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BYLAWS REVISION/BUSINESS PLANNING/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES
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The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision, Business Planning, and Membership Committees met at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco in San Francisco, California, on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.

Sen. Jerry Klein of North Dakota, chair of the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee; Sen. Travis Holdman of Indiana, chair of the Business Planning Committee; and Reps. George Keiser of North Dakota and Brian Kennedy of Rhode Island, co-chairs of the Membership Committee, presided.

Other legislators present were:

Sen. Jason Rapert, AR	Sen. James Seward, NY
Rep. Robert Damron, KY	Rep. Bill Botzow, VT
Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish, LA	Rep. Kathie Keenan, VT
Sen. Neil Breslin, NY	

Also in attendance were:

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

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The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of its July 12, 2014, meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

AD HOC STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP AMENDMENTS

Sen. Seward, chair of an Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Working Group established by NCOIL President Sen. Breslin as per direction at the 2014 Summer Meeting, reported that the Working Group had reviewed the NCOIL Articles and Bylaws, in line with the Working Group's charge, and had approved a set of proposed amendments at a special meeting the previous day. Rep. Keiser overviewed the proposed changes, including amendments that would, among other things:

Articles of Organization

- establish that contributing-member states, in addition to general-member, may be represented by their legislators attending NCOIL meetings and seminars (Section III.C)
- clarify that NCOIL committee members must be from a contributing-member state in good standing in order to vote at NCOIL (Section IV.B)
- reduce the number of NCOIL officers from five to four by eliminating the President-Elect position (Section V.A and B, and related changes elsewhere in Articles and Bylaws)
- establish that the NCOIL President appoints NCOIL committee chairs as well as, in accordance with NCOIL bylaws, committee members (Section VI.A)
- eliminate references to appointing a Secretariat (Section VI.C, D and E)

- establish that the authority of the Executive Committee is to have charge of the management of NCOIL and the direction of its activities (Section VI.E)
- eliminate a requirement regarding Executive Committee membership and meeting attendance (Section VI.E)

Bylaws

- specify that the Executive Committee meets at each of the three annual NCOIL conferences (Section III)
- revise committee membership requirements so that all NCOIL committees except for the Audit Committee shall have a minimum of seven (7) members (Section IV.B)
- establish that the NCOIL President appoints the members of the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision, Budget, and Business Planning Committees (Section IV.B. 9, 10, and 12)
- establish that the Nominating Committee shall, among other things, interview potential officers for the upcoming year and reconvene to nominate a replacement when there becomes an officer vacancy, as well as allow for any member of the Nominating Committee to serve as its chair (Section IV.B.11 and related change in IV)
- authorize committee chairs to appoint task force/subcommittee chairs and members only with approval of the NCOIL President (Section IV.D)

Following discussion regarding the proposed amendments, including renumbering certain provisions, the Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee waived the 30-day deadline rule by unanimous voice vote. The Committee then voted unanimously to adopt the proposed amendments and then unanimously again to adopt the Articles & Bylaws as amended. Committee members who voted were Rep. Damron, Rep. Keiser, Sen. Breslin, Sen. Seward, and Rep. Kennedy.

Legislators then adjourned to the Business Planning Committee meeting.

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The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of its July 10, 2014, meeting with the Membership Committee in Boston, Massachusetts.

MEETING EVALUATION SURVEY

Ms. Nolan reported that NCOIL support staff after the 2014 Summer Meeting had e-mailed a meeting evaluation survey to attendees and that feedback, both from legislators and non-legislators, had been positive.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS

Ms. Nolan reported that NCOIL future sites included:

2015 Spring	Charleston, SC
2015 Summer	Indianapolis, IN
2015 Annual	San Antonio, TX
2016 Spring	Little Rock, AR

2016 Summer
2016 Annual

Portland, OR
Las Vegas, NV

During discussion, among other things, legislators suggested Chicago, Salt Lake City, and New Orleans as other possible locations.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Due to time constraints, the Membership Committee deferred discussion until the 2015 Spring Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, legislators adjourned at 9:00 a.m.