

## **Commission on Federalism**

May 17, 2016 Meeting

Representative Lowry Snow

### Assembly of State Legislatures.

The Assembly exists for the primary purpose of defining the rules and procedures under which a Convention of the States to propose amendments would operate. Article V of the Constitution provides the states the authority to call a convention for the specific purpose of drafting a proposed amendment, but the rules of such a meeting are not outlined in the Constitution. The Assembly is made up of only state legislators—no outside parties or groups with a constitutional amendment agenda are allowed to participate. The Assembly is bi-partisan.

The first Assembly was held on December 7, 2013 at Mount Vernon and thereafter at several venues across the country with the most recent meeting held at the Utah State Capitol on November 11-13, 2015. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16-17, 2016 at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA.

At the upcoming meeting in Philadelphia, it is anticipated that the final phase of the Assembly's rules writing process will come to completion. Located at the National Constitution Center, just down the street from Independence Hall where the US Constitution was drafted, currently-serving state legislators will make the final edits to the drafted rules on Thursday and Friday morning. Then in the early afternoon session on Friday, the goal is to sign the rules, recommending they be adopted for any future Article V conventions.

Leadership of the Assembly is made up of an executive team of 10 legislators that includes Utah Senator Wayne Niederhauser.

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