The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Business Planning and Executive Committee met at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 12:19 p.m.

NCOIL President, Sen. Dan “Blade” Morrish, LA, Chair of the Committee presided.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rep. Matt Lehman, IN, Vice President
Asm. Ken Cooley, CA, Treasury
Asm. Kevin Cahill, NY, Secretary
Rep. Martin Carbaugh, IN
Rep. Edmond Jordan, LA
Asw. Maggie Carlton, NV
Asm. Andrew Garbarino, NY
Asw. Pam Hunter, NY
Rep. Jerry Klein, ND
Sen. Bob Hackett, OH
Rep. Tom Oliverson, TX

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

ID Rep. Tammy Nichols
MN Sen. Paul Utke
NV Asw. Ellen Spiegel

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO
Paul Penna, Executive Director, NCOIL Support Services
Will Melofchik, General Counsel, NCOIL

A motion was made by Asw. Carlton and seconded by Asm. Cooley to waive the quorum that carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Asm. Cahill and seconded by Asm. Garbarino to approve the minutes of the March 17th, 2019 Committee Meeting minutes.

FUTURE LOCATIONS

Commissioner Considine discussed options for both Scottsdale and Seattle for the 2021 Annual Meeting from November 17th – 21st. He suggested that no final discussion be made until the Annual Meeting in December. Asw. Carlton said Nevada would love to have us back.

ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Considine noted that there were 314 registrants for the Summer Meeting, 57 legislators and participants from 27 states. 13 first time legislators, 4 legislators participated via ILF scholarship. 4 Commissioners participated, and 13 insurance departments were present.
There were also 8 different consumer representatives who participated, including organized labor for the first time in recent memory.

Paul Penna gave the 2019 mid-year unaudited financial report through June 30, 2019 showing revenue of $577,671.92 and expenses of $444,532.02 for an excess of $133,139.90.

Rep. Lehman reported that the Audit Committee met with the auditor and both NCOIL and the ILF received a clean bill of health. The auditor noted that the change he suggested last year by including all officers on invoice approval was helpful for control and liked Asm. Cahill’s suggestion that the other officers respond to the email as they are currently just copied on them.

Rep. Carbaugh made a motion to accept the administration report that was seconded by Asm. Garbarino. It carried on a voice vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Sen. Morrish asked if any member had an item to take off the consent calendar. No member did so and Asm. Cooley made a motion to accept and Asm. Cahill seconded the consent calendar. The motion carried on a voice vote.

OTHER SESSIONS

Sen Morrish discussed the other sessions including the Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation Legislator Luncheon – Subrogation: A Primer for Public Policymakers by Prof. Lori Medders, Appalachian State University

Featured speakers included CA Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, FIO Director Steven Seitz, and Jim Parker, Advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health Reform

Two staff training sessions for Essential Education for Legislative Staff: Exploring Risk Management & Insurance Regulation Fundamentals. Asm. Cahill stated that his staff member that was in attendance loved it and thought it was executed very nicely. He also stated that in New York one party has complete control and that we be sure that the minority party have opportunities to participate. Asw. Carlton noted she will include travel for staff in future NV budgets so they can participate and encouraged other states to do the same.

Rep. Jordan thanked the staff for all the work they do to organize the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Ashenfelter, of State Farm and representing the IEC presented four topics for consideration for a future NCOIL meeting general session:

1. E-Scooters: Regulation, Liabilities and New Policy Coverages?
2. The Gig Gap: Need to Accelerate Development of New Products and Coverages to Address the Needs of Gig Workers and Other Members of the Changing Work Force.
3. Promotion of Enhanced Auto Safety: How to Reduce Distracted Driving by Encouraging Carriers to Devise and Market Rating Programs that Utilize Discounts and the Use of Motivational Tools Such as Gamification, Already in Use for Other Products.
4. What Can States do to Accelerate Natural Disaster Recovery? A Consideration of Public Policy Proposals Relating to:
a. Creation of Disaster Recovery Zones to Facilitate Shared Purchasing
b. Temporarily Suspend or Reduce Sales Tax on Key Construction Materials and Lost Goods
c. Address Specific Regulatory Requirements That Slow Down Insurers’ Efforts to Adjust and Pay Claims Quickly and Efficiently

Sen. Morrish thanked Mr. Ashenfelter and told him NCOIL would take their suggestion under advisement.

Sen. Morrish reminded the Executive Committee that the application for officer position would be emailed later this summer by the NCOIL national office and to be on the look for it.

Sen. Morrish thanked Asm. Cooley and Newport Beach for being a wonderful hosts city. Cooley thanked everyone shocked by earthquake and persevered and came to CA. it s a good reminder why we are in the insurance profession or creating policies governing it.

Sen. Morrish noted that pursuant to NCOIL bylaws, NV Asw. Ellen Spiegel as chair of the NV Assembly Labor & Commerce Committee has been added to the Executive Committee.

Sen. Morrish made motion to make Sen. Vickie Sawyer an executive committee member as she has been serving as chair of the Special Committee on Natural Disaster Recovery. It was seconded by Asm. Garbarino and carried on a voice vote without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Sen. Morrish made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Rep. Jordan. The committee adjourned at 12:39 p.m.