

# Conference Meeting Agenda

## Administrative Codes and Registers

A Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State

### July 14-17, 2026

All sessions will be held in person at the Conference Center, Double Tree by Hilton, Rapid City, SD.

**All times noted are Mountain Time (MT)**

<b>Monday, July 13</b>	Travel Day Those arriving on Monday, meet at 5:30 PM in the hotel lobby for ACR group dinner. ACR Conference Kick-Off Roundtable on Professionalism in Rulemaking
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<b>Tuesday, July 14</b>	<b>12:00 PM – 4:00 PM MT</b>
9:00 AM	Registration starts
12:00– 12:45 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	ACR Officers and Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 – 2:15 PM	ACR Welcoming Statement by Jill Ledbetter (TX), ACR President Introduction of Officers and Executive Committee and 2026 Edition of <i>Who's Who and What's New</i> .
2:15– 2:30 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
2:30– 4:00 PM	2026 Edition of <i>Who's Who and What's New (Continued)</i> A discussion of current state updates, recent developments, and other relevant matters affecting ongoing rulemaking activities within an evolving regulatory landscape.
6:00 – 7:30 PM	<i>Evening Welcome Event (Main Street Square)</i>

<b>Wednesday, July 15</b>	<b>8:15 AM – 5:00 PM</b>
8:00 – 9:15 AM	<i>NASS/ACR Breakfast</i>
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Document Accessibility Training on ensuring rule content is accessible and compliant with legal requirements so that all stakeholders, including individuals with disabilities, can fully access and engage with rulemaking information.
10:45 – 11:00 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	First Business Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch with Special Guest Speaker</i>

1:10 – 1:30 PM	Presentation by ESPER
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Use of AI within Rulemaking A discussion regarding the use of artificial intelligence in the rulemaking process, including its application in drafting, editing, publication, indexing, research, and the overall management and accessibility of regulatory content.
2:15 – 2:30 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
2:30 – 5:00 PM	Roundtable Discussion An open forum for each participant to share insights, identify emerging trends, and discuss recent federal and state mandates that affect the regulatory drafting and promulgation process.

<b>Thursday, July 16</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>
8:15 – 9:00 AM	<i>NASS/ACR Breakfast</i>
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Robert J. Colborn Award Presentation Annual recognition for a state program that demonstrates creativity and innovation in providing public access to, or managing, administrative rules. A presentation from the recipient will follow.
10:00 – 10:15 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Legislative Trends in Rulemaking by Christina R. Muñiz, New Hampshire General Court Legislative Services Research Division Office Engaging with the New Hampshire General Court Legislative Services Research Division Office provides valuable insight into legislative research methods and best practices that can strengthen the quality and effectiveness of rulemaking.
11:45 AM– 12:45 PM	<i>NASS/ACR Lunch with NASS IDEAS Award Presentation &amp; 2026 Jaeger–Marshall NPA Achievement Award Presentation</i> These awards recognize outstanding innovation, leadership, dedication, and public service demonstrated through programs and contributions by Secretaries of State.
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Second Business Meeting
2:00 – 2:15 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Federal Update: Mary Saunders, Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy Learn how the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) supports rulemaking by coordinating voluntary consensus standards that federal and state agencies often reference or adopt to ensure consistency, safety, and technical reliability in regulatory requirements.
5:00 – 10:00 PM	<i>Evening Event for All Conference Attendees</i> <i>Meet in lobby at 4:30 PM</i>

<b>Friday, July 17</b>	<b>8:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b>
8:30 – 9:30 AM	<i>NASS/ACR Breakfast</i>
9:30 – 10:45 AM	South Dakota Rulemaking Presentation by Justin Goetz, General Counsel, SD Legislative Research Council Representative(s) from South Dakota will provide a presentation on their rulemaking process, including recent initiatives, procedural updates, and regulatory developments.
10:45 – 11:00 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Key Takeaways and Closing Remarks

Program Committee:

Allen Enger (LA)  
 Anne Friend (OR)  
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 ACR President Jill Ledbetter (TX)

Topics for roundtables:

- AI
- Rule review
- Rule reduction
- Training/training manuals/SOPs
- Indexing