

**Thursday, July 19**

1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. » Registration | 2nd Floor Foyer  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. » Alberta Legislature Tour | Meet in Westin Lobby

**Friday, July 20**

6:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. » Early Bird Walk | lobby of Westin  
 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. » Registration  
 7:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m. » Buffet Breakfast | Ballroom  
 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. » Opening Session | Ballroom  
 10:00 a.m.-Noon and 2:30-4:30 p.m. » ALTA sessions | Centennial Room  
 10:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. » North America Summit | Devonian Room  
 10:00 a.m.-Noon » Spouse Meet 'n Greet | Crown Suite #2009, 20th Floor  
 10:00 a.m.-Noon » Nominating Committee | Leduc Room, Nom. Committee members only  
 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. » Executive Committee | Manitoba Room, executive session  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. » WLA alumni reception | Art Gallery of Alberta, invitation only  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. » North America Summit reception | Art Gallery of Alberta  
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. » Welcoming Reception | Art Gallery of Alberta



**Alberta Welcomes Western Legislators**



More than 300 lawmakers, staff and guests from Western states and provinces including Mexico and Canada are expected at the 65th Council of State Governments-WEST (CSG-WEST annual meeting). The July 19-23 conference is hosted by the Government of Alberta, and the theme is *Western Frontiers -- On the Edge of Innovation*.

"The U.S. is our friend and ally and we are delighted to host this prestigious event that showcases our province," said Cal Dallas, Alberta's Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations.



Gary Doer

**Opening Session Kicked Off by Ambassador Gary Doer**

Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America Gary Doer will deliver the opening keynote address in The Westin Ballroom from 8 to 9:45 a.m. Friday. Doer will talk about the shared history, boundaries and core values shared by Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. The ambassador will share his insights into what states and provinces can do to strengthen North American Cooperation and Competitiveness.

**CSG Selects Most Innovative State Programs**

A committee of Western legislators will review finalists to find exemplary state programs in the region from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Following presentations, two award winners will be selected. Information about these Innovations finalists will be made available during the conference.

**Full Day of Professional Development Training is Open to All Participants:**

**Public speaking and conflict resolution featured**



Richard Greene

Each year as part of the annual meeting, CSG-WEST offers a full day of professional development training **open to all meeting participants**. ALTA (Annual Legislative Training Assembly) begins Friday with a **10 a.m. to noon** session on **The 7 Secrets of Public Speaking** led by international media coach Richard Greene. Greene has worked with presidents, prime ministers, political candidates, athletes and business leaders throughout the world.

*All conference participants are invited to join Richard in the Centennial Room of the Westin located on the lobby level.*

**ALTA resumes from 2:30 to 4:30 back in the Centennial Room of the Westin.** In a highly interactive workshop Greene will help participants learn **how to take the "energy" out of almost any conflict**. He'll also reveal a **practical and revolutionary approach to listening** which is critical in the legislative arena.



CSG-WEST officers provide leadership and program direction at the annual meeting. From left to right: Chair Rep. Rosie Berger (WY), Chair-Elect Assemblyman Kelvin Atkinson (NV), Vice Chair Rep Craig Johnson (AK) and Immediate Past Chair Rep. Marcus Oshiro (HI).

## North America Summit IV

The **North America Summit IV**, which will focus on energy issues affecting the U.S., Canada and Mexico, will run from 10 a.m. to noon Friday. Meet in the **Devonian Room**, located on the lobby level of the Westin, for a unique opportunity to participate with North American leaders as you explore opportunities to collaborate on one of this century's leading issues.

The Summit reconvenes from **1:30-5 p.m. in the Devonian Room** with another panel of international experts who will focus on a low carbon economy and regional trade cooperation. If you're interested in promoting a North American dialogue on these issues, don't miss this session.

## Western Legislative Academy Class of 2012

Members of the Executive Committee will meet in closed session for a working lunch in the Manitoba Room of the Westin. Applicants to the 2012 WLA should excuse themselves from this meeting even if they serve on the Executive Committee.

## Get the Scoop on Lunch Locations

Check in at the host state table on the second floor as well as the Edmonton tourism table in the Westin lobby for information about lunch venues within walking distance of the hotel. Friday's lunch is on your own for conference participants.

## NEWS TO USE »

### Internet Access/Internet Café—Chairman Room

Trying to avoid data roaming charges on your mobile device? Conference attendees may stop by our Internet cafe to check email or browse the Web. The Internet Café will be open daily during the hours of operation of the Meeting Registration Desk with the exception of the last day which will be open until 5 p.m. to accommodate the need for attendees to print out their boarding passes.

The Westin Edmonton Hotel provides complimentary internet access to all CSG-WEST hotel guest rooms. There is a small business center on the concourse level. However, except for printing boarding passes, there is a cost to access the Internet from the business center.

The Fairmont Hotel Macdonald offers guests high speed Internet in the Work Centre located in the lower level and is available 24 hours.

### Attire

**Meeting attire** » Dress attire for the 2012 Annual Meeting is business casual for the daily programs and social events. Business casual for men includes shirts/slack, sports coat optional, no tie. Business casual for women includes slacks, jackets, skirts and dresses.

**Day attire** » While the meetings are indoors, expect daytime weather to be in the mid-70s°F (mid 20s°C). Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for tours.

**Evening attire** » Casual clothing is acceptable, especially for the evening at Fort Edmonton, where activities will happen both indoors and outdoors. Expect evening weather to reach lows in the mid-40s°F (about 9°C). Casual slacks or jeans are appropriate.



## Welcoming Reception at Art Gallery of Alberta »

After the day's work is done, it's time to enjoy refreshments in Alberta's oldest cultural institution from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Take in the exhibits while connecting with old and new CSG-WEST friends. The gallery is two blocks from the Westin. See hosts in the lobby of the Westin for walking directions or alternate transportation.

## Alberta Legislature Tours »

Conference participants are invited to a special tour of the Alberta Legislature Building from 2-3 p.m. Thursday. This tour is repeated Monday from 1:30-3 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Westin to depart for these tours.

## Early Morning Walks »

Early birds will enjoy morning walks from 6 to 7 each morning of the conference. Meet in the Westin lobby area a few minutes prior to the walk.

## Spouse 'n Guest Meet 'n Greet Crown

### Suite #2009, 20th Floor »

Find out what Edmonton has to offer spouse and guests who won't be attending all the program sessions. Enjoy this informative orientation to the sights and sounds of Edmonton from 10 a.m. to noon Friday.

## Hospitality Suite

### Suite #2009 on the 20th Floor »

The Hospitality Suite is open from 9 to 11 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the Westin's Crown Suite.

## Annual Meeting Tours »

Please meet in the lobby of the Westin a few minutes prior to departure time.