



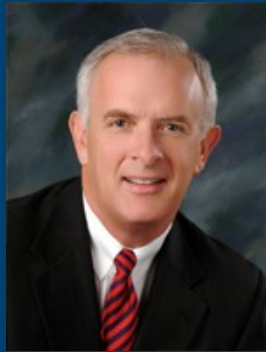
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Little Rock, AR
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Sen. Travis Holdman
President



Thomas B. Considine
Chief Executive Officer

A Message From NCOIL President, Sen. Travis Holdman

As legislators, we take seriously our responsibility to listen and balance the various interests among our constituents on various sides of issues. As the 2015-2016 President of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), that is the strategy I am undertaking, one of listening first.

First, I am listening to the legislators that have helped build NCOIL, as well as the industry and consumer groups that share their ideas. Without the foundation they have built, the growth we are attempting would not be possible.

Second, it is our goal to grow the number of member states that participate with us. This will bring new and different perspectives from state legislative chambers about insurance issues that are arising and unique ways to solve them.

Third, we are seeking ways to add value to the three annual conferences by focusing on specific issues and how they are affecting those we represent back home. This will require unique

thinking about how we use the time at our conference more efficiently.

Lastly, we are rethinking the issues on which NCOIL focuses as an organization. We will have more to share in the coming months about this but I believe it will help us with the issues we are dealing with as legislators. A study conducted by our new staff revealed that rare is the legislative committee that deals with insurance issues only. Only one-quarter of the 99 legislative chambers have a committee that deals exclusively with insurance. 75% of legislative committees deal with other financial services and commerce related issues.

This will not happen overnight, and may not be completed by the time my term is up in November. But it is my desire to set NCOIL on a new path that provides greater value for all that participate. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions about how to accomplish these goals. I'll be listening.

NCOIL Names Commissioner Tom Considine Chief Executive Officer

Thomas B. Considine was named Chief Executive Officer by NCOIL Executive Committee at the annual meeting in San Antonio. Considine served as the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance under Governor Christie, was Chief Operating Officer

of a regional healthcare company as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of a New Jersey hospital. Prior to his appointment and confirmation as Commissioner he worked as Vice President and Government Affairs Counsel at MetLife. *Cont'd. on page 2.*

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Considine has a strong background as a former state financial services & managed care commissioner with a broad understanding of financial, health & insurance issues from the business and regulatory perspectives. He will bring a fresh perspective and new energy to NCOIL by reimagining every aspect of the organization.

Together with the new team he is assembling, he looks forward to implementing a new vision that grows NCOIL and adds value for all that participate with the organization. Over the next year, NCOIL will continue to provide the resources and dialogue for legislators to make informed decisions about insurance issues impacting their states and constituents – but we will do it with a new level of efficiency.

NCOIL National Conference in Little Rock February 26 -28

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators is hosting its spring meeting in Little Rock, AR on February 26-28. Governor Asa Hutchinson will deliver the luncheon keynote address on Friday. We have a full agenda designed to educate legislators and industry attendees on pressing issues in the insurance industry.

Little Rock Hot Topics

NCOIL is kicking off 2016 with what promises to be a productive and informative Spring Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas on February 26-28 at the Marriott. The conversations that will take place in committees will play a critical role in shaping the conversations surrounding insurance policy issues in states across the country this year.

As issues surrounding the Affordable Care Act and the accessibility of healthcare remain prevalent, NCOIL's Health, Long-Term Care & Health Retirement Issues Committee will continue the conversation on the proposed **network adequacy/out-of-network** provider model, as well as on proposed models on **telemedicine licensure and reimbursement**. With a growing number of states across the country weighing in on these conversations, this is a committee meeting you won't want to miss. A general session on year three of the **health insurance exchanges** will also take place, and we'll have a panel of experts to provide insight into how far we've come and where we are headed moving forward.

Property and casualty insurance issues will also be front and center. We'll hear from a panel of experts on the issue of **auto insurance affordability**, with a focus on what's currently happening in the

marketplace as well as what it means to be affordable. The Workers' Compensation Insurance Committee will continue the discussion of **workers' compensation opt-out plans**, a conversation that promises to be spirited.

The **Dodd-Frank Act's impact on the insurance industry** will be the subject of a special joint meeting of the State-Federal Relations Committee and the Financial Services & Investment Products Committee, and there will be an in-depth conversation on the timely topic of **cyber-risk and insurance**.

Finally, we have an exciting keynote speaker – **Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson** – who will deliver an address that you won't want to miss!

If you have not yet registered for our Spring Meeting, there's still time to do so [<http://www.ncoil.org/>].

We've extended the discounted rate for a limited time only. Register today to ensure that your voice is heard on these critically important issues, and that you are up-to-date on the emerging policies and perspectives that will be discussed.