

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
JULY 21, 2006
MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Business Planning Committee met at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers in Boston, Massachusetts, on Friday, July 21, 2006, at 7:00 a.m.

Rep. Frank Wald of North Dakota, chair of the Committee, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Rep. Robert R. Damron, KY
Sen. Carroll Leavell, NM
Sen. James Seward, NY
Rep. George Keiser, ND
Rep. Robert Godshall, PA
Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI
Rep. Kathleen Keenan, VT

Other legislators present were:

Sen. Alan Sanborn, MI

Also in attendance were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Executive Director
Candace Thorson, NCOIL Deputy Executive Director
Mike Humphreys, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education, Life, Health, and Workers' Compensation Insurance

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The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its February 23, 2006, meeting in Weston, Florida.

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 and also including the 2008 Spring, 2008 Summer, 2008 Annual, 2009 Summer, and 2009 Annual Meetings. She said that future sites were as follows:

2006 Annual Meeting	Napa Valley, California
2007 Spring Meeting	Savannah, Georgia
2007 Summer Meeting	Seattle, Washington

2008 Spring Meeting	Washington, DC*
2008 Summer Meeting	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*
2008 Annual Meeting	Hawk's Cay, Florida*
2009 Summer Meeting	Boston, Massachusetts
2009 Annual Meeting	New Orleans, Louisiana

*tentative

The Committee discussed the possibility of scheduling a future meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. After considering related issues, legislators authorized the Executive Director to pursue a 2007 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Nolan said dues collection was going well, but she noted that dues from certain states were still forthcoming. She and the Committee discussed various dues and membership-related issues.

Ms. Nolan said that on Wednesday, July 19, a group of NCOIL lawmakers visited colleagues at the Massachusetts state house to discuss NCOIL membership and insurance issues of common concern. Rep. Wald reported that the meetings were productive and noted that several Massachusetts legislators expressed interest in joining NCOIL but cited budget concerns.

HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS

Ms. Nolan said that NCOIL should encourage meeting attendees to stay within the room blocks of contracting hotels. She said that NCOIL would be financially penalized by meeting hotels should the NCOIL room blocks remain unfilled by contracted dates.

TIMING OF FUTURE BROCHURE MAILINGS

Ms. Nolan said that NCOIL may benefit from transmitting preliminary meeting brochures to interested parties earlier and noted that the number of NCOIL registrations has increased dramatically from past years. She said that earlier registrations could help provide data for use in negotiating future hotel contracts.

Following discussion, the Committee determined to encourage earlier registrations for the 2006 Annual Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the registration fees of insurance commissioners and insurance department staff. Ms. Nolan said that the registration fees are waived for all commissioners, or for one designated staff person, regardless of whether the state is an NCOIL member. She noted that legislators from non-member states pay a higher fee

than do lawmakers from NCOIL states. The Committee decided to further investigate registration issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

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