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Veterans who have covered Legislature for years on panel

During 7th Biennia Pre-Session Legislative Conference set Oct. 5 in Austin

AUSTIN (9/2/10) – Three veterans who have covered Texas politics for more years than any of them like to think about will bring their insight, perspectives, news and predictions about the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature to the 7th Biennial Legislative Communications Conference in October.

Christy Hoppe is the Austin bureau chief of the *Dallas Morning News*. Her years of covering politics and policies at the State Capitol have included the terms of four governors. Harvey Kronberg is editor of the *Quorum Report*, a newsletter he has edited since 1989 that covers Texas politics. He is also a political analyst for a local television news station. Ross Ramsey is editor of the Texas Tribune and editor of *Texas Weekly*, a newsletter he has been writing covering Texas government and politics since 1998. He also has a background in state government, having worked for Texas State Comptroller's Office.

In addition to this panel of pundits, the conference will also feature panels of staff from the legislative leadership's office to address the 2011 budget, member of the legislature who will offer legislative insight and tips for working with government leaders, a panel of executive-level agency officials to address questions about the upcoming session and other invited participants from a variety of state agencies.

The conference is set for Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will feature a networking luncheon and a CD intended to provide support through the session will be provided to attendees. To register, or for more information, click [here](#). More information also will be made available through press releases and in SPI's weekly newsletter, the *Texas Government Insider*, as speakers are confirmed. (To subscribe to the *Texas Government Insider* for additional information on this event as it is made available and for other government news in Texas, go to www.spartnerships.com.)

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