**CSLP Annual Conference Weds. Morning General Session- April 7, 2010**

**Tacoma, Washington**

Call to order- Sue Sherif (AK, Vice President) announces that JulieTomilianovich (KS, President) is not here due to health reasons. JT will present the President’s report later this morning via Skype. This year we have many new people attending. A special thank you goes out to Martha Shinners (WA) for planning this conference. 45 states are represented this year with Massachusetts as our newest member. States not attending are Hawaii, West Virginia, Utah, Louisiana.

There is a brief introduction of the Board of Directors.

Allison Santos (NJ, Secretary) asks for approval of minutes, Barb Huntington (WI) motions, Karen Yother (ID) seconds, membership votes, minutes are approved.

President report was composed by Julie Tomlianovich and presented by Sue Sherif after some technical difficulties with Skype that precluded Julie from participating. A copy will be included with the minutes.

Cathy Howser (AK) presents the slate of candidates. The nominating report is on a gray sheet in the packet. The committee met to create this slate of officers. They have written confirmation. See separate list of roster. Sally Snyder (NE) will lead the vote. Call for motion for approval of these nominations, Barb Huntington (WI) motions, Elaine Black (GA) seconds, vote carries. New officers take office June 1, 2010.

ASA Office Report- Barb Shultz (ASA) - Included in packet.

Whys for the Wise- Lori Special (NC) - Whys for the Wise were included as a fun presentation on who’s who on the Board of Directors; the various committee chairs and their committee’s responsibilities, plus an overview of how CSLP functions.

There is an introduction of all the general membership by name and member state.

Sue Sherif- Potential Partnership with the American Red Cross and Army Corp of Engineers; There will be information forthcoming on the CSLP website and there will be reciprocal links back to the organization’s websites. Free program information will be made available. Representatives from both groups will be contacting the state reps. If a state rep. does not hear from them personally on a local level, please contact them.

Morning session ends for lunch and then break out committee meetings.