

Path To Reform Accomplishments 2022

In late 2021, We joined NCSL – National Conference of State Legislators – and worked to create an ancillary meeting, Academy of States 3.0, at their annual Legislative Summit meeting August 1-3 in Denver, Colorado.

From February through July, we worked to obtain expert speakers, event site, videographer, etc. for the Academy of States 3.0 meeting on July 31st, 2022.

On July 31st, Path To Reform held the third academy of states, Academy of States 3.0 to education and enable legislators to be ready for when an Article V Convention is called.

Content

Academy 3.0 attendees learned about Delegate Selection, Delegate Instruction & Oversight, and Overcoming Convention Apprehension. Feedback on the presentations was overwhelmingly positive, thanks to the efforts of Neal Schuerer and Vickie Deppe at Path to Reform, Sam Fieldman of Wolf-PAC, constitutional attorneys Dave Guldenschuh and Mike Stern, Bruce Lee of the Phoenix Correspondence Commission, and Representatives Carmine Gentile (D-MA) and Ken Ivory (R-UT). Special thanks to Representative Ivory for serving not just as a panelist, but also handling host and emcee duties with aplomb.

Connection

The entire staff of Path To Reform was present both for the Academy and to staff our booth in the exhibition hall during the NCSL Legislative Summit. We connected with dozens of state legislators and legislative staff from both parties, including leadership, as well as NCSL staff and committee members.

Our booth featured polling on the question, “If you could change one thing about Washington, what would it be?” Corruption was the top vote-getter at 96 votes, followed closely by wasteful spending (95) and injustice (76). Participants came up with over a dozen write-ins, including election & campaign reform, polarization, and term limits.

Communication

We had over 1,500 new visitors to the Path To Reform website, and traffic has continued at an increased level since then. PathToReform.org will become the official home of Dave Guldenschuh’s Article V Convention Legislative Progress Report.

The Academy was captured on video and is available on the paththereform.org website.

Planning is already underway for the Academy of states 4.0 in 2023. What would you like to learn more about? Please send your suggestions to vickie@paththereform.org.

In August, two members on our team attended the NCSL Annual Summit meeting to continue to build legislative relationships.

We continue to work with and are a part of the Article V Coalition which has a three-part emphasis: 1) Using the Academy of States model to educate state legislators. 2) Advancing among the states the passing of additional Article V applications 3) Working with Congressional members to pass a Article V convention call.

We are working with David Biddulph, co-founder of the Let Us Vote for a Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Campaign and Dave Walker (drafting the House Concurrent Resolution) who along with other coalition members have rallied support for HCR101 which requires the archivist to log, count and notify congress regarding Article V Applications and require them to call a conference. HCR 101 has attracted more high-profile media coverage in recent days. Additional information on HCR101 can be found at <https://letusvoteforfra.org>.

We remain steadfast in creating webinars to educate legislators; both Democrats and Republican to come together to talk about common concerns in government and how we can work together to get them solved.

We are collaborating with like-minded republican and democratic state legislator to use the power of Article V to reform the government.