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From the President's Desk**Rep. Deborah Ferguson, DDS (AR) – NCOIL President**

Welcome to the second installment of my quarterly column: "From the President's Desk."

I hope this finds everyone well and you are looking forward to the summer months as much as I am. As we prepare for the change in seasons, I would like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts on what we have accomplished so far this year and look ahead to the rest of 2023.

Our Spring Meeting in San Diego was a huge success from both a substance and attendance perspective. I am happy to report that we had the highest legislator attendance at a Spring Meeting ever which is a great indicator of NCOIL's continued growth. Having more legislators from around the country at the table contributes to more informed policy discussions, better model laws, and ultimately a stronger NCOIL.

I was particularly pleased to see a near perfect split of Democrats and Republicans at the Meeting which really highlights NCOIL's ongoing commitment to bipartisanship. It's one thing to just say the organization is bipartisan, and another thing entirely to actually back that up with numbers. While it is sometimes hard to tell which political party an NCOIL legislator is from since the discussions we have are often so collaborative, having a balance of viewpoints from both sides of the aisle really enhances our conversations and emphasizes the credibility of our model laws as they are considered in legislatures across the country.

In addition to the bipartisan nature of the Meeting, the number of first time legislator attendees (19) is another positive sign for NCOIL's future. Bringing more legislators into NCOIL's membership is mutually beneficial as it provides new perspectives in our discussions and gives legislators useful information to take back to their states as they navigate the various issues impacting insurance public policy. We certainly hope to see many of those legislators at our Summer Meeting in Minneapolis and beyond!

I also want to thank the industry members that sponsored dinners specifically for legislators attending their first NCOIL meeting. This was our first time trying this and based upon what I heard, it was a success and we'll be doing it again in Minneapolis. I think these dinners are a great idea because, despite our best efforts to be welcoming, too often it's a "sink or swim" approach for legislators attending their first NCOIL meeting. It really helps to have time carved out to meet people and learn about their background.

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From the President's Desk (cont'd)

Speaking of Minneapolis, we are already waist deep in planning for our Summer Meeting and are looking forward to coming to the North Star State. The agenda for the Meeting will feature many interesting and timely topics such as: part two of our special year-long series of general sessions focused on different types of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policy; the Silicon Valley Bank collapse and its implications for the insurance industry; developments in mental health parity laws; and continued discussions on our pending model laws dealing with issues ranging from insurance requirements for biomarker testing, to helping curb catalytic converter theft.

We will also be holding the Second NCOIL Open Golf Outing to Benefit the Insurance Legislators Foundation (ILF) Scholarship Fund on July 19th. The event will take place at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake, MN immediately preceding the Summer Meeting. Last year's outing was such a success and I'm confident this one will build on that. We hope to see you on the greens.

Registration for both events is now open. You can find more information on the Summer Meeting [here](#) and the Golf Outing [here](#).

For non-golfers, we are planning to arrange a tour of the Minnesota State Capitol on July 19th. As some of you may remember, we used to regularly have these tours at our national meetings when we were near state capitols but the pandemic forced many states to pause them. We are very happy to be able to bring that back. More information on the tour will be distributed when finalized.

One more thing - due to repeated requests, we have arranged for Wi-Fi to be available in the Minneapolis meeting room areas. This has resulted in a small increase to the industry registration fee.

Overall, 2023 is shaping up to be a great year for NCOIL and I can't thank you all enough for everything that you have done to support the organization. I look forward to your continued participation with NCOIL and hope to see you in July as we continue to advance insurance public policy.

Deborah

NCOIL Highlights April as Financial Literacy Month

Belmar, NJ – The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) is proud to highlight April as Financial Literacy Month. This month has been designated to serve as a reminder of the importance of financial literacy for consumers across the country and to encourage proper financial planning.

Arkansas Representative Deborah Ferguson, DDS, NCOIL President said, "It has been fantastic to see states begin to implement financial literacy requirements for students. However, there is a large population of adults that grew up without learning the basic principles of personal finance. This month provides a great opportunity to encourage all Americans to take control of their financial health and evaluate their future."

"An important part of any financial plan is ensuring adequate insurance coverage as it provides peace of mind that an unexpected expense won't cause financial ruin. I encourage all consumers to assess their coverage needs and learn about the various insurance options available to them," Ferguson concluded.

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Future NCOIL Meetings:

Summer 2023
July 19 –22
Minneapolis, MN
Marriot Minneapolis
City Center

Annual 2023
November 15 –18
Columbus, OH
Renaissance Columbus
Downtown Hotel

Spring 2024
April 11-14
Nashville, TN
Sheraton Grand
Nashville Downtown

Summer 2024
July 17-20
Costa Mesa, CA
Westin South Coast
Plaza

Annual 2024
November 21-24
San Antonio, TX
The Westin Riverwalk

NCOIL Highlights April as Financial Literacy Month (cont'd)

NCOIL CEO Commissioner Tom Considine stated, "Whether it's an unexpected car accident, medical bill, or natural disaster, having life's unanticipated losses covered will keep you on track to meet your financial goals. Beyond the insurance aspect, having a well-rounded financial plan is essential to a person's short and long term prosperity."

"When I was the Banking & Insurance Commissioner of New Jersey, I frequently visited high schools across the state to stress the importance of financial literacy. I would always tell stories of how we weren't as focused on financial literacy when I was in school and I would often make the mistake of buying an \$8 pizza on my credit card and it would end up costing me \$50 by the time I paid it off. Avoiding those types of mistakes and learning about basic financial principles is very important to ensure financial security" Considine concluded.



