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**ICCP  
LEGISLATIVE NETWORK  
MISSION STATEMENT DRAFT**

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1. Development of a Legislative Network for the computing and information systems industry is appropriate and needed. Development of a Legislative Network requires the involvement and cooperation of many professional organizations such as those affiliated with the ICCP. Currently, some ICCP Societies are working together to accomplish this objective. A stronger and more effective network could be established with the participation of most or all of the ICCP Societies. The Membership Services function of the ICCP is the logical administrative unit. The Network would require the soliciting of individuals from all ICCP Societies, who are interested in the legislative concerns of the computing and information systems industry and who have contact with the legislative process on the local, state/provincial and federal levels in the geographical areas served by ICCP Societies.

2. Legislative Network Objectives are:

A. Monitor Legislative Activity in local, state/province and federal legislative bodies that would affect the computing and information systems industry.

1) Monitoring Policy/Procedures. The ICCP will define monitoring policies and procedures to be followed by the ICCP representatives serving on the Legislative Network. Such monitoring would be generated by significant legislative activity of concern to our industry.

2) Reporting Policy/Procedures. The ICCP will define reporting policies and procedures to be followed by ICCP representatives serving on the Legislative Network. Such reporting would be generated by significant legislative activity of concern to our industry.

3) Response Policy/Procedures. The ICCP will define response policies and procedures to be followed by the ICCP and its representatives serving on the Legislative Network. Such responses would be motivated by significant legislative activity of concern to our industry.

4) Initiating Policy/Procedures. The ICCP Education Foundation developed a policies/procedures package to be utilized by ICCP representatives when contacting legislators or legislatures. The packaged procedures were developed in such a manner as to be appropriate for contacting legislators/legislatures for the purpose of offering ICCP assistance, setting up meetings, establishing a dialogue or initiate a possible legislative activity. The package entitled "ICCP LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE TO CONTACT AND/OR WORK WITH STATE LEGISLATORS/LEGISLATURES" was approved by the ICCP Board of Directors in June 1993 and is available from ICCP Headquarters.

B. Network Administration. The ICCP Membership Services function of the ICCP is the logical administrative unit for the Legislative Network.

1) ICCP Membership Services will solicit qualified individuals primarily from ICCP Societies, who have contact with the legislative process on the local, state/province and federal levels to serve as ICCP representatives on the Legislative Network.

2) ICCP Membership Services will develop appropriate operational policies and procedures for the operation and management of the Legislative Network.

3) ICCP Membership Services will develop and publish an appropriate roster of ICCP Legislative Representatives by geographical location of responsibility. The roster should include name, address, telephone number, FAX and CompuServe address for each representative. In addition, the roster should include a brief statement of ICCP Policy and Operating Procedures for the Legislative Network.

4) ICCP Membership Services will develop an appropriate but "simple" organization structure for the administration and operation of the Legislative Network.

C. Compiling and Dissemination of Information gathered concerning legislative activity.

1) Professional Monitoring Organizations. Many times, the most effective source of gathering information on legislative activity is contracting with one of the existing monitoring services to provide ICCP with current information on nationwide legislative activity. Such organizations publish current legislative bills and information on pending bills. Their fees for such services normally are \$30,000 plus per year. Volunteer ICCP Legislative Network representatives could supplement such information and follow through with appropriate action.

2) Evaluating and Compiling Information. The evaluating and compiling of legislative activity information, whether received from a paid professional organization or gathered and submitted by volunteer representatives, must be fed to and recorded at a central source. At this point in our research, the most logical location to receive this activity information would appear to be ICCP Headquarters or possibly headquarters of an ICCP Member Society.

Evaluating and compiling the information received is a substantial task. It would require the expertise of people who have an understanding and at least some background in legislative procedures. This task could be performed to some degree by qualified volunteers. However, we believe the compiling and publishing of the information must be a staff function.

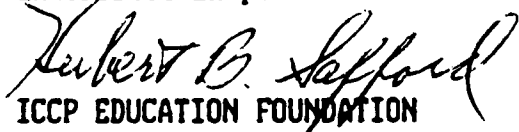
Also, an "alert mechanism" must be established and activated for the "HOT BILLS" or critical legislative activity and be accomplished in a "very timely" manner. Otherwise, "undesirable bills" could be enacted without an opportunity to be reviewed by ICCP. The "alert mechanism" must identify: WHAT IS THE "ALERT" AND TO WHOM THE "ALERT" WILL BE REFERRED FOR ACTION.

3) Dissemination of Legislative Activity. Legislative Activity Reports, following evaluation and compilation by ICCP, should be made available to ICCP Societies and other supporting organizations. Other organizations, which are not active supporters of the ICCP or the Legislative Network should have access to the reports on a fee basis. Such fees should be determined by the ICCP Board of Directors and reviewed annually. It would be appropriate to establish a separate fee for the annual subscribers to the service and for those who may only wish to purchase reports periodically.

D. Initiating Legislative Activity. The ICCP will define and develop initiating policies and procedures. While initiating such activity may not be a frequent function for ICCP, we should be prepared with a mission statement, policy statement and procedures to handle any eventuality. In most cases, such "initiation" could be classified as a "conflict of Interest" and an illegal activity for ICCP. Such conditions and liabilities should be part of the mission statement, policy statement and procedures developed for this purpose.

3. Preliminary Draft. This document is a preliminary draft of an ICCP Legislative Network Mission Statement and functions of the network as viewed by the ICCP Education Foundation. It was developed from research by the Foundation and valuable input from ICCP Board members and constituent societies.

Your review and constructive comments on the document are encouraged. We are especially interested in possible redundancy, inaccuracies and omissions.

  
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### **Legislative Network**

**This is a report on using the Internet to obtain information on pending or recently passed legislation having an impact on the Information Systems Industry.**

**1. Access to the Gopher sites that have the information, and to the World Wide Web that provides paths does change from time to time making it a bit of an adventure in determining a consistent way to find information. This is our experience using America Online as an interface.**

**2. Only a limited number of states provide the type of legislative information in which we are interested. The list below shows those states that had some information.**

**California  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Oregon  
Texas  
Virginia  
Washington**

**3. Determining which items of legislation are of interest to the industry requires reading the complete text of each proposed bill as a keyword search did not provide the desired results at times.**

**4. I would expect that with the shortage of funding, ICCP would need volunteers to do the tracking. DPMA and other societies are attempting to recreate their Legislative Network with volunteers. If they have made progress in recruiting volunteers maybe some working arrangement could be made to share the work load and the results.**

**5. Conclusion. This would be a worthwhile project that will require a number of dedicated volunteers disciplined to report facts and not to offer lobbying suggestions. We have not determined how the information that is obtained should be distributed. There are cost considerations as well as determining the target audience.**