

During a recent visit to the state legislatures of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila in Mexico, CSG West staff enjoyed an opportunity to share upcoming program plans with legislators and learn more about their legislative focus related to border policies. A key topic of conversation was the planning of the upcoming Border Legislative Academy (BLA) and Border Legislative Conference (BLC) which are coordinated by CSG West. Both programs are hosted annually inviting legislators and stakeholders from the U.S. and Mexico border states to convene for collaborative and educational programming.

In Nuevo Leon, the president of the state Congress, [Diputado Marco González](#), highlighted the importance of the meeting in the development of a regional and relevant agenda for the upcoming events. Similarly, meetings in Coahuila offered an opportunity to learn about their legislative priorities, as well as visit with previous participants from both the BLA and BLC.

The staff of CSG West is extremely grateful for the hospitality and welcome from both Nuevo Leon and Coahuila and look forward to their participation this September in Mexico City. **Border Legislative Academy** – September 18-19; **Border Legislative Conference** – September 20-21st.

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In Monterrey, Nuevo Leon (left to right):

Diputado Samuel Villa Velazquez, Diputada Mercedes Catalina Garcia Mancillas, Father Felipe de Jesus Sanchez Gallegos, Diputado Marco Antonio Gonzalez Valdez (President of the State Congress), Martha Castañeda (CSG West), Diputada Ivonne Bustos Paredes, Addy Jimenez Haga (CSG West), Diputada Celia Alonso Rodriguez.



In Saltillo, Coahuila (left to right):

Martha Castañeda (CSG West), Diputado Emilio A. de Hoyos Montemayor, Addy Jimenez Haga (CSG West), Diputada Zulmma V. Guerrero Cazares (BLA 2018), Diputada Gabriela Zapopan Garza Galvan (BLA 2018), Diputada Maria Esperanza Chapa Garcia (BLA 2018), Diputado Marcelo de Jesus Torres Cofiño, Diputada Veronica Bureque Martinez Gonzalez (BLA 2018), Diputada Rosa Nilda Gonzalez Noriega (BLA 2018).