



# *A Blueprint To The Future*

*2016 Annual Conference – Chicago, Illinois*

Dear NCSLA Member,

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will assemble June 26-29<sup>th</sup> at The Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for its 2016 annual meeting and conference. Serving as conference host is the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Executive Director U-Jung Choe.

The annual conference theme is “**A Blueprint To The Future,**” and during the conference a variety of current issues will be discussed over the course of two and a half days. So come join us in Chicago where NCSLA originated 82 years ago!

Dr. Jason Kilmer of the University of Washington’s Behavioral Alcohol Research Laboratory (BARLAB), nationally known for his work to reduce alcohol-related harm among college students, is back by popular demand! Of all of the great presentations during last fall’s NCSLA regional conferences, Dr. Kilmer’s insights into his work on expectancy research stood out and best captured the attention of attendees with his fresh message and fascinating revelations into human drinking behavior.

On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Kilmer will update us on his latest research in a presentation titled, **ALCOHOL AND PUBLIC SAFETY: THE DATA, THE RESEARCH AND THE IMPLICATIONS**. Attend this session and discover how much of alcohol’s social effects are truly due to alcohol vs. the expectation that one has when drinking. The following questions that are often asked will also be addressed:

- Does alcohol really make people more funny and talkative?
- What role does alcohol play in aggression?
- What does it mean to “hold your liquor?”
- If I always drink the same type of alcohol and the same amount, how come I feel it so differently at different times?

Dr. Kilmer will share with us what his latest work reveals about these and other questions on alcohol consumption and its affect on human behavior. If you were in Seattle for Dr. Jason Kilmer’s remarks at the NCSLA 2015 Central/Western Regional Conference this past September you won’t want to miss this update and, if you were not there, you will want to learn why everyone is still talking about this engaging speaker and his important message.

Start making your plans NOW to come to Chicago, Illinois from June 26-29, 2016 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! Visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) today for details, and watch for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2016 Annual Conference to be broadcast in the coming weeks. *Not a member of NCSLA?* Joining is easy - just complete the [online application form](#) on the NCSLA website. You won’t want to miss a minute of these beneficial business sessions and the valuable networking opportunities with colleagues and friends!

It has been an honor to serve as President of NCSLA this year, and I invite all our members to join me in Chicago for this educational and informative conference. I hope to see you there!

Jerry Waters, Sr.  
NCSLA President