1992 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland Maine

Executive Committee:
President
Dick Molpus, Mississippi
President Elect
Roy Blunt, Missouri
Vice President
Gail Shaffer, New York
Treasurer
Natalie Meyer, Colorado
Secretary
Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Mike Cooney, Montana
James H. Douglas, Vermont
Stephanie Gonzales, New Mexico
Joan Growe, Minnesota
Pauline Kezer, Connecticut
Ralph Munro Washington
Bob Taft, Ohio
76th CONFERENCE
July 24-29, 1993 at The Cleveland Marriott, Society Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Executive Committee:
President                      Gail Shafer, New York
President Elect                Natalie Meyer, Colorado
Secretary/Treasurer             Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota
Eastern Vice President         Pauline Kezer, Connecticut
Southern Vice President        Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina
Western Vice President         Mike Cooney, Montana
Mid-Western Vice President     Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota
Past President                 Dick Molpus, Mississippi
At-Large Member                Bill Diamond, Maine
At-Large Member                Bob Taft, Ohio
The Outlaw Inn in Kalispell, Montana played host to the National Association of Secretaries of State. Just a few miles from Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake, there could not have been a more beautiful setting.

However, it was the conference program and speakers that held the attention of attendees. “Economic and Business Growth” was discussed by Austin Kiplinger, Editor of the Kiplinger Washington Letter. Michael Josephson, President of Josephson Institute of Ethics, presented “Ethics in Government.” Former Secretary of State Jim Douglas presented a discussion on “Encouraging Democracy Abroad,” while FEC Chairman Trevor Potter discussed “Promoting Democracy at Home.”

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) was the subject of a plenary session featuring election experts from across the country. Nationally Syndicated Columnist Jack Germond of the Baltimore Evening Sun entertained the conference at lunch. Congressman Sherrod Brown, the former Ohio Secretary of State, provided a “View From Here.”

Conference Attendees got to enjoy the Montana outdoors with trips to Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake, and lunch on the top of The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Conference activities included fishing, hiking, rafting, golfing, horseback trail rides, softball, and of course, shopping.

Providing a real flavor of Montana was Vince Yannon of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks with his live animal presentation. Montana recording artists Jack Gladstone and Grammy-nominated pianist Philip Aaberg entertained Secretaries and guests on the last day of the conference.

The unofficial theme of the conference was “No Ties Allowed,” as Montana Secretary of State staff were equipped with scissors to immediately remove any offending ties during this casual but busy conference.

(Submitted by Mike Cooney)
78th CONFERENCE
August 26-31, 1995, at The Rushmore Holiday Inn, Rapid City, South Dakota

Executive Committee:
President
President Elect
Secretary/Treasurer
Southern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
Eastern Region Vice President
At-Large Member
At-Large Member
Past President

Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina
Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota
Jim Miles, South Carolina
Jim Miles, South Carolina
Al Jaeger, North Dakota
Mike Cooney, Montana
Bill Diamond, Maine
Bob Taft, Ohio
Jim Bennett, Alabama
Natalie Meyer, Colorado
79th CONFERENCE
July 27 – August 1, 1996 at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina

Executive Committee:
President
President Elect
Secretary/Treasurer
Eastern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
Past President
At-Large Member
At-Large Member

Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota
Mike Cooney, Montana
Bill Diamond, Maine
Bill Diamond, Maine
Al Jaeger, North Dakota
Jim Bennett, Alabama
Olene Walker, Utah
Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina
Jim Miles, South Carolina
Bob Taft, Ohio
80th CONFERENCE
July 26-31, 1997 at The Adams Mark Hotel in Mobile, Alabama

Executive Committee:
President
President Elect
Secretary/Treasurer
Past President
Eastern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
At-Large Member

Mike Cooney, Montana
Olene Walker, Utah
Miles Rapoport, Connecticut
Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota
Miles Rapoport, Connecticut
Ron Thornburgh, Kansas
Sharon Priest, Arkansas
Bill Jones, California
Tom Cole, Oklahoma
Riley Darnell, Tennessee
81st CONFERENCE
July 11-16, 1998 at The Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah

Executive Committee:
President
President Elect
Treasurer
Eastern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
At-Large Member
At-Large Member

Olene Walker, Utah
Bill Gardner, New Hampshire
Riley Darnell, Tennessee
Miles Rapoport, Connecticut
Bekki Cook, Missouri
Jim Bennett, Alabama
Bill Jones, California
Sharon Priest, Arizona
Tom Cole, Oklahoma
82nd CONFERENCE

June 26-July 1, 1999 at Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

Executive Committee:
President
President Elect
Treasurer
Past President
Eastern Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
At-Large Member
At-Large Member

Bill Gardner, New Hampshire
Jim Bennett, Alabama
Riley Darnell, Tennessee
Olene Walker, Utah
Dan Gwadosky, Maine
Elaine Marshall, North Carolina
Ron Thornburgh, Kansas
Bill Jones, California
Bekki Cook, Missouri
Al Jaeger, North Dakota
83rd CONFERENCE
June 27–July 2, 2000 at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland

President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Past President
Eastern Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
At-Large Member
At-Large Member

Jim Bennett, Alabama
Sharon Priest, Arkansas
Riley Darnell, Tennessee
Ron Thornburgh, Kansas
William Gardner, New Hampshire
Dan Gwadosky, Maine
Elaine Marshall, North Carolina
Al Jaeger, North Dakota
Bill Jones, California
Bekki Cook, Missouri
Sandy Treadwell, New York
84th CONFERENCE
July 13-17, 2001 at The Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas

Executive Committee:
President
President Elect
Treasurer
Secretary
Past President
Eastern Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
At-Large Member
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Sharon Priest, Arkansas
Ron Thornburgh, Kansas
Dan Gwadosky, Maine
Riley Darnell, Tennessee
Jim Bennett, Alabama
Kim Pizzingrilli, Pennsylvania
John Y. Brown, Kentucky
Bill Jones, California
Chet Culver, Iowa
Elaine Marshall, North Carolina
Al Jaeger, North Dakota
85th CONFERENCE
July 26-30, 2002 at the Westin Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island

President
President Elect
Past President
Secretary/Treasurer
Eastern Region Vice President
Southern Region Vice President
Mid-Western Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
At-Large Member
At-Large Member

Ron Thornburgh, Kansas
Dan Gwadosky, Maine
Sharon Priest, Arizona
Mary Kiffmeyer, Minnesota
John Willis, Maryland
Cathy Cox, Georgia
J. Kenneth Blackwell, Ohio
Dean Heller, Nevada
Rebecca Vigil-Giron, New Mexico
Donetta Davidson, Colorado