

# THE TISL TIMES

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## Today's Schedule

**10-12:30:** Registration

**12:00** Orientation

**1:00** Joint Session

**2:00** Committee Meetings

**3:30** First Legislative Session



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## Let the 44th General Assembly Commence

*A Letter From the Editor*

It's that time of year again.



College boys trying to figure out the difference between blazers, suit jackets, and sport coats. Talented orators swapping classroom disputes for the floor of the T.N. House of Representatives. Scandals defined as something other than what happened at last week's fraternity party.

Amidst heated national debate about the healthcare policies of the 44<sup>th</sup> president, the 44<sup>th</sup> G.A. hones in on local politics: the collegiates' take on the potential of Tennessee.

The buzz this year is the newly unveiled capitol building renovations. Some may hope that the makeover of the government's infrastructure foreshadows a new era of refined governance. Only time will tell. But for now, there is TISL.

There is no doubt that the relationships and experience that participants gain are some of the most valuable aspects of TISL. But what is more powerful is the promising glimpse of Tennessee's future that we get from its future leaders.



The passion and creativity that emerges among the state's youth at TISL is simply refreshing.

And so, let the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly commence.

-Caroline E. Ponseti  
*Editor-in-Chief*



## Tennessee Capitol: Back in Action

Renovations to the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville are over, and the 44<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature General Assembly is calling the Capitol “headquarters” once more.

The building was closed for six months starting in May of 2012 for a 15.7 million dollar renovation. This renovation included exposing historical vaults, upgrading technology, enhancing security and replacing carpets.

This year the TISL General Assembly will be held at the Capitol and many members are excited to see the grandeur and tech savvy renovation work.

TISL Secretary of State Jamie Arnett says, “Being back in the Capitol for the General Assembly will be a treat for everyone. The improved Wi-Fi and extra outlets will allow us to work more efficiently.”

-Toshya M. Leonard

## Delegates Receive Guidance at Workshops

TISL delegates had the opportunity to attend five workshops in October to prepare for the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Various members of the state Executive Council led each workshop, where the delegates had the opportunity to learn about the main components of TISL within two breakout sessions.

At the Jackson workshop, Clerk & Marshall of the Supreme Court Caleb Butler spoke about the functions and processes of AMC3. Butler also spoke about the hearing itself, including the limits for arguments.

This year's case is *Waddams v Initech Industries Inc.*, which deals with reverse discrimination.

The other first breakout option was Researching and Writing a Bill. Speaker Pro Tem. of the Senate John Domanski spoke to the Jackson workshop delegates about how to effectively write a bill.

Domanski said that the key to writing a good bill is in the research.

Other breakouts included a session on Lobbying. Professional lobbyists will serve as the clients for the lobbying firms.

Each lobbying firm has a CEO who will guide the direction for the team. Some good techniques for lobbying include developing influence with voting members and finding legislators who agree with the firm's stance.

Delegates are encouraged to follow their bills by attending committee meetings and checking their bills' progress online at TISLonline.org.



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