

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATORS FROM GAMING STATES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2008
MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) met at the Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Saturday, January 5, 2008, at 11:30 a.m.

Representative Bill Oberle from Delaware, NCLGS President, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Rep. James Buskey, AL
Sen. Tom Harman, CA
Rep. Kevin Ryan, CT
Rep. Helene Keeley, DE
Rep. Vincent Lofink, DE
Rep. Bill Oberle, DE
Rep. Pamela Thornburg, DE
Sen. Steve Geller, FL
Sen. Pete Brungardt, KS
Sen. Richard Lerblance, OK
Rep. Chris Sainato, PA

Other legislators present were:

Rep. Sue Schmitz, AL
Rep. Pebblin Warren, AL
Rep. Jim Waldman, FL
Rep. Arlen Siegfried, KS

Others present were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCLGS Executive Director
Nicholas Brozean, Nolan Associates, NCLGS Assistant Legislative Coordinator

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to accept, as submitted, the minutes of its June 9, 2007, meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ADMINISTRATION

ATTENDANCE

Rep. Oberle reported that the Winter Meeting was proving successful, and attendance was approximately 150.

FUTURE SITES

After a consensus of the NCLGS Executive Committee, it was decided that Ms. Nolan would make a site visit to the Sonoma and Napa Valley region of California for a Summer Meeting to be held on June 13 through 15, 2008.

DUES

Ms. Nolan reported that dues collection was progressing successfully. She said state dues are currently \$3000, which was considered a minimal amount. She said NCLGS had its first exhibit and should try to obtain more exhibits in the future, as they benefit attendees.

The committee voted to review the NCLGS fee structure prior to the 2008 summer meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

After nomination of Alabama Rep. Pebbles Warren and Kansas Rep. Arlen Siegfried by Rep. Buskey of Alabama and by Sen. Brungardt of Kansas, the committee voted to appoint the legislators as members to the NCLGS Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON LOTTERIES

Sen. Richard Lerblance, chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received a report on Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL) and North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) initiatives
- received an update on federal internet legislation impacts on lotteries
- resolved to receive testimony on lottery privatization at the NCLGS summer meeting

COMMITTEE ON BINGO & CHARITABLE GAMING

Sen. Pete Brungardt, chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received a report on bingo and charitable gaming initiatives in the states, and linked and instant bingo

COMMITTEE ON RESPONSIBLE GAMING

Rep. Chris Sainato, chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received a report on problem gambling initiatives in the states and self-exclusion practices
- received a proposal to study responsible gaming best practices

The committee agreed to pursue funding for the proposed study before making a commitment to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG).

COMMITTEE ON PARI-MUTUELS

Rep. Vincent Lofink, chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received an update on international and federal Internet regulatory issues related to pari-mutuels
- received a report on the National Racing Compact
- received a report on viable racetrack and racino oversight

- received a report on a thoroughbred Sales Integrity Program
- received an update on developments within greyhound racing

COMMITTEE ON CASINOS

Sen. Tom Harman, acting chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received a report on classification of casino games, i.e., games of skill vs. chance
- received a report on convergence of old and new casino gaming technology
- considered a proposed resolution supporting 100 percent smoke-free gaming and deferred consideration of the resolution to the NCLGS 2008 Summer Meeting

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Sen. Geller, chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received a report from the NCLGS Federal Bureau on federal gaming initiatives
- received an update on tribal gaming expansion and off-reservation gaming
- adopted amendments to update a *NCLGS Tribal-State Informational Checklist* and resolved to consider further amendