

Sun-e Briefs • 2009 Legislative Wrap Up

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Access Update 2009 General Assembly

General Assembly session produces cacophony of sound with little results

By Sandy Semans, Special to the Sunshine Center

"This General Assembly's legislative actions pertaining to open government ended up amounting to lots of noise, but few finished symphonies. The Open Government Act was reintroduced this year, but again stalled before approval ..."

See Semans' analysis of the legislative year and access the text of key bills at: [Link to "By Sandy Semans" goes here](#)

NCPA 'Legislative News' provides key information, positions on proposed legislation

The North Carolina Press Association keeps track of all legislation affecting media, including public records and open meetings laws. The NCPA site features links to roll call vote tallies, NCPA position statements, the text of bills and more.

Visit the NCPA "Legislative News" page at:

<http://www.ncpress.com/ebackgroundsite/ebackgroundlegislature/ebackgroundleg09.html>

Sunshine Center in Action

NCOGC Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for the NCOGC will meet 2 p.m. Aug. 26

North Carolina Scholastic Media Association • Chapel Hill

Sunshine Center Assistant Director Dale Harrison spoke to a select group of international students the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on July 23. The gathering session was part of the annual Chuck Stone Program for Diversity in Education and Media. Harrison spoke about legal and ethical issues for writers, including state and federal sunshine laws. Students in the program produced a blog, newspaper and streaming video as part of their intensive onsite training. Other speakers at this year's program included UNC Prof. Napoleon Byars, who is the faculty coordinator for the Stone program, and Craig Lindsey of The News &

Observer. For more information on the Chuck Stone Program for Diversity in Education and Media, visit:

<http://www.jomc.unc.edu/stoneprogram>

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