

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A Resolution on the Retirement of Dennis Stevenson

WHEREAS, the objectives of Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR), a section of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), include fostering the development of better rule writing skills and rule review techniques, and developing more effective management of the rule promulgation process, particularly in the publication of administrative codes and registers and public access to and involvement in the rulemaking process; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Stevenson, Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator in Idaho retired May 15, 2020, and

WHEREAS, started working for the State of Idaho in Child Support (1990) only to leave in less than a year to work in the Administrative Procedure Section of Health and Welfare (1991) and transferred to the Office of Administrative Rules Coordinator in its inception in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 he earned a Certificate of Appreciation from the Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 he completed the State Certified Public Manager (CPM) training to become a Certified Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 he marked thirty (30) years of service with the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019 he earned a Great Service to Idaho Award for cutting Red Tape from the Governor of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 his participation in ACR began in Rapid City, SD as he attended his first ACR Conference; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 in the interest of raising funds beyond the revenue from the sale of the annual survey, there was the discovery of the Rulettes in Mobile, Alabama, at a local establishment commonly known as Anne's Karaoke Place; composed of Scott Cancelosi, Dennis Stevenson, and Michael White, who are herein listed not in order of their singing ability but in true, editorial, alphabetical order as the official A.C.R. fund raising maestros who contributed lovely melodies but no additional monies to the ACR bottom line; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Salt Lake City, UT he attended an ACR Conference in which he and others (Scott Canselosi & Mike Broschinsky) utilized an empty conference room decorated with roses on the tables and purchased beers in hand, discussed important ACR topics with the Dennis's flare bearing a rose in his mouth and his dance on the tables, thereby making his mark on any ACR conference going forward; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, 1999, and 2001 he served as ACR Regional Representative for the Mountain West; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 (Little Rock, AR with a circus act set up complete with a trapeze in the Capitol Rotunda!) he served as ACR Program Chair; and

WHEREAS, in 2000-2002 he served as ACR Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in 2002-2004 he served as ACR Vice President; and

WHEREAS, in 2003-2004 he compiled and published the State and Federal Survey; and

WHEREAS, in 2004-2006 he served as ACR President; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 he served as ACR Awards Chair; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 he attended his last conference in Puerto Rico prior to his retirement; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 he graces us with his wisdom, wit, creativity, and lessons learned from his tumultuous last year with the State of Idaho; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of ACR extend their deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Dennis Stevenson for his dedication and active membership and service to ACR; recognizing his significant professional achievements on behalf of the State of Idaho; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon majority vote of the membership in attendance, and upon passage, this resolution be recorded and spread upon the permanent minutes of the ACR business meeting and that it be sent to Dennis Stevenson, to share with his family.

Adopted this 16th day of July, 2020, at the National Association of Secretaries of State Administrative Codes and Registers Virtual Annual Summer Conference.

Chris Coffman, Oklahoma
2018-2020 ACR President

Deanna Maiolo, Colorado
2018-2020 Vice President

Anne Bloomsburg, Virginia
2018-2020 Secretary – Treasurer