

Press Release: NCSTHL March 13 & 14, 2018 Session

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The seventy-second session of the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature met in Chapel Hill Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14. Sixty-Nine Delegates, 31 Alternates and 20 Guests were present for Call to Order by Speaker Rev. J. Dwight Cartner.

Donna White, Representative to the North Carolina General Assembly, spoke about the establishment of the Subcommittee on Aging. Van Braxton, Director/Deputy Commissioner, Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), presented information on Long Term Care and Long-Term Care Insurance. He discussed access to and affordability of Long Term Care Insurance.

Dorothy Crawford, Macon County Delegate and a Charter Member of the NCSTHL was presented flowers for her Century Birthday coming April 24, 2018.

The Issues Committees met and discussed the process of reviewing, updating and drafting resolutions, from which the five priority resolutions for 2018 and 2019 will be selected during the October Session. The Standing Committees met to discuss their agendas for the 2018 Sessions. Session was adjourned until 8:30 AM Wednesday.

Wednesday Session began at 8:30 AM. Sixty Delegates, 26 alternates and 11 guests were present at Call to Order by Speaker Cartner. Phyllis Bridgeman, Division of Aging and Adult Services staff, led the group through the process of how Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funds are disbursed. Kelly Tornow, Director of North Carolina Policy, Center for Responsible Lending, addressed the group on consumer debt and on how to monitor the Legislature. She stated that senior citizens hold a large portion of student loans. This could be because some seniors have returned to school or they are taking loans for their children and grandchildren.

Last business of the session included Kaye White, President Friends of NC Senior Tar Heels, Inc., who gave a report on the Friends of Senior Tar Heels meeting. Also, chairs of Issues and Standing Committees gave reports of their committee meetings. After announcements, session adjourned until June 12-13, 2018.