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NCOIL ANNUAL MEETING November 16—19, 2017 Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Phoenix, Arizona



Rep. Steve Riggs, KY NCOIL President



Thomas B. Considine NCOIL CEO

#### ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE DAVE SCHWEIKERT TO DELIVER KEY ADDRESS AT 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

NCOIL is pleased to announce that Representative David Schweikert, (AZ-6) will deliver the keynote luncheon address at the 2017 NCOIL Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>. He is a Member of powerful Ways & Means Committee, former state legislator will discuss a variety of issues facing Congress

"As a member of the Ways & Means Committee, a former member of the House Financial Services Committee, as well as a former state legislator, Rep. Schweikert has unique insight on tax reform and other critical issues facing the Congress" said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. "As co-chair of the Congressional Block Chain caucus, an issue that NCOIL continues to discuss as part of the Innovation Series, we expect and informative dialogue with him."

Rep. Schweikert's full biography can be read here - <u>https://schweikert.house.gov/about</u>.

"Recently, a bipartisan, bicameral group of NCOIL legislators had over 50 meetings in DC with Senators, Members of Congress and their staffs to discuss the vital need to maintain state based regulation of insurance" said KY Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President. "Rep. Schweikert is supportive of our position. We look forward to welcoming him to our Annual Meeting in Phoenix."

### NCOIL CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL 2017 FUNDAMENTALS OF INSURANCE WEBINAR PROGRAM

NCOIL and The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation have concluded the successful four-part "Fundamentals of Insurance" program with a webinar. The program has provided public policymakers with an opportunity to build valuable knowledge about the underpinnings of insurance and risk management, through the lens of critical and emerging issues facing state lawmakers today.

"Insurance is complicated public policy," said Kentucky Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL president. "The policy decisions we make and the laws we enact can affect our constituents in a broad range of

ways. By being informed, we can strive to enact public policy that is beneficial."

Part of NCOIL's mission is to work with legislators to develop best practices for insurance policymakers and staff. In keeping with Griffith's mission, these sessions have been purely educational and will not take a position on any issues."

"The Griffith Foundation values its longstanding collaborative relationship with NCOIL," said Frank Paul Tomasello, Program Director at The Griffith Foundation. "Our relationship is built upon a commitment to delivering unbiased, purely *Cont'd on Page 3* 



Sen. Jason Rapert, AR Vice President



Rep. Bill Botzow, VT Secretary



Rep. Matt Lehman, IN Treasurer



Sen. Travis Holdman, IN Immediate Past President

## NCOIL HEALTH, LONG TERM CARE & HEALTH RETIREMENT COMMITTEE & AIR AMBULANCE TASK FORCE HOLDS INTERIM COMMITTEE CALL

The NCOIL Health, Long-Term Care & Health Retirement Committee and the Air Ambulance Task Force met during an interim Committee Call on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Outof-Network Balance Billing Model Act sponsored by NY Sen. James Seward and an Air Ambulance Insurance Claims Model sponsored by Asm. Will Barclay (NY).

"We heard a tremendous amount of comments that will ultimately produce a stronger model" said NY Sen. James Seward. "I appreciate the interested parties taking time to share their perspective."

The Health, Long-Term Care and Health Retirement Committee will continue to discuss the Out-of-Network Balance Billing Model Act when it meets at the 2017 NCOIL Annual Meeting in Phoenix on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

The model can be viewed here - <u>http://ncoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/health-model-10</u> -12-17-1-1.pdf

The Air Ambulance Model was passed unanimously and was referred to the Health, Long-Term Care and Health Retirement Committee for consideration where it passed unanimously and was referred to the Executive Committee in Phoenix for consideration. Executive Committee Chairman & President Steve Riggs directed that the Health Committee make technical amendments at its meeting in Phoenix. The model can be viewed here - <u>http://ncoil.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/10/air-ambulance-model25252c-revised-10-12-17422.pdf</u>

"I am proud of the work the Air Ambulance Task Force has done" said KY Rep. Jeff Greer, Chair of the Committee. "We worked with all interested parties, all gave a little and we have a finished model that we should rightfully be proud of that states can implement."

"We continue to move policy forward with interim committee calls" said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. "This was the 5<sup>th</sup> interim committee call in 2017 and we anticipate more in 2018 to ensure policy moves forward in an effective manner."

## 2017 NCOIL ANNUAL MEETING 30 DAY INFORMATION POSTED

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators has posted the 30 day material here - <u>http://</u><u>ncoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/phoenix-30-day-final.pdf</u>. In addition to all of the policy committees meeting, there will be three general sessions on A Restatement or NEWState-ment? – Examining the ALI's Proposed Restatement of the Law on Liability Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance Industry – How Big of a Risk and Innovation General Session – Cyberse-curity in the Wake of the Equifax Breach.



