

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATORS FROM GAMING STATES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DUCK KEY, FLORIDA
JANUARY 16, 2005
DRAFT MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) met at Hawk's Cay Resort, in Duck Key, Florida, on January 16, 2005, at 8:00 a.m. Sen. Steven Geller, President of NCLGS, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were¹:

Rep. Kevin Ryan, CT
Rep. Bill Oberle, DE
Rep. Tim Solobay, PA
Rep. Vincent Lofink, DE
Rep. Chris Sainato, PA

Other legislators present were:
Assem. Tom Harman, CA
Rep. Helene Keeley, DE
Sen. Pete Brungardt, KS

Others present were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCLGS Executive Director
Paige Spawn, Nolan Associates

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to accept, as submitted, the minutes of its June 4, 2004, meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with the amendment read by Ms. Nolan. The amendment stated that, due to the departure of NCLGS treasurer Rep. Michael Caron, CT, a motion was made for Rep. Ryan to take his place. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

The Committee discussed changes in its members. Since Talmadge Heflin, former NCLGS secretary, was defeated in his re-election, Sen. Geller moved for Rep. Solobay to become NCLGS treasurer and Rep. Ryan to become NCLGS secretary. Sen. Geller said that since Mr. Bob Mackin, NCLGS former executive director, is no longer involved in NCLGS and is representing private sector clients only, he would like to make a motion to ratify Ms. Nolan as NCLGS executive director.

¹Rep. Pamela Thornburg, DE, was unable to attend as she was recovering from the flu, said Rep. Oberle.

Sen. Geller also made a motion to appoint Assemblyman Harman and Sen. Brungardt to the NCLGS Executive Committee. According to the NCLGS Bylaws, Sen. Geller said that legislators from member states must attend two meetings prior to becoming members of the Executive Committee. He said each member state is limited to four members on the Committee.

The Committee voted unanimously for these changes.

Sen. Geller commended Pennsylvania and Delaware for bringing legislators to NCLGS meetings. Ms. Nolan commended Sen. Geller for encouraging Florida attendance. Sen. Geller said that this NCLGS meeting had the highest attendance of all prior NCLGS meetings.

Ms. Nolan thanked Assemblyman Harman for facilitating California dues payment.

The Committee then discussed future NCLGS meeting locations. Sen. Geller said that NCLGS will make an effort to plan dates and locations two or three meetings in advance.

The Committee did decide to hold future meetings in Chicago, Illinois; New Orleans, Louisiana; Orlando, Florida; San Antonio, Texas; San Diego, California; Savannah, Georgia; and South Beach, Florida.

Sen. Geller said that NCLGS was considering New Orleans to host the next NCLGS meeting on the second weekend in June. NCLGS decided to meet in San Diego in January 2006, provided that the hotel rates were affordable.

Sen. Geller said NCLGS meets the first weekend in June and the first weekend in January. He said legislators are usually in session in the second week of January. The Committee added that the holiday in the second weekend of January—Martin Luther King, Jr.—might help attract meeting attendees.

FINANCIALS

Ms. Nolan reported that financials had been reviewed at the Officers and Chairs Meeting. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the financials. Ms. Nolan said that NCLGS was in the process of sending out dues notices. She said thirteen states are members, most of which are current with their dues payments. She reported legislators from Illinois and Mississippi had contacted her during this meeting, and were interested in joining NCLGS and surprised they were not members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Nolan asked Committee members to become more pro-active in getting other states involved in NCLGS. Sen. Geller asked each Committee member to choose one

state and try to invite one legislator from that state to the next meeting. Ms. Nolan said she would contact each member by email, asking them to identify their target state.

Sen. Geller said that NCLGS only accepts government money. NCLGS does have a private sector foundation that raises money strictly for education, such as paying the expenses for speakers and the costs of microphones and other meeting equipment.

Ms. Nolan recommended that NCLGS explore exhibition space for the next meeting.

Sen. Geller said he might ask other Committee members to represent NCLGS at other gaming related conferences, such as the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL).

Rep. Oberle made a motion to invite Rep. Keeley to serve on the Executive Committee. The Committee voted unanimously. Sen. Geller said that NCLGS will add more people to the Executive Committee at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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