Legislators from across region awarded BILLD Fellowships

A bipartisan group of state legislators from the Midwest has been selected to take part in a one-of-a-kind leadership program. This year’s Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development will be held Aug. 9-13 in Minneapolis, marking the 25th straight year in which CSG Midwest’s Midwestern Legislative Conference has offered leadership training to its members: legislators from 11 states in this region as well as from the MLC’s four affiliate provinces.

BILLD is designed for legislators in their first four years of service. Photos of the state and provincial legislators selected to take part in this year’s institute can be found below.

In all, more than 95 lawmakers applied for a BILLD fellowship. Selections were made in May by the BILLD Steering Committee, a bipartisan group of legislators from all 11 Midwestern states.

This committee oversees the entire application process; it also provides guidance on fundraising and development of the BILLD curriculum. Nebraska Sen. Sara Howard and Minnesota Rep. Laurie Halverson serve as the committee’s co-chairs; Iowa Sen. Amy Sinclair and Indiana Rep. Holli Sullivan are the co-chairs.

The five-day institute includes sessions led by the Midwest’s current legislative leaders; policy experts at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs; and some of the nation’s foremost thinkers on media relations, negotiation, conflict resolution and consensus building.