SPRING MEETING MINUTES

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

Health Insurance & Long Term Care Issues Committee Interim Zoom Meeting

West Virginia Delegate Steve Westfall has called an interim Zoom meeting of the NCOIL Health Insurance & Long Term Care Issues Committee on Friday, May 19th at 12:00 p.m. ET/11:00 a.m. CT/10:00 a.m. MT/9:00 a.m. PT.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to continue discussion on the NCOIL Biomarker Testing Insurance Coverage Model Act, sponsored by Asw. Pam Hunter (NY), NCOIL Treasurer. As communicated by Chair Westfall and Asw. Hunter during the Committee's last meeting in March, the Committee plans to vote on the Model during the NCOIL Summer Meeting in July. Accordingly, this interim meeting is primarily meant to discuss specific comments on/suggested revisions to the Model. In order to be considered during the interim meeting, the deadline for submission of comments/revisions/amendments is Thursday, May 11.

You can register for the meeting and view all materials on the NCOIL website [here](#). Please submit any questions and comments on/suggested revisions to the Model to NCOIL General Counsel Will Melofchik at wmelofchik@ncoil.org

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Upon registering, you will receive an e-mail from Eventbrite – the Zoom link/meeting ID/password/dial-in information is at the bottom of that e-mail. Please be mindful that upon registering, the Zoom link does not automatically go on your calendar directly. You must scroll down quite a bit in the e-mail you receive from Eventbrite to obtain all information.

**NCOIL HEALTH INSURANCE & LONG TERM CARE ISSUES
COMMITTEE INTERIM MEETING**

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 • NOON-1:00 P.M. (EST)

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Future NCOIL Meetings:

Spring 2025
April 24-27
Charleston, SC
Francis Marion Hotel

Summer 2025
July 16-19
Chicago, IL
Renaissance Chicago
Downtown Hotel

Annual 2025
November 10-15
Atlanta, GA
The Whitley Hotel

Spring 2026
TBD

Summer 2026
July 15-18
Boston, MA
Westin Copley Place

Annual 2026
TBD

REGISTRATION FOR NCOIL SUMMER MEETING IS OPEN

Registration for the 2023 NCOIL Summer Meeting at the Marriott Minneapolis City Center in Minneapolis, MN from July 19th—22nd is open.



For registration information please click [here](#)

See the meeting schedule on page 6 or view at the NCOIL website [here](#)

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL!!!

*The hotel block closes on **June 20th***

Legislators book here:



General Participants book here:



Reminder that Contributing States are eligible for two legislator stipends per National Meeting to help underwrite the cost of participating. Click below for more information

Please reach out to Pat Gilbert at pgilbert@ncoil.org with any questions

LEGISLATOR STIPENDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CONTRIBUTING STATES

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REGISTRATION FOR NCOIL OPEN GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT THE ILF SCHOLARSHIP FUND



NCOIL is pleased to announce the Second NCOIL Open Golf Outing to Benefit the Insurance Legislators Foundation (ILF) Scholarship Fund. The event will take place on July 19th at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake, MN immediately preceding the 2023 NCOIL Summer Meeting. The format will be a scramble shotgun starting at 12:00 PM CT.

For registration information please click [here](#)

NCOIL One on One

If you haven't had a chance to watch NCOIL One on One Interviews with IN Rep. Matt Lehman, NY Asw. Pam Hunter, OH Sen. Bob Hackett, AR Rep. Deborah Ferguson DDS, ND Sen. Jerry Klein, LA Rep. Edmond Jordan, CA Asm. Ken Cooley, TX Rep. Tom Oliverson MD, NV Asw. Maggie Carlton, MN Sen. Paul Utke, MI Rep. Brenda Carter, WV Del. Steve Westfall, SC Rep. Carl Anderson, NC Sen. Vickie Sawyer, IN Sen. Travis Holdman, OK Rep. Forrest Bennett, CT Rep. Tammy Nuccio, MS Sen. Walter Michel, KY Rep. Rachel Roberts, and UT Rep. Jim Dunnigan please visit our YouTube channel [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who has participated so far!

Don't Miss the NCOIL YouTube Channel: Subscribe Today

Weren't able to attend our past meetings? Good news— you can visit our YouTube channel for recordings of past meetings. Prior national meeting sessions and interim committee meetings are posted on our YouTube channel now.

Visit the link below to subscribe and keep up to date on all things NCOIL!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe09Z77z4q6HG1kv3fDG7Bg>

2023 NCOIL Summer Meeting Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

Budget Committee	9:30 AM	-	10:00 AM
Audit Committee (Members Only)	10:00 AM	-	10:30 AM
NCOIL Open Golf Outing to Benefit the ILF Scholarship Fund	12:00 PM		
Welcome Reception and Presentation of Golf Outing Awards	6:00 PM	-	7:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

Welcome Breakfast	8:15 AM	-	9:45 AM
The Welcome Breakfast is an important Opening Session. The Committee meetings/general sessions for Thursday, July 20 will start at approximately 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. There will also be a luncheon for public policymakers and staff at approximately 1:00 p.m. Specific committee meetings/general sessions will be listed in the next draft of the schedule	10:00 AM	-	5:00 PM
CIP Member & Sponsor Reception	6:00 PM	-	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST

Committee meetings/general sessions for Friday, July 21 will start at approximately 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. There will also be a Keynote Luncheon for all attendees at approximately 1:00 p.m. Specific committee meetings/general sessions will be listed in the next draft of the schedule	9:00 AM	-	5:00 PM
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SATURDAY, JULY 22ND

Committee meetings/general sessions for Saturday, July 22 will start at approximately 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 1:00 p.m. Specific committee meetings/general sessions will be listed in the next draft of the schedule	9:00 AM	-	12:15 PM
Executive Committee	12:15 PM	-	1:00 PM

