

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS
INSURANCE LEGISLATORS FOUNDATION BOARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
JULY 20, 2006
MINUTES

The Insurance Legislators Foundation Board of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) met at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 20, 2006, at 8:15 a.m.

Rep. Frank Wald (ND), president of the Board, presided.

Other members of the Board present were:

Sen. Steven Geller, FL
Sen. Alan Sanborn, MI
Sen. William J. Larkin, Jr., NY
Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI
Rep. Craig Eiland, TX

Other legislators present were:

Rep. Robert Damron, KY
Rep. Dennis Horlander, KY
Rep. George Keiser, ND
Sen. Pam Redfield, NE
Assem. Nancy Calhoun, NY

Others present 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 Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its February 23, 2006, meeting in Weston, Florida.

ADMINISTRATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Nolan presented to the Board the 2005 audited and the March 30, 2006, unaudited ILF financial statements. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board adopted the statements.

UPDATE ON FOUNDATION STUDIES MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

Ms. Thorson updated the Board on a proposed study regarding public policy motor vehicle safety initiatives. She said that Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety had agreed to collaborate with the ILF on development of such a report. Advocates, Ms. Thorson said, was a coalition of interested parties—including consumers, insurers, law enforcement officials, and health organizations, among others—that work together to ensure safer roads through enactment of state and federal laws. She directed the Board to further information she had distributed.

Ms. Thorson overviewed initiatives that the study might address, including red-light cameras, graduated licensing for teenage drivers, roundabouts and other roadway techniques, black boxes, cell phone and other distracted driving laws, and ignition interlock systems for drunk drivers, among other things.

Upon discussion, the Board voted unanimously to have NCOIL staff pursue further negotiations with Advocates regarding costs and other issues.

STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Ms. Nolan overviewed issues regarding a potential ILF study on state insurance authority. She said such a report might address the ways in which various entities influence insurance oversight, including the activities of, among others, attorneys general, insurance regulators, and the courts.

David Eppstein of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) said that PIA would strongly support such a study and commented that the current regulatory landscape was clouded. He suggested that an investigation into the authority granted to non-legislative policymakers could be useful in defining the proper role of state legislatures. Among other things, he said that issues regarding the collection and dissemination of agent and insurer information could be an important element.

Upon discussion, the Board voted unanimously to further pursue development of a state insurance authority study, including further defining such a report's parameters and cost, and to report to the Board prior to the November Annual Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.