



NLS 2026

Summative Report

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Presented July 3, 2026 General Meeting

2026 National Legislative Seminar

Dates: March 8-11, 2026

Locations: Old Town Alexandria, VA Embassy Suites Hotel
Congressional Office Buildings, Washington, D.C.

Attendance: 61 paid registrants
6 guest speakers

States Represented: 23

First timers: 23 (38%)

One day only participants: 5

Financial summary:

Income: **Total: \$ 33,385.52**

registrations \$ 23,385.52

DKG International allocation 2025-26 10,000.00

Expenses: **Total: \$ 38,283.81**

venue (room charges exclusive if individual
attendees rooms, food and beverage
service and administrative fees of 34%,
including AV) \$36,683.81

transportation to “the Hill” (round trip) 1,600.00

printing, shipping, gratuities, misc. \$ 1,193.17

Deficit (owed to DKG International) **(\$ 6,091.46)**

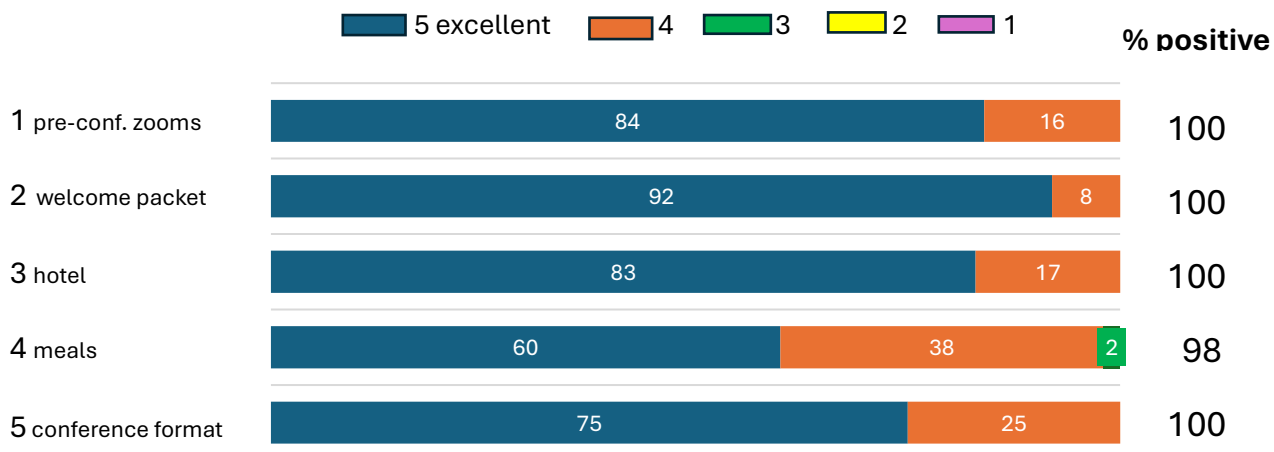
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NLS 2026 March 8-11, 2026 Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel, Old Town Alexandria, VA

