

Due to continued Covid-19 travel and other restrictions, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) of the USA's Legislative Summit was replaced by a virtual event called the 2021 NCSL Base Camp. This online event took place from 3 – 5 August 2021 and was attended by the Hon Speaker of the WCPP, Masizole Mngqasela, the Hon Deputy Speaker, Beverley Schäfer, the Secretary to the WCPP, Romeo Adams and the International Relations and Protocol Officer, Achmat Patience.

The format of the interactions were both lecture type events and round table discussions, which, considering the period during which it took place, focused a lot on the Covid-19 pandemic, the impact thereof on the world and the parliamentary sector as well as lessons learnt and returning to a new normal.

The topics that were explored over the three days were:

- Legacy knowledge (and knowledge management) in a remote working environment;
- Secrets of parliamentary professionals;
- Covid-19 pandemic relief in the USA;
- Increasing your emotional IQ;
- Cyberspace geopolitics: technology and security;
- Worldwide lockdown and worldwide reopening;
- Reimagining education;
- Battling burn out;
- Unemployment; and
- Responsible budgeting.