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#### FUNDAMENTALS OF INSURANCE Cont'd

educational programming and that is what we've done with this four-part series of programs."

Earlier this year, NCOIL and The Griffith Foundation hosted a live webinar and two live, onsite programs on both property-casualty coverages and life and health coverages at the NCOIL Summer Meeting in Chicago.

"By partnering with The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation, NCOIL is able to help educate legislators so they can advance informed public policy that ensures solvency and strong consumer protections" said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. "More than ever, insurance and risk management play an important role in the financial fabric of our country, protecting many aspects of our personal lives, professional endeavors and national economy."

NCOIL anticipates a similar program for 2018 that will be announced after the new year.

## FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, NCOIL STAFF PARTICIPATES IN "NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER"

NCOIL CEO Tom Considine announced that for the second consecutive year, the organization's staff will participate in No-Shave November 2017.

"Last year the NCOIL staff participated in No-Shave November 2016 and it was successful, albeit a little itchy. As I previously shared, as a cancer survivor myself, the fight against this disease has always been important to me" said Considine. "However, it became even more critical as my mother has battled lung cancer and bladder cancer over the past decade."

No-Shave November's mission is to raise funds for cancer research & treatment, and to educate the population about preventive measures. Starting with the surviving children of one father who died of cancer in November 2007, the movement has since spread around the globe. Participants put down their razors each year to join the fight against cancer. NCOIL Support Services has made contributions to the Melanoma Research Foundation, the Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Testicular Cancer Society in support of the men's health cause, Considine noted.

"I am pleased we are again participating in No-Shave November", said Executive Director Paul Penna. "It is an important to raise funds for cancer research, even if we are a little scruffy at the NCOIL Annual Meeting starting November 16th, but our legislators understand that it's for a good cause."

"Some people didn't recognize me at our Spring Meeting because the first time we had ever met was during mid-November last year, and in March I was clean shaven," stated Will Melofchik, NCOIL Legislative Director. "One person asked me if Will was at the meeting, but it's for a really good cause."

The No-Shave November campaign has successfully raised over millions to combat this disease. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer in our efforts to fund cancer research and education, help prevent the disease, and aid those fighting the battle. Each whisker grown allows us to embrace our hair, which many cancer patients lose during treatment. More information can be found at <a href="https://no-shave.org/">https://no-shave.org/</a>

## **NCOIL 2017 ANNUAL MEETING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

#### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16TH**

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Registration Exhibits Open: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	-	5:30 p.m.
Welcome Breakfast	8:15 a.m.	-	10:00 a.m.
General Session A Restatement or NEWstatement? – Examining the ALI's Proposed Re- statement of the Law on Liability Insurance	10:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
Life Insurance & Financial Planning Committee	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
The Institutes Griffith Foundation Legislator Luncheon	1:00 p.m.	-	2:15 p.m.
Property & Casualty Insurance Committee	2:15 p.m.	-	4:00 p.m.
Networking Break	4:00 p.m.	-	4:15 p.m.
Financial Services Committee	4:15 p.m.	-	5:30 p.m.
Budget Committee	5:30 p.m.		6:00 p.m.
Adjournment		-	6:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception	6:30 p.m.	-	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH			
Registration Exhibits Open: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	-	1:30 p.m.
Joint State-Federal Relations/International Issues Committee	9:15 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
Health General Session Long Term Care Insurance Industry – How Big of a Risk?	10:45 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Luncheon with Keynote Address	12:30 p.m.	-	2:30 p.m.
Legislative Micro Meetings	2:30 p.m.	-	3:00 p.m.
NCOIL – NAIC Dialogue	3:00 p.m.	-	4:15 p.m.
Networking Break	4:15 p.m.	-	4:30 p.m.
Workers' Compensation Insurance Committee	4:30 p.m.	-	5:45 p.m.
Adjournment			5:45 p.m.
IEC Board Meeting	5:45 p.m.	-	6:30 p.m.
CIP Member & Sponsor Reception	6:30 p.m.	-	7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH			
Registration Exhibits Open: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	-	9:00 a.m.
Health, Long Term Care and Health Retirement Issues Committee	9:00 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
Networking Break	10:45 a.m.	-	11:15 a.m.
General Session Cybersecurity/Equifax Breach	11:15 a.m.	-	12:45 p.m.
Articles of Organization & Bylaws Review Committee	12:45 p.m.	-	1:45 p.m.
Nominating Committee	2:00 p.m.	-	3:00 p.m.
Adjournment			3:00 p.m.
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH			
Registration Exhibits Open: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	-	9:00 a.m.
Business Planning Committee and Executive Committee	9:30 a.m.	-	11:00 a.m.

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Adjournment