

## **CONEG Elects Governor Scott to Lead in 2018 Clean Energy, affordability, and regional economics dominate the discussion.**

The CONEG governors held their winter breakfast meeting on Sunday, February 25 in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new leadership and convene a roundtable discussion on clean energy, affordability, and the regional economy. Through unanimous vote, the Governors elected Vermont Governor Phil Scott as the 2018 chair. In attendance were Governor Phil Scott (VT), Governor Charlie Baker (MA), Governor Gina Raimondo (RI), and Governor Dannel Malloy (CT).



Governor Scott took a moment to thank the other governors for their support, as he becomes chair of CONEG for 2018. He looks forward to collaborating as part of the regional coalition and reminds his colleagues that the importance of coordination among governors and states is crucial. The Northeast states coalescing around common goals is an incredible asset toward regional growth. Governor Scott noted that regionalism and embracing the fact that the Northeast states share the same markets; the same air

and watersheds; the same connected landscapes; and looking for those opportunities to promote economic and social growth should be our guideposts. The governors want each of their respective states to be the best places to live, work and play. The close connections with each other and their neighbors in Eastern Canada must remain strong.



The governors discussed clean energy; energy affordability; passenger rail infrastructure and rail safety; and the ongoing NAFTA negotiations. As part of his chair's initiative, Governor Scott is convening a task force to identify cooperative action on energy affordability and regional coordination. CONEG and the Vermont Department of Public Service are jointly managing this initiative.



*From L-R: CONEG's executive director, Jay Lucey, Governor Phil Scott (VT), Governor Baker (MA), Governor Raimondo (RI), and Governor Malloy (CT)*