

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
JULY 7, 2005
DRAFT MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Business Planning Committee met at the Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island, on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at 12:30 p.m.

Rep. Greg Davids of Minnesota, vice chair of the Committee, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Sen. Steven Geller, FL
Rep. Robert Damron, KY
Rep. George Keiser, ND
Sen. Duane Mutch, ND
Rep. Frank Wald, ND
Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI

Also in attendance were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Executive Director
Candace Thorson, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education,
Property-Casualty Insurance
Erik Olson, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education, Health, Life, and
Workers' Compensation

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its March 3, 2005, meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

ADMINISTRATION

FUTURE SITES

Ms. Nolan reported that she had secured locations and tentative destinations for the next several NCOIL meetings, through the 2007 Summer Meeting. She said that future sites were as follows:

2005 Annual Meeting	San Diego, California
2006 Spring Meeting	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
2006 Summer Meeting	Boston, Massachusetts*
2006 Annual Meeting	New Orleans, Louisiana
2007 Spring Meeting	Savannah, Georgia
2007 Summer Meeting	Seattle, Washington*

*tentative

Legislators discussed additional locations, among other things. Sen. Geller suggested Asheville, North Carolina; Portland, Maine; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Rep. Keiser suggested Palm Desert, California, for a November Annual Meeting.

After further discussion, Ms. Nolan said that she would look into these and other locations for future NCOIL conferences.

DUES

Ms. Nolan said that dues collection was going well, including from states that recently had difficulty paying.

Ms. Nolan added that several states appeared closer to joining NCOIL and that prospects for additional membership appeared good.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Nolan mentioned that several issues had arisen regarding membership on NCOIL standing committees. Among other things, she noted that legislators from a single state had joined one of the committees in significant number. She suggested that the Committee may wish to discuss whether it would be appropriate to establish a maximum regarding the number of legislators from a state who could be allowed on a committee.

Legislators subsequently considered items regarding, among other things, 1) the number of votes on a committee that should be allowed from a given state, 2) restricting the number of legislators from a state who might serve on a committee, and 3) the president's ability to appoint members of a committee.

Legislators determined that the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee might address the issue at the November NCOIL Annual Meeting.

REGISTRATION FEES

Ms. Nolan noted that NCOIL encourages the participation and attendance of regulators at its conferences. She said, though, that waiving the registration fees of so many regulators, while at the same time covering their food, coffee, and meeting binders, represents a substantial loss of income for NCOIL. She said that previous conversations with certain regulators indicated a willingness to pay a small fee that would cover food and other expenses related to a regulator's attendance.

The Committee discussed the matter but made no decision on the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.