

57th CONFERENCE

September 15-19, 1974, at Anchorage, Alaska

President	James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
Vice President	Clyde L. Miller, Utah
Treasurer	Elwill M. Shanahan, Kansas
Secretary	John F. X. Davoren, Massachusetts
Recording Secretary	C. Delores Tucker, Pennsylvania
Executive Committee	Thad Eure, North Carolina
	Wade O. Martin Jr., Louisiana
	Wesley Bolin, Arizona
	Ben W. Fortson Jr., Georgia
	Heber A. Ladner, Mississippi
	O. Frank Thornton, South Carolina
	Melvin D. Synhorst, Iowa
	Ted W. Brown, Ohio
	Joe C. Carr, Tennessee
	Ben Meier, North Dakota
	Frank Murray, Montana
	Kelly Bryant, Arkansas

58th CONFERENCE

August 17-20, 1975, at Las Vegas, Nevada

President	Clyde L. Miller, Utah
Vice President	Elwill M. Shanahan, Kansas
Treasurer	Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Secretary	C. Delores Tucker, Pennsylvania
Recording Secretary	Richard C. Thomas, Vermont
Executive Committee	Thad Eure, North Carolina
	Wade O. Martin Jr., Louisiana
	Wesley Bolin, Arizona
	Ben W. Fortson Jr., Georgia
	Heber A. Ladner, Mississippi
	O. Frank Thornton, South Carolina
	Melvin D. Synhorst, Iowa
	Ted W. Brown, Ohio
	Joe C. Carr, Tennessee
	Ben Meier, North Dakota
	Frank Murray, Montana
	Kelly Bryant, Arkansas
	James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri

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
Executive Committee	Thad Eure, North Carolina
	Wesley Bolin, Arizona
	Ben W. Fortson Jr., Georgia
	Heber A. Ladner, Mississippi
	O. Frank Thornton, South Carolina
	Melvin D. Synhorst, Iowa
	Ted W. Brown, Ohio
	Joe C. Carr, Tennessee
	Ben Meier, North Dakota
	Frank Murray, Montana
	James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
	Clyde L. Miller, Utah



60th CONFERENCE

September 19–23, 1977, at San Juan, Puerto Rico

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Recording Secretary
Executive Committee

Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
C. Delores Tucker, Pennsylvania
Mark White, Texas*
Fred L. Wineland, Maryland
Agnes Baggett, Alabama
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Wesley Bolin, Arizona
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



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. *(continued next page)*

*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.

60th CONFERENCE

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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	Ben Meier, North Dakota
<i>continued</i>	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
Secretary	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
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Recording Secretary
Executive Committee

Rose Mofford, Arizona
Jack Brier, Kansas
Edwin Simcox, Indiana
Jeannette Edmondson, Oklahoma
Paul Riviere, Arkansas
Thad Eure, North Carolina
Ben Meier, North Dakota
James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri
Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota
Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
Gentry Crowell, Tennessee
Robert Burns, Rhode Island



67th CONFERENCE

July 8-11, 1984, Annapolis, Maryland

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Executive Committee

Jack H. Brier, Kansas
Edwin Simcox, Indiana
Jeannette Edmondson, Oklahoma
James Douglas, Vermont
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
July 20-23, 1986, at Seattle, Washington

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	Jim Waltermire, Montana*
President Elect	Jim Edgar, Illinois
Vice President	Julia H. Tashjian, Connecticut
Treasurer	Ralph Munro, Washington
Secretary	Dick Molpus, Mississippi
Executive Committee	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	Jim Edgar, Illinois
President Elect	Julia H. Tashjian, Connecticut
Vice President	Ralph Munro, Washington
Treasurer	Dick Molpus, Mississippi
Secretary	Roy D. Blunt, Missouri
Executive Committee	Thad Eure, North Carolina
	Ben Meier, North Dakota
	Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska
	Joan Anderson Growe, Minnesota

*Deceased April 8, 1988

Executive Committee
continued

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

President Elect

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Julia Tashjian, Connecticut

Ralph Munro, Washington

Dick Molpus, Mississippi

Roy Blunt, Missouri

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

August 17-22, 1991 at The Grove Park Inn & Country Club, Asheville, North Carolina

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



77th CONFERENCE

July 16-21, 1994 at The Outlaw Inn in Kalispell, Montana

Executive Committee:

President	Natalie Meyer, Colorado
President Elect	Rufus Edmiston, North Carolina
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Taft, Ohio
Southern Vice President	Bob Babbage, Kentucky
Western Vice President	Cheryl A. Lau, Nevada
Mid-Western Vice President	Bob Taft, Ohio
Past President	Gail Shaffer, New York
At-Large Member	Joyce Hazeline, South Dakota
At-Large Member	Derek Hodge, Virgin Islands



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

At-Large Member

Mike Cooney, Montana

Olene Walker, Utah

Miles Rapoport, Connecticut

Joyce Hazeltine, South Dakota

Miles Rapoport, Connecticut

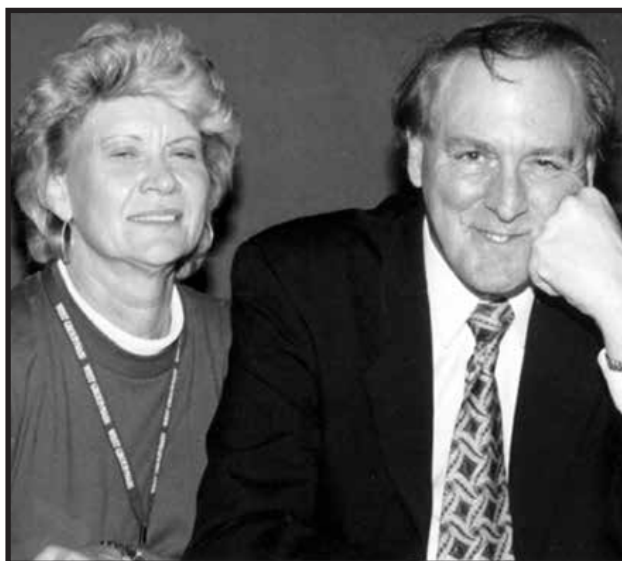
Ron Thornburgh, Kansas

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	Jim Bennett, Alabama
President Elect	Sharon Priest, Arkansas
Secretary	Riley Darnell, Tennessee
Treasurer	Ron Thornburgh, Kansas
Past President	William Gardner, New Hampshire
Eastern Region Vice President	Dan Gwadosky, Maine
Southern Region Vice President	Elaine Marshall, North Carolina
Mid-Western Region Vice President	Al Jaeger, North Dakota
Western Region Vice President	Bill Jones, California
At-Large Member	Bekki Cook, Missouri
At-Large Member	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

At-Large Member

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

