

## **GOAL NO. III –PARTISANSHIP**

**Goal objective:** Establish the foundation for a House of Representatives with an accepted, planned partisan organization/culture.

**Stated need:** We have witnessed the birth of member partisanship in the Louisiana legislature. Our choices are: 1) remain passive participants and allow partisanship to grow without direction; or 2) be good stewards of the institution and nurture the healthy, positive aspects of partisanship. Cooperative, institutionally-supportive partisanship is very possible. We will categorize the best and the worst and the not-so-good partisan practices and procedures from other states; decide upon best practices to apply in the House of Representatives, and agree upon practices and procedures to insure a planned transition to a partisan organized and managed House of Representatives.

**Members' stated concerns:**

- Membership (Tucker)
- Partisan staff role and growth issues (Strain)

**Proposed committee activity towards achieving goal:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:** What direction can partisanship take: route A or route B (or perhaps a C)  
Examples from other states on how these routes have played out [positive and negative examples]  
How each possible route would impact current structure  
History of LA House partisanship  
How will term limits affect partisanship growth?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:** How to create the positive path  
Agree upon changes to: rules, procedures, practices, organization, functions, & management.