# NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS MEMBERSHIP/ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION & BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEES WASHINGTON, DC FEBRUARY 27, 2009 DRAFT MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Membership and Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committees met jointly at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on Friday, February 27, 2009, at 8:45 a.m.

Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI, co-vice chair of the Membership Committee, presided over the Membership discussion.

# Other legislators present were:

Rep. Kurt Olson, AK

Assem. Nancy Calhoun, NY

Sen. William J. Larkin, Jr., NY

Rep. Robert Godshall, PA

Rep. Tony Melio, PA

Rep. Charles Curtiss, TN

Assem. Calhoun, chair of the Bylaws Committee, presided over the Bylaws discussion.

# Other legislators present were:

Rep. Greg Wren, AL

Rep. Robert Godshall, PA

Rep. Tony Melio, PA

Rep. Brian Kennedy, RI

### Also in attendance were:

Susan Nolan, NCOIL Executive Director Candace Thorson, NCOIL Deputy Executive Director Mike Humphreys, NCOIL Director of State-Federal Relations Jordan Estey, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education

#### MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

The Membership Committee discussed recent and future NCOIL efforts to encourage contributing-state membership, including additional legislator-to-legislator outreach, Insurance Legislators Foundation (ILF) scholarships, and targeted visits to certain states as schedules permit. Legislators recognized the importance of promoting general-member attendance at the July NCOIL Summer Meeting in Philadelphia and noted that the Griffith Foundation for Insurance Education helps to promote legislative participation in NCOIL.

The Committee examined different ways that states pay dues and reported on state developments that could impact progress toward contributing membership. Lawmakers also discussed issues regarding holding NCOIL meetings in general-member states and maintaining the dues-paying status of certain contributing jurisdictions.

Legislators noted that District of Columbia Councilwoman Muriel Bowser, who chairs the DC committee with jurisdiction over insurance, would address NCOIL attendees at reception the next evening. The Committee reviewed the history of NCOIL DC efforts and recognized that in 2007 NCOIL provided for a reduced \$2,500 annual dues fee for the District as a result of its unique regulatory structure.

Legislators then adjourned to the Bylaws Committee meeting.

#### **BYLAWS MINUTES**

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Bylaws Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its November 20, 2008, meeting in Duck Key, Florida.

## **FUTURE BYLAWS ACTIVITY**

Assem. Calhoun reported that there were no pending bylaws amendments and asked whether legislators had suggestions for future action. Ms. Nolan acknowledged that NCOIL had revised its bylaws significantly in recent years. Legislators determined to discuss a need for additional changes going forward.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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