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Speaker Biographies

Tim Banaszak
Tim has managed IT organizations for 35 years. This includes 10 years in the private sector, 10 years with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and 10 years with the Alaska Department of Administration. He joined the Alaska Legislative Affairs Agency two and a half years ago, and currently manages information technology for the Alaska State Legislature. His passion is improving services to the public, by aligning technology to the organization’s business priorities.

Vinay Dattu
Vinay Dattu is the Director of Legislative Information Systems for the Tennessee Legislature. He is responsible for managing and providing strategic direction and leadership in defining, establishing, supporting and operating the overall information systems infrastructure and services provided to the Tennessee Legislature. Prior to joining the legislature, Vinay served as the Director of Enterprise Architecture for the Tennessee executive branch. He held a number of positions as an ERP/MRP implementation consultant, project and program manager, financial analyst and business process manager for various companies. Vinay is also Vice Chair of the State of Tennessee Information Systems Council. He holds an MBA in Finance, Strategy and Operations from Penn State University.

Doug Farr
Doug Farr is the IT Manager for the Utah Legislature. He has worked in the computer industry for over 26 years, the last ten years with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel. Doug and his IT staff help support the IT needs of the Utah Legislature.
Kyle W. Forster
Kyle Forster has been the Information Technology Manager for the North Dakota Legislative Council (NDLC) since March 2011. Kyle and his IT staff support the Legislative Assembly Senate and House of Representatives members, legislative council staff, and legislative assembly session staff. Before his employment with NDLC, he worked for the North Dakota Information Technology Department as the state’s enterprise software architect and was involved in many of the recent IT projects for the legislative branch.

Seth McFarland
Seth McFarland is the Chief Technology Officer for the Information Systems Division of the North Carolina General Assembly. In addition to his role as CTO, Seth leads in-house application development. He has a B.S. in Computer Science from North Carolina State University and has been with the North Carolina General Assembly since 1996.

Ronda Tentarelli
Ronda has been working with legislatures since 1979. She has been a Senator’s legislative aide in Louisiana; a business analyst, branch manager, and project manager for a consultant; and a business analyst, project manager, training coordinator, customer support manager and applications manager for the Washington State Legislature. She is currently Senior Projects Coordinator at LEG-TECH, the technology service agency of the Washington State Legislature.