The Legislative Oversight Working Group, which is comprised of select members from across the Western region, convened for its first face-to-face gathering which provided a great follow-up to the Group’s recent conference call. The members of the Working Group focused on identifying what content should be incorporated into a Legislative Oversight Handbook that would provide legislators information and tools to strengthen financial oversight, administrative rules, and the review of existing body of laws to ensure that they reflect current needs and/or priorities. The development of a Legislative Oversight Handbook was identified as one of the Group’s priority projects for the biennium.

The members also agreed that to better understand existing legislative oversight practices in the region, it will be important to solicit and obtain some key information. To this end, the members developed questions that they, along with their staff, will research in the coming weeks. The responses to these questions will be catalogued and will form part of the Legislative Oversight Handbook. The members of the Working Group are enthusiastic about continuing to learn from one another and to share best legislative oversight practices that they can utilize in their legislative institutions. The Working Group plans on convening conference calls in the coming months and will meet again during the 73rd CSG West Annual Meeting in Jackson, Wyoming.