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DRAFT MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Business Planning and Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committees met at the Indianapolis Hotel & Suites in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, July 17, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.

Rep. George Keiser of North Dakota, acting chair of the Business Planning Committee, and Rep. Ron Crimm of Kentucky, vice chair of the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee, presided.

Other legislators present were:

Sen. Travis Holdman, IN	Sen. Neil Breslin, NY
Rep. Matt Lehman, IN	Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI
Rep. Steven Riggs, KY	Rep. Bill Botzow, VT
Sen. Jerry Klein, ND	Rep. Kathie Keenan, VT
Sen. David O'Connell, ND	

Also in attendance were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Executive Director
Candace Thorson, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Deputy Executive Director

BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of its February 28, 2015, joint meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, with the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee and the Membership Committee.

MEETING EVALUATION SURVEY

Ms. Nolan reported on outcomes of a post-2015 Spring Meeting evaluation survey and said, among other things, that there had been a low response rate, particularly from legislators. The Committee noted that attendance at the Legislators' Roundtable also could have been improved and suggested that holding a Roundtable sometime before the last day of an NCOIL conference could enhance participation.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS

Ms. Nolan reported on efforts to secure future meeting locations and said that upcoming sites included:

2015 Annual	San Antonio, TX
2016 Spring	Little Rock, AR
2016 Summer	Portland, OR

2016 Annual Las Vegas, NV

Ms. Nolan said that proposed dates/locations for 2017 conferences were as follows:

2017 Spring	New Orleans, LA (Royal Sonesta)
2017 Summer	Salt Lake City, UT (The Little America Hotel)
2017 Annual	Phoenix, AZ (Sheraton Phoenix)

The Committee authorized Ms. Nolan to further negotiations with the proposed 2017 venues and agreed that she also should contact the New Orleans Downtown Marriott as an alternative to the Royal Sonesta. During discussion regarding possible 2018 NCOIL meeting locations, legislators said it would be a challenge to negotiate suitable rates for hotels in Newport, Rhode Island, and in New York City, but that NCOIL might consider holding a meeting at a hotel in Boston near the wharf.

The Committee recommended that NCOIL hold spring meetings in southern locations, particularly in Florida cities including Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Fort Myers. Lawmakers also mentioned Dallas or Houston as possible Spring Meeting sites. The Committee discussed Portland, Maine, as a potential Summer Meeting location and downtown San Diego, California, as a possible Annual Meeting, though they noted, among other things, that hotel rates in both areas could be high.

AD HOC STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY

Sen. Breslin reported on behalf of Sen. James Seward (NY), Working Group Chair, who was unable to attend the Summer Meeting. Sen. Breslin said that the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Working Group, which was comprised of NCOIL past presidents, and the NCOIL Officers had met several times in person and via phone, including conversations with a potential candidate for NCOIL executive directorship. Sen. Breslin said the Working Group and Officers were consulting with NCOIL pro bono counsel and aimed to conclude negotiations with the candidate as soon as possible.

Rep. Keiser commented on the importance of moving quickly. Upon Sen. Holdman's suggestion, Working Group members and Officers tentatively agreed to meet in person during the August NAIC Summer Meeting in Chicago.

ONLINE EVENT MANAGEMENT

Ms. Nolan provided an overview of the current NCOIL approach to processing meeting registrations and asked if the Committee were interested in using online event management instead. She said that NCOIL support staff had begun researching whether the services that companies such as Constant Contact provide would meet NCOIL needs, including NCOIL ability to retain and use attendee, financial, and other data. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Committee agreed that Ms. Nolan should continue researching the possibility of using online event management. The legislators said, however, that NCOIL should sign only monthly contracts.

The Committee then adjourned to the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee meeting.

BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

Rep. Crimm said there were no proposed amendments to the Articles of Organization & Bylaws for the Committee to consider.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, legislators adjourned at 9:00 a.m.