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## Jersey Boys State Parties Elect Leadership Committees

*Chairman Byrnes of Red Bank, NJ and Chairman Wagner of Cranbury, NJ  
will Lead the Federalist and National Parties*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Late last night, the American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) Federalist and Nationalist State Parties announced the new leadership of each state party executive committee. Chairman Aiden D. Byrnes of Red Bank will lead the Federalist Party while Chairman Joseph M. Wagner of Cranbury will lead the Nationalist Party. Each party chairman and their committee will immediately begin preparations to manage their respective plans for the Jersey Boys State Governorship and Boys Nation Senatorial campaigns.



*Federalists pictured from left to right: Gellman, Burns, Byrnes, Tipre, and Modi.*

**Federalist Party State Executive Committee of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of American Legion Jersey Boys State**

POSITION	STATESMAN	HOMETOWN	LEGION POST
Chairman	Aidan D Byrnes	Red Bank	338
Vice Chairman	Prajay N Tipre	Princeton	148
Secretary	Udit P Modi	Sayreville	211
Sergeant-of-Arms	James W Burns	Moorestown	42
Deputy Secretary	Alex Gellman	Cresskill	21



*Nationalists pictured from left to right: Scott, Viswanathan, Wagner, and Carlson.*

**Nationalist Party State Executive Committee of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of American Legion Jersey Boys State**

POSITION	STATESMAN	HOMETOWN	LEGION POST
Chairman	Joseph M Wagner	Cranbury	76
Vice Chairman	Sean Viswanathan	Iselin	471
Secretary	Andrew W Scott	Wayne	174
Sergeant-of-Arms	Jake A Carlson	Belvidere	131

In the ALJBS political party structure, statesmen are evenly divided into two parties at random: the Federalist and the Nationalist. Each city elects their own party leaders who then ascend to county party leadership committees. Each county party chairman and vice-chairman is automatically a member of the State Party Executive Committee. This committee, which makes up the highest party positions in the state, decides among their membership who will serve as state party vice chairman, secretary, and sergeant-of-arms. The chairman of each state party executive committee is elected at-large by party membership. This year's 976 statesmen hail from more than 325 communities across New Jersey.

Throughout the week-long program, statesmen are:

- Hearing from notable speakers including US Senate candidate and Newark Mayor Cory Booker (fmr. ALJBS delegate, 1986), US Senate candidate Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Congressman Leonard Lance (fmr. ALJBS delegate, 1969), and NJ Assemblyman Herbert Conaway, Jr. (ALJBS Governor, 1980);
- Participating in a robust college fair featuring 95 colleges and universities from across the nation;

- Attending leadership seminars and training by United States Marine Corps and New Jersey State Police;
- Electing the 68<sup>th</sup> ALJBS Governor; and
- Electing two Boys Nation Senators who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Jersey Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 19-26, 2013.

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**About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)**

In its 68th year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates, trains, and inspires New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a lifelong leader of character committed to service, respect, and Americanism. ALJBS is a college-level seminar that teaches citizenship, politics, and leadership to almost 1,000 rising-seniors in high school. ALJBS is among the most respected and selective educational programs of its kind in the country. All expenses are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit [aljbs.org](http://aljbs.org).