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## **Tom Sloan Honored with NARUC's NCEP Brinch Award for Collaboration in Public Service**

*Connecticut Commissioner Marissa Paslick Gillett and Jennifer Easler Join NCEP Board*

**WASHINGTON** (September 23, 2021) — Former Kansas state representative Tom Sloan was awarded the Jan Brinch Award for Collaboration in the Public Interest during the National Council on Electricity Policy Annual Meeting on September 14 for his outstanding efforts to facilitate meaningful dialogues to advance the industry's ability to better serve the public interest.

The Brinch Award was established by NCEP in memory of Jeanette "Jan" Brinch, to honor public servants who similarly view their positions as opportunities to bring people together to accomplish public interest goals in the electricity sector.

"I am honored with this recognition," said Sloan. "Collaboration is the most effective means of achieving progress and NCEP epitomizes that approach."

Sloan served in the Kansas House of Representatives 45<sup>th</sup> District for more than 24 years, where he focused on a broad portfolio of issues including energy, telecommunication, water policy and higher education. He is known to the NCEP community for his commitment to drive forward state and federal electricity policy through collaboration and he also provided thought leadership to various forums, such as the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee, the National Conference of State Legislatures Energy Supply Task Force and the Council of State Governments energy and telecommunications task forces. Sloan is also known for his steadfast commitment to mentorship for a generation of up-and-coming energy professionals.

"It was a pleasure serving on NCEP with Tom Sloan," said NARUC President Paul Kjellander of Idaho, who chairs the NCEP Executive Committee. "He is hardworking and operationalized the concept of collaboration."

### **NCEP Welcomes New Board Members**

NCEP recently welcomed two new Executive Committee members: Commissioner Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and Jennifer Easler, Consumer Advocate for the State of Iowa.

"I am looking forward to representing the consumer advocate and Iowan perspectives on the NCEP Executive Committee as we facilitate an ongoing dialogue on electricity policy issues for states," said Easler.

NCEP convenes state officials from public utility commissions, environmental and air agencies, state energy offices, gubernatorial offices and consumer advocate offices, as well as legislators and legislative staff. These experts provide a variety of perspectives that inform high-quality discussions on state electricity policy.

The organization also facilitates training and education programs, conferences, seminars, webinars and podcasts on such topics as transmission siting and pricing policy, alignment of energy resource

development at the transmission and distribution levels and valuation of electricity resources across the generation, transmission and distribution system.

NCEP programs are free of charge for state officials and staff and are supported by the U.S. Department of Energy. For more information, visit [www.electricitypolicy.org](http://www.electricitypolicy.org).

### **More on Jan Brinch**

Jeannette “Jan” Brinch was an energy consultant and expert facilitator with more than 30 years of experience in the energy and environmental fields. She supported multiple clients with the design and facilitation of research agendas, strategic policies and plans and education and outreach programs. Her clients included federal organizations and agencies, the private sector and trade associations and academic and research institutions.

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About NCEP

*The National Council on Electricity Policy is a platform for all state-level electricity decision makers to share and learn from diverse perspectives on the evolving electricity sector. Our community includes over 200 representatives from public utility commissions, air and environmental regulatory agencies, governors’ staffs and state energy offices, legislatures, and consumer advocates. We are an affiliate of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Center for Partnerships and Innovation, with support from the U.S. Department of Energy.*

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