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# 43rd Annual Conference of the Silver Haired Legislature Held

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## **Delegates to the Silver Haired Legislature Choose Their Priorities For 2017**

The 43rd Annual Conference of the Silver Haired Legislature took place at the State Capitol in Jefferson City on October 18, 19, and 20. The 118 delegates in attendance chose their Top Five Priorities and formulated plans to advocate for Senior issues during the coming legislative session.

After spirited debates in the Legislative chambers, the delegates chose these issues as their Top Five Priorities for the 2017 legislative session:

Senior Services Growth and Development Fund

Increase funding for the Home Delivered and Congregate Meals provided by Area Agencies on Aging

Expand Mo HealthNet (Medicaid)

Provide financial assistance to seniors for medically necessary hearing aid devices, vision services, and dental care through MO HealthNet (Medicaid)

## Reauthorize funding for MoRx Program

Anyone interested in learning further details about the priorities of the Silver Haired Legislature is encouraged to call or e-mail Jackie Dover, Aging Matters at 1-800-392-8771 or [jdover@agingmatters2u.com](mailto:jdover@agingmatters2u.com).

Missouri's Silver Haired Legislature was founded in 1973, the first in the nation after the Older Americans Act was amended to include advocacy groups. The SHL is composed of fifteen volunteers from each of the ten statewide Area Agencies on Aging. These 150 senior advocates, elected by their peers, identify and advocate for issues critical to older Missourians.

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