

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION & BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
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MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee met at the Hyatt Savannah Hotel & Towers in Savannah, Georgia, on Friday, March 2, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

Assem. Nancy Calhoun of New York, chair of the Committee, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Rep. Shirley Bowler, LA
Rep. George Keiser, ND

Other legislators present were:

Sen. Ruth Teichman, KS
Sen. Alan Sanborn, MI
Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI
Sen. Ann Cummings, VT

Also in attendance were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Executive Director
Candace Thorson, NCOIL Deputy Executive Director
Mike Humphreys, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education, Life, Health, and Workers' Compensation Insurance
Kevin Horan, NCOIL Director of State-Federal Relations

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The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its November 10, 2006, meeting in Napa Valley, California.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Committee continued its discussion, which legislators began at the 2006 Annual Meeting, regarding how to treat amendments that fail to make the 30-day deadline for an upcoming NCOIL conference. Legislators noted that the impetus for the discussion had been the recent, late submission of revised amendments to a draft model law that were substantive, rather than technical, and that the parent Committee had not seen prior to its meeting.

Ms. Nolan said that a related concern was how to treat such amendments at the Executive Committee level when a parent committee had waived the 30-day deadline rule and then accepted the amendments unanimously. She said that current procedure placed them on the non-controversial calendar, which the Executive Committee adopted via voice vote without discussion.

Rep. Keiser said that, although he had raised the initial concerns at the Annual Meeting, he had since concluded that the current procedure for 30-day submissions worked well. He suggested, and the Committee agreed, that no bylaws amendments were warranted.

Legislators then considered whether NCOIL should update its bylaws to reflect a newly created Past Presidents' Advisory Committee. Ms. Nolan said the Executive Committee had established the new group via resolution at the 2006 Annual Meeting. She said that NCOIL bylaws allowed for adoption of such resolutions in place of frequent amendments to the bylaws.

Following discussion, the Bylaws Committee decided not to change the bylaws at that time. Rep. Bowler suggested that the Committee may wish to review the need to update the bylaws at the 2008 Spring Meeting.

Rep. Bowler then raised issues regarding legislative disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. She said that, in Louisiana, she would be unable to introduce or speak to a bill that was directly tied to her occupation, for instance, but that she would be able to vote on the measure if she filed a statement with the House Speaker disclosing her potential conflict and vowing that she could vote on the bill without prejudice. She acknowledged that ethics laws vary from state-to-state, but she questioned whether similar disclosure should be required at NCOIL.

Following discussion, the Committee voted to consider the issue in more depth at the 2007 Summer Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.