

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
2023 NCOIL SPRING MEETING – SAN DIEGO, CA  
MARCH 12, 2023  
DRAFT MINUTES

The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Executive Committee met at the Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego, CA on Sunday March 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM (EST).

NCOIL President, Representative Deborah Ferguson, DDS (AR), Chair of the Committee, presided.

Other members of the committee present:

Rep. Matt Lehman (IN)  
Rep. Brenda Carter (MI)  
Sen. Paul Utke (MN)

Asw. Pamela Hunter (NY)  
Sen. Bob Hackett (OH)  
Del. Steve Westfall (WV)

Other legislators present were:

Sen. Jesse Bjorkman (AK)  
Sen. Nellie Pou (NJ)  
Rep. Mark Tedford (OK)

Also in attendance were:

Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO  
Will Melofchik, NCOIL General Counsel  
Pat Gilbert, Manager, Administration & Member Services, NCOIL Support Services, LLC

#### QUORUM

Upon a motion made by Sen. Paul Utke (MN), NCOIL Secretary, and seconded by Asw. Pamela Hunter (NY), NCOIL Treasurer, the Committee voted without objection by way of a voice vote to waive the quorum requirement.

#### MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Del. Steve Westfall (WV) and seconded by Rep. Brenda Carter (MI) the Committee voted without objection by way of a voice vote to approve the minutes of the Committee's November 19, 2022 meeting in New Orleans.

#### NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rep. Ferguson stated that pursuant to NCOIL bylaws, the chair of the committee responsible for insurance legislation in each legislative house of each Contributing State shall automatically, by nature of his or her office be a member of the Executive Committee. As such, Sen. Jesse Bjorkman (AK), Chair of the AK Senate Labor & Commerce Committee and Sen. Nellie Pou (NJ), Chair of the NJ Senate Commerce Committee should be added to the NCOIL Executive Committee.

Upon a motion made by Rep. Carter and seconded by Sen. Bob Hackett (OH), the Committee voted without objection by way of a voice vote to add Sen. Bjorkman and Sen. Pou, to the Executive Committee.

## FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS

Rep. Ferguson stated that as we look ahead to the rest of 2023, the Summer Meeting will be in Minneapolis, MN from July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and the Annual Meeting will be in Columbus, OH from November 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. For 2024, the Spring Meeting will be in Nashville, TN from April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, the Summer Meeting will be in Costa Mesa, CA from July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Meeting will be in San Antonio, TX from November 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

## ADMINISTRATION

Will Melofchik, NCOIL General Counsel, stated that there were 317 total registrants for the Spring Meeting including 53 legislators from 23 states and of that number there were 19 first time attendee legislators from 11 states. Additionally, 9 Insurance Commissioners participated with 12 total insurance departments represented.

Mr. Melofchik gave the 2022 end of year unaudited financials through December 31<sup>st</sup> showing revenue of \$1,695,091.10 and expenses of \$1,364,041.28 leading to a surplus of \$331,049.82. He also stated that invoices have started to be sent out for state dues payments this past week so they should appear in mailboxes soon. NCOIL staff is optimistic that the organization will have a solid year of dues payments and is hopeful to add a state or two to the list of Contributing States.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Rep. Ferguson noted that the consent calendar includes committee reports including resolutions and model laws adopted and re-adopted therein, as well as ratification of decisions made and actions taken by the NCOIL Officers and staff in the time between Executive Committee Meetings.

The Consent Calendar included:

- The Property & Casualty Insurance Committee adopted the NCOIL Insurance Underwriting Transparency Model Act.
- The Health Insurance & Long Term Care Issues Committee re-adopted the NCOIL Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) Licensure and Regulation Model Act.
- Ratification of decisions made and actions taken by the NCOIL Officers and staff in the time between Executive Committee Meetings.

Rep. Ferguson asked if any Committee member wanted anything removed from the consent calendar. Hearing no such requests, upon a motion made by Asw. Hunter and seconded by Del. Westfall, the Committee voted to adopt the consent calendar without objection by way of a voice vote.

## OTHER SESSIONS

Rep. Ferguson stated that the Institutes Griffith Foundation held a legislator luncheon during which Rob Hoyt, Ph.D., Chair & Professor of Risk Management & Insurance at the University of

Georgia, gave a great presentation titled “Understanding the Economics of the Insurance Market”.

There were also two interesting and timely general sessions including: the first session in a year-long special series of general sessions on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policy; and a session titled “Liability Insurance for Gun Owners: Is it Time?”

Featured speakers included: Brigadier General Peter Cross of the California National Guard who got the meeting off to a great start at the Welcome Breakfast; and San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria who gave a tremendous keynote address at the luncheon.

#### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NCOIL PAST PRESIDENT FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN KEN COOLEY (CA) AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF NCOIL

Rep. Ferguson stated that she would like to offer a Resolution Recognizing NCOIL Past President Former Assemblyman Ken Cooley (CA) as an Honorary Member of NCOIL (Resolution) sponsored by herself, Rep. Tom Oliverson, M.D. (TX), NCOIL Vice President, Asw. Hunter, Sen. Utke, Rep. Matt Lehman (IN), NCOIL Immediate Past President, Sen. Travis Holdman (IN), NCOIL Immediate Past President, and Asm. Tim Grayson (CA). Rep. Ferguson then read aloud the Resolution.

Rep. Ferguson then said that on a personal note, the highest honor her dad could say about anyone is that “he’s a fine man” and that is how she feels about former Asm. Cooley. She mentioned that she appreciates how thoughtful and diplomatic he is and that he is an example of how all legislators should serve in their respective legislatures.

Rep. Lehman thanked former Asm. Cooley for his service to NCOIL and said that he learned a lot from him as he thinks through issues in a pragmatic way and looks forward to filling his shoes as NCOIL Immediate Past President.

The Hon. Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO, stated that it was a pleasure professionally and personally to benefit from former Asm. Cooley’s advice and stewardship during his presidency and that no one came to the job more prepared and with more diligence than him. Cmsr. Considine stated that he treasures former Asm. Cooley’s time as NCOIL President and thinks he is a wonderful man and public official and is happy he is still in our midst here at NCOIL.

Upon a Motion made by Asw. Hunter and seconded by Rep. Lehman, the Committee voted without objection to adopt the Resolution by way of a voice vote.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Teresa Casey, Administrator of the Industry Education Council (IEC) said the IEC has proposed a topic that may be good for a Griffith Institutes legislator luncheon or NCOIL general session. The topic deals with inflation both on the claims side and investment side and that topic will be submitted in writing to Mr. Melofchik.

Rep. Ferguson concluded by stating that she’s heard such positive things about this meeting both in terms of the great panels and great participation including 19 first time legislator attendees.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, upon a motion made by Rep. Carter and seconded by Del. Westfall, the Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.