Chair Bart Davis called the meeting to order. Chair Davis called on Mr. Matt Miller, *Fortune* columnist and author of *The Tyranny of Dead Ideas*. Mr. Miller challenged members to a new way of thinking. To move toward new ideas that are better suited to our current economic
environment. Mr. Miller defined his dead ideas as old ways of thinking that we cling to even when our circumstances radically change. It’s our slowness in human nature to change the way we think about the world even when the world itself has radically changed and the problem is when we cling to the things we think we know. Mr. Miller identified six dead ideas that are outlined in his latest book, *The Tyranny of Dead Ideas*. Our leaders wrongly believe the following: our kids will earn more than we do; free trade is good, no matter who gets hurt; employers should be responsible for health coverage; taxes hurt the economy; schools are a local matter; and, money follows merit. Mr. Miller encouraged members to identify the dead ideas that matter; understand the story and history behind them; and, reach for new ways of thinking.

Chair Davis called on Mr. David Adkins for a report from the Executive Director. Mr. Adkins reflected on the accomplishments of CSG over the past six months in his new role as executive director. Mr. Adkins highlighted the success of CSG’s response to the stimulus package by producing a financial legal analysis report with Latham & Watkins and creating the web site, StateRecovery.com, providing continual updated developments of the stimulus package and its impact on state government. Mr. Adkins called on Mr. Chris Whatley to provide an update on the stimulus package and next steps for states. Mr. Whatley reported the key impact of CSG’s response was decisive in breaking down where ancillary funding sources were and providing statutory analysis to allow budget staff to figure out what could be booked into revenue cycles. CSG also provided a schedule of deadline implications to the recovery act. Moving forward, there is $100 billion dollars worth of competitive grants available to states to fund research and development, green energy, education reform and other areas to provide broad economic transformation to the states.

Mr. Adkins called on Mr. Sujit CanagaRetna for an update on the economic outlook. Mr. CanagaRetna delivered an overview of the current economic conditions stating we are currently in the longest recession since the 1930s. National unemployment rates soared in April 2009 to 8.9 percent, the highest in a generation. Thirty-five states have reported unemployment rate at or greater than 7 percent. Foreclosure files reported over 342,000 U.S. properties in foreclosure. Almost half of the states are forecasting double digit revenue gaps as a percentage in their FY2010 budgets. States are responding to the deficit shortfall in the following ways: cut spending; tap into rainy day funds; expanding gaming; raising taxes; and, using funds from the stimulus package. The outlook is improving; the Federal Reserve is reporting the economy is stabilizing. Mr. CanagaRetna highlighted several indicators showing an improving economy. Mr. CanagaRetna highlighted economic development projects in several states.

Mr. Adkins called on Mr. Michael Thompson for a briefing on the CSG Justice Center. Mr. Thompson reported the Justice Center has an annual budget of six million dollars with 35 staff located in Texas, Maryland and New York City. The mission of the Justice Center is to provide state leaders with data driven, consensus based, bipartisan strategies to increase public safety, to strength communities and to help save money. The Justice Center is lead by Chair, Texas Judge Sharon Kelley and Vice Chair, New York Assemblyman Jeff Aubry. One way the Justice Center can assist states by providing state policymakers with statistical data information and recommend strategies to help policymakers make significant decisions on issues such as public safety, prison overcrowding, mental health system and juvenile justice system.

Chair Davis called for a motion to approve the meeting summary from the December 5, 2008 meeting. A motion was made to approve the meeting summary. The motion was seconded and the meeting summary was unanimously approved.
Chair Davis called on Senator Ted Little, Alabama, to present the resolutions from the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. Senator Little made a motion to consider four resolutions as a block for approval by the Executive Committee. Chair Davis requested Resolution #2, Resolution on Stimulus Infrastructure Funding and Next Federal Transportation Authorization be removed for separate consideration. Senator Little amended his motion and presented Resolutions #1, 3 and 4 for approval. The motion to pass the remaining resolutions as a block was seconded and those resolutions passed unanimously. Chair Davis called on Governor Joe Manchin to discuss Resolution #2. Governor Manchin requested the second “Be It Further Resolved” language be removed from the resolution. Senator Little made a motion to adopt the amended resolution. The motion was seconded and the amended resolution passed unanimously.

Chair Davis called on Representative Bobby Moak, Mississippi, to present the resolution from the Committee on Suggested State Legislation, Resolution Recommending States Approve Continuing Legal Education Credits for Attorneys Who Attend Committee on Suggested State Legislation Meetings. Representative Moak made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded and the resolution passed unanimously.

Chair Davis called on Representative Bob Damron for a report from the Finance Committee. Representative Damron made a motion to adopt the proposed CSG FY2010 budget recognizing a shortfall of $612,000. The Finance Committee recommends accessing the CSG surplus/rainy day fund to make up for the shortfall. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chair Davis called on Governor Manchin for remarks. Governor Manchin thanked Chair Davis for his hospitality. Governor Manchin thanked members for their participation and involvement in CSG. Governor Manchin acknowledged the meeting sponsors and CSG Associates and thanked them for their investment in CSG.

Chair Davis extended his personal gratitude to members for their participation and travel to Idaho to participate in the meeting.

With no further business the Chair Davis adjourned the meeting.

Judge Bob Hunter and Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb abstained from all policy position voting.

**Guests in Attendance**
Mr. David Adkins, CSG
Ms. Paige Anderson, CSG
Representative Tom Anderson, New Mexico
Representative Sharon Block, Idaho
Mr. Bob Boonstoppel, Department of Army
Ms. Jennifer Boyter, CSG
Ms. Catherine Bray, CSG
Mr. Kent Briggs, CSG-WEST
Mr. George Bullock, The Southern Company
Ms. Jennifer Burnett, CSG
Mr. Tommy Butler, MASSPORT
Ms. Emily Castleberry, West Virginia Office of the Governor
Ms. Mikel Chavers, CSG
Ms. Colleen Cousineau, CSG Southern Office
Mr. Richard Daignault, Quebec National Assembly
Ms. Cheryl Duvauchelle, CSG-WEST
Ms. Mary Dusenberry, CSG
Representative Linda Foster, Deputy Speaker, New Hampshire
Ms. Jennifer Gardner, Food Lion
Mr. Dan Garry, 3M Company
Mr. Steve Gregory, CSG
Mr. Craig Hall, Massachusetts
Mr. Wendell Hannaford, CSG Eastern Office
Senator Tom Hansen, South Dakota
Mrs. Carol Kaulig, CSG
Ms. Marge Kilkelly, CSG Eastern Office
Mrs. Torey Koppelman, North Dakota
Senator Sue Landske, Indiana
Mr. Wade Littrell, CSG
Ms. Katrina Matheny, Office of Senator Gary Stevens, Alaska
Mr. Mike McCabe, CSG Midwest Office
Mr. John Mountjoy, CSG
Mr. Doug Myers, CSG
Mr. Mark Ourada, American Council for Clean Coal Electricity
Mr. Jack Penchoff, CSG
Mr. James Pitrolo, West Virginia Office of the Governor
Mr. Pete Poynter, AT&T
Mr. Mike Robinson, CSG
Mr. Edgar Ruiz, CSG-WEST
Mr. Sean Slone, CSG
Mr. Alan Smith, American Legislative Exchange Council
Mr. Michael Thompson, CSG
Senator Mike Vehle, South Dakota
Ms. Nancy Vickers, CSG
Mr. Bill Voit, CSG