

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS
BUSINESS PLANNING & ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
AND BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEES
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MINUTES

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Business Planning and Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committees met at Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on Friday, March 9, at 7:00 a.m.

Rep. Greg Wren of Alabama, acting chair of the Business Planning Committee, and Sen. Neil Breslin of New York, acting chair of the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee, presided.

Other legislators present were:

Sen. Travis Holdman, IN	Rep. Brian Kennedy RI
Sen. James Seward, NY	Rep. Bill Botzow, VT
Sen. Jake Corman, PA	Sen. Mike Hall, WV

Also in attendance were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Executive Director
Candace Thorson, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Deputy Executive Director

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After a motion made and seconded, the Committees voted unanimously to approve the minutes of their November 12, 2012, meeting in Point Clear, Alabama.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION & BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON COMMITTEE VOTING PRIVILEGES

Ms. Thorson said there were two proposed options for amending Bylaws Section IV.I, which pertains to when contributing-state insurance committee chairs can vote on standing NCOIL committees. She said the proposed options were as follows:

- I. The chair of the committee responsible for insurance legislation in each legislative house of each Contributing-Member state shall be a voting member at his or her ~~second~~ first NCOIL conference in meetings of standing committees that he or she has joined.

OR

- I. The chair of the committee responsible for insurance legislation in each legislative house of each Contributing-Member state shall be a voting member at his or her second NCOIL conference in meetings of standing committees that he or she has joined, or at his or her first conference if the chair has joined the Committee prior.

Following Committee discussion and upon a motion made by Sen. Seward and seconded by Sen. Breslin, the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee unanimously adopted the second option for amending Section IV.I.

Legislators then discussed issues regarding states that have not paid dues recently and commented, among other things, that (1) only legislators from states in good standing should have NCOIL voting privileges, (2) states were no longer facing the severe budget constraints of the last several years, and (3) NCOIL dues are significantly less than those for other

legislative organizations. The Committee and Ms. Nolan agreed to continue considering issues regarding states and their dues-paying status.

The meeting then adjourned into the Business Planning Committee meeting.

BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS

Ms. Nolan said she had explored, as tasked by the Committee at the Annual Meeting, holding a Spring 2015 meeting in San Antonio, Texas, and a Summer 2015 meeting in Indianapolis. Regarding San Antonio, Ms. Nolan reported that room rates were rather high in the hotels with availability for an NCOIL conference. Regarding Indianapolis, she said that the hotel had availability in mid-July.

Rep. Wren commented that NCOIL should reconsider how it schedules Sunday morning meetings. He said that to offset any subsequent challenges related to Saturday night hotel requirements and contracted room rates, industry members may be willing to pay a higher non-legislator room rate or NCOIL registration fee.

During Committee discussion, legislators addressed issues regarding, among other things, meeting schedules on non-Sundays, attendees' ability to spend time in NCOIL conference locations, flights and other travel considerations, industry members staying in NCOIL host hotels, hotel attrition concerns, and challenges related to renegotiating existing NCOIL hotel contracts. Ms. Nolan, after providing background on NCOIL Saturday night hotel stays, said she would look into negotiating contracts with smaller Saturday room blocks. Legislators agreed to discuss the scheduling/room night issue with additional NCOIL lawmakers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, legislators adjourned at 8:50 a.m.