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## LA SENATOR DAN "BLADE" MORRISH ELECTED NCOIL PRESIDENT

Assumes Presidency for NCOIL's 50th Year

Manasquan, NJ – The NCOIL Nominating Committee recommended LA Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish to serve as NCOIL President for a term that began at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual Meeting and through the 2019 Annual Meeting. The NCOIL Executive Committee elected Morrish at the conclusion of the NCOIL Annual Meeting.

"As NCOIL President in our 50<sup>th</sup> year, I cannot think of more fitting responsibility as my legislative career concludes at the end of 2019" said Morrish, who is term-limited in the Louisiana Senate. "I plan to share the good work NCOIL does to move positive insurance public policy forward, serve as a forum for emerging ideas and work with insurance regulators and our federal counterparts to ensure solid, state-based regulation of insurance."

Morrish has held a variety of positions with NCOIL including Chair of the State-Federal Relations Committee, Chair of the International Insurance Issues Committee, and member of the Executive Committee. Morrish was elected to serve as NCOIL Vice President at the 2018 Summer Meeting following the resignation of VT Rep. Bill Botzow.

"Blade jumped in last year to serve the final six months as NCOIL Vice President when there was a vacancy" said AR Sen. Jason Rapert, NCOIL Immediate Past President. "I am so happy the timing worked, and he is able to serve. He will be a great asset for the organization."

"The Nominating Committee was delighted that Blade agreed to serve at this critical time" said KY Rep. Steve Riggs, Nominating Committee Chair & former NCOIL President. "There is no one more prepared for the role as NCOIL President."

Sen. Morrish's priorities as President include:

- Expand NCOIL's educational offerings to include a track for legislative staff
- Highlight NCOIL's activities around the country to insurance related organizations.
- Continue to work to ensure that the state based regulation of insurance continues and work to stave off international encroachment.
- Continue to engage with states and legislators that do not actively participate with NCOIL.



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• Ensure NCOIL continues to educate legislators on emerging and longstanding insurance issues and serve as the only insurance legislative organization that enacts model laws in a timely fashion, so they can be considered in state legislatures.

"Since I started as NCOIL CEO in 2016, Sen. Morrish has been a leader on many issues, and willing to help in any way he can" said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. "I know that his year as NCOIL President will be productive and fruitful with this group of bipartisan officers."

The NCOIL officer ranks are rounded out with IN Rep. Matt Lehman as Vice President, CA Asm. Ken Cooley as Treasurer and NY Asm. Kevin Cahill as Secretary. They are joined by Immediate Past Presidents AR Sen. Jason Rapert and IN Sen. Travis Holdman.

A full biography of Sen. Morrish can be found here - <a href="http://senate.la.gov/senators/senbiography.asp?SenID=25">http://senate.la.gov/senators/senbiography.asp?SenID=25</a>.

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