The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Budget Committee met at the JW Marriott in Austin, TX on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:02 p.m.

Assemblyman Ken Cooley of California, Chair of the committee presided.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sen. Jason Rapert (AR)
Sen. Dan “Blade” Morrish (LA)
Rep. Matt Lehman (IN)

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Rep. Deborah Ferguson (AR)

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO
Paul Penna, Executive Director, NCOIL Support Services
Cara Zimmerman, Assistant Director of Administration, NCOIL Support Services

Asm. Cooley called the meeting to order at 6:02

Sen. Morrish made a motion to waive the quorum that was seconded by Sen. Rapert.

A motion was made by Sen. Morrish and seconded by Sen. Rapert to approve the minutes of the Newport Beach Meeting on July 10th, 2019. It carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Assemblyman Cooley went over the budget with $1,382,000 in revenue, expenses of $1,264,130.87. Dues will increase to $20,000 with a legislative stipend of $6,000 per year per state and assumes 25% state attrition.

Sen. Rapert asked staff how long it has been since a dues increase. Penna said 18 years.

Sen. Morrish asked Cmsr. Considine to mention the stipend program at the Welcome Breakfast and Rep. Lehman noted that it needs to be promoted and states should be encouraged to participate. Sen. Rapert noted that legislators need to understand how they can be involved.

Asm. Cooley asked about reallocation of unused funds. Cmsr. Considine noted that in the first year this is basically a lend-lease program. Considine also noted that there is still a scholarship program to help with recruitment.

Asm. Cooley noted that the incentive payment was previously listed as miscellaneous, there is a slight increase of meeting expenses and a slight reduction in future location deposits as well as a slight reduction in D&O insurance and travel.
Cmsr. Considine noted that the retainer line appears to be an exponential increase but reminded the officers that the compensation formula was changed at the Summer Meeting from 93% NCOIL and 7% ILF to 99% NCOIL and 1% ILF. It was a shifting of dollars from ILF to NCOIL. He also noted there is an annual contractual increase.

Asm Cahill noted that the revenue increased from $1,152,000 to $1,382,000 and expenses rose from $1,060,524.10 to $1,264,130.87 and has an estimated revenue excess of $117,869.13 from $91,475.90.

Sen. Morrish made a motion to accept the budget and Sen. Rapert seconded it. It carried on a voice vote.

There being no other business, Sen. Rapert made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Sen. Morrish and carried on a voice vote. The committee adjourned at 6:19 pm.