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Senator Adams Commences Chairmanship of CSG West



On January 1, Utah Senate Majority Whip J. Stuart Adams rotated to the position of chair of The Council of State Governments West (CSG West). He previously served as chair-elect after being unanimously approved by the organization's bipartisan Executive Committee last August.

As CSG West chair, Senator Adams will lead the organization this year and, along with the Utah Legislature, host the 71st CSG West Annual Meeting in Snowbird, Utah on September 11-15. The Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of Western lawmakers and provides attendees the opportunity to learn from each other and engage on important issues facing the region. With a theme of *"Elevating the West,"* the Annual Meeting in Snowbird will include policy committee sessions, skills-building workshops, and informative speakers on a variety of topics.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Western region and to hosting this year's Annual Meeting in our beautiful state," stated Senator Adams. "CSG West provides policy-makers in our region an opportunity to become strong leaders and collaborate on issues that are critical to our respective communities, and to ensure our voice is heard at the federal level on issues such as resource development, land management and water rights," continued Senator Adams.

Senator Adams' leadership role in the organization will coincide with Utah Governor Gary Herbert's position as President of CSG National which he commenced this month. "This provides Utah a great opportunity to showcase our great state, the issues that are important to our communities and further legislative – executive branch cooperation," stated Senator Adams. The last Utah legislator to serve as chair of CSG West was former Representative Mel Brown in 1997.

In his new role as chair of CSG West, Senator Adams will be supported by his fellow officers who play a pivotal leadership role for the organization, including Montana Representative Kimberly Dudik as chair-elect; Wyoming Senator Michael Von Flatern as vice chair; and Washington Senator Sam Hunt as immediate past chair.

CSG West member states include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam. CSG West also benefits from its associate memberships with the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, and collaborative partnerships with Mexican border states. For additional information about CSG West, please visit www.csgwest.org

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