

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
JULY 15, 2004
DRAFT MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Business Planning Committee met at the Hotel Inter-Continental in Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.

Sen. Steven Geller of Florida, chair of the Committee, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Rep. Robert Damron, KY
Rep. George Keiser, ND
Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI
Rep. Craig Eiland, TX
Rep. Kathleen Keenan, VT

Other legislators present were:

Rep. Pat Patterson, FL
Rep. Michael Ripley, IN
Sen. Carroll Leavell, NM
Assem. Nancy Calhoun, NY
Sen. James Seward, NY

Also in attendance were:

Bob Mackin, Mackin & Company, NCOIL Executive Director
Susan Nolan, Mackin & Company, NCOIL Deputy Executive Director
Candace Thorson, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education,
Property-Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its February 26, 2004, meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

ADMINISTRATION

FUTURE SITES

Ms. Nolan reported that she had secured locations for the next several NCOIL meetings, through the 2006 Spring Meeting. She said that future sites were as follows:

2004 Annual Meeting	Hawk's Cay, Florida
2005 Spring Meeting	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
2005 Summer Meeting	Newport, Rhode Island

2005 Annual Meeting	San Diego, California*
2006 Spring Meeting	Savannah, Georgia

**contract in negotiation*

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Mackin reported that NCOIL had made progress attracting new member states and said that Kansas and Virginia had signed on since the last NCOIL conference. He encouraged NCOIL legislators to meet with representatives of these states when possible.

DUES

Mr. Mackin reported that states were sending in their 2004 NCOIL annual dues rather nicely but noted that dues from some states were still forthcoming. He urged legislators to facilitate their states' timely payments.

OTHER BUSINESS

WEB SITE ISSUES

Rep. Eiland, chair of the Committee's Subcommittee on Web Site Issues, reported that since the last meeting the Subcommittee had developed a revised fee scale for restricted documents on the NCOIL Web site. He said that legislators had updated the fee charges based on input from consumers, regulators, media, and insurance industry representatives. Rep. Eiland directed the Committee to a chart in their meeting binders that overviewed the new system, but, in summary, he said that the revised fee schedule provided for the following:

- Attaching models and resolutions adopted at Committee meetings to the minutes of those meetings
- Free access, via a meeting-registrant password, to both meeting minutes and the meeting report for all conference attendees
- Free access, upon request, for media and for commissioners from NCOIL-member states
- Discounted rates for members of the Industry Education Council (IEC) who either did not attend the recent NCOIL conference or who are requesting restricted documents other than the last meeting's minutes and summary report
- A sliding rate scale for non-profit/consumer advocacy groups; legislators and commissioners from non-NCOIL states; non-IEC insurance industry representatives; and students

Rep. Eiland noted that legislators from NCOIL-member states would continue to receive unlimited access to the NCOIL Web site via their legislative passwords.

Rep. Eiland said that a Steering Committee, comprised of NCOIL Officers and certain Committee chairs, had adopted the new system via conference call prior to the NCOIL Summer Meeting. He noted that NCOIL bylaws provide for the use of a Steering Committee to determine policy changes between NCOIL conferences. Rep. Eiland said the new system had been in use for several months. He then acknowledged the other members of the Subcommittee, including Rep. Keenan, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Keiser, and Sen. Sanborn.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Committee ratified the revised restricted access system and referred it to the Executive Committee for its ratification the next day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.