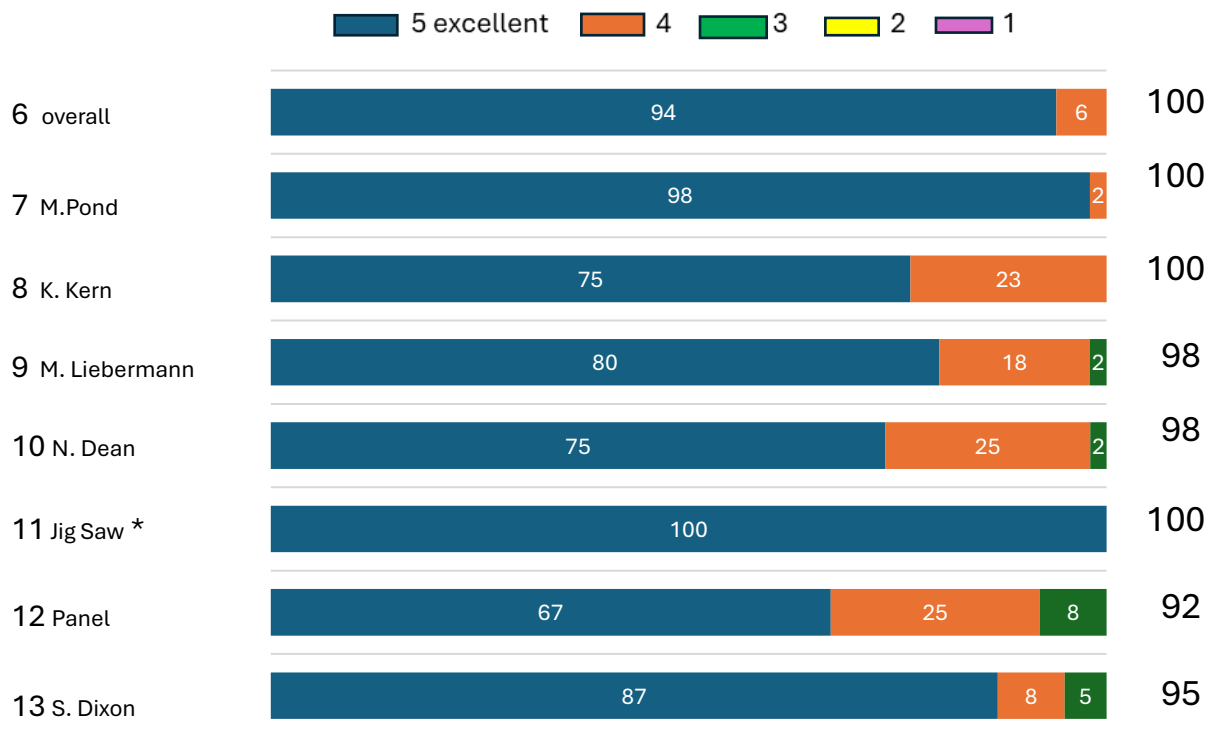
Numbers = % of respondents

Response rate 77%

1-5 GENERAL



6-13 FEATURED SPEAKERS



* Indicates a field in which there were less than 10 responses.

#14-17 DAY ON "THE HILL"

5/excellent 4 3 2 1

% positive

14 the "hill" overall



100

15 transportation



100

16 briefing



97

17 legislative mtgs.



93

#18-27 OTHER ACTIVITIES

5/excellent 4 3 2 1

18 overall



100

19 1st timer



100

20 meet & greet



97

21 S.O. S.



94

22 Networking/coaching



100

23 "Hill" Worksession



100

24 Debrief



98

25 Social



88

26 Advocacy Next



100

27 Free time

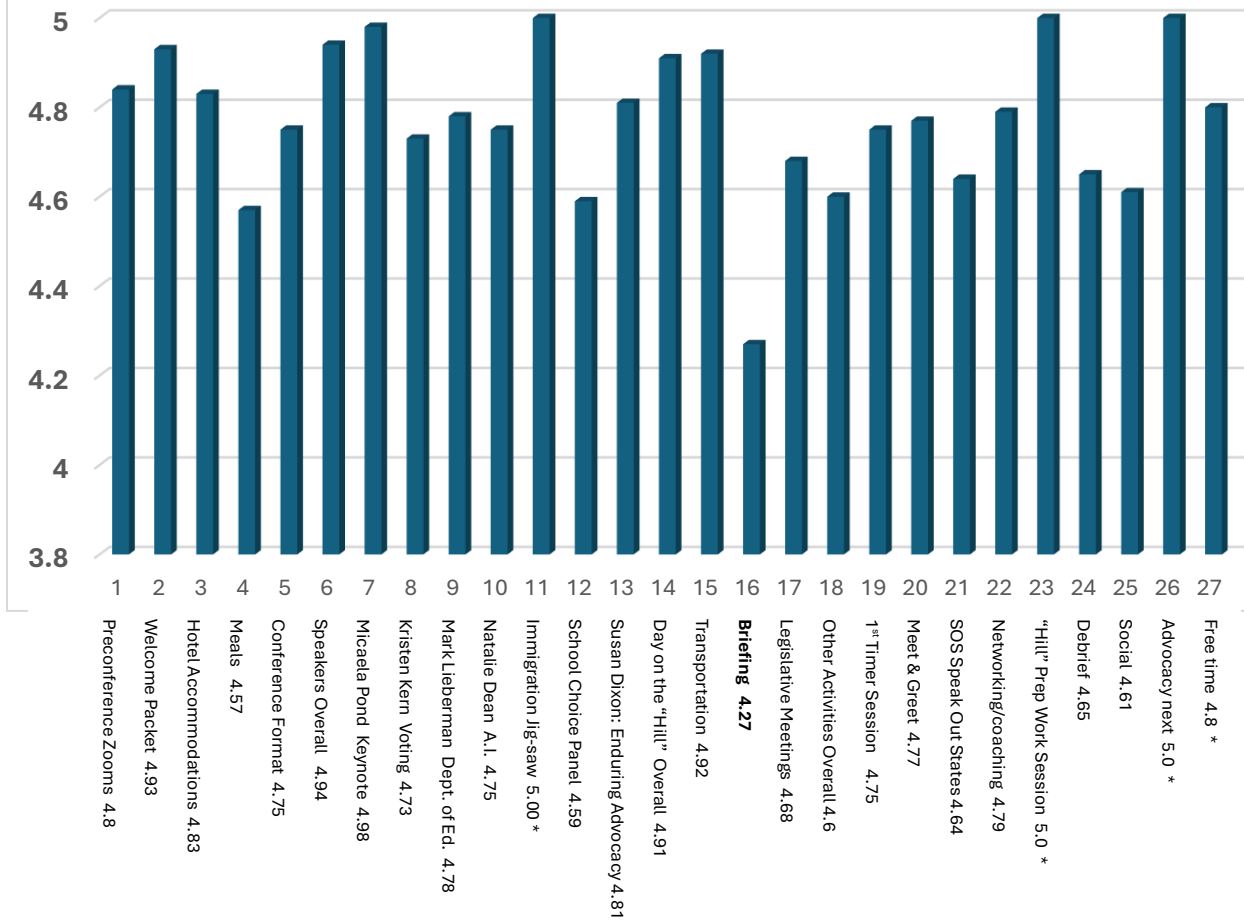


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weighted mean/question



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44% of questions received a rating of 4.8 or above

52% of questions received a rating of 4.5 – 4.79

4% of questions received a rating of less than 4.5

General Observations

1. Goal of 75-80 attendees not met (costs of NLS attendance, general cost of living/economy, and competition from Int'l) though attendance was comparable to last few NLS sessions.
2. High ratings on all NLS events and activities, food and hotel accommodations, location, speakers, training and networking.
3. Speaker topics and presentations all rated highly as relevant, informative, and contributing to the ability of participants to advocate on "the Hill" visits.
4. Disappointed that House of Representative went into an unscheduled recess break that meant no representatives were available for the day on "the Hill," though NLS participants did rate meetings with staffers positively.
5. Briefing by the Republican Education Committee staffer was well done but participants were disappointed to not hear a similar briefing by a Democrat. (lowest rating 4.2 of 5)
6. Excellent suggestions made for future NLS experiences, including pairing first timers with a veteran before the event so that materials are significantly completed prior to arrival. Participants asked for more time for debriefing/reflection after speakers and more free time in the evenings.

A complete list of all comments is found in the NLS evaluation compilation report of 3-24-26, found in the U.S. Forum BaseCamp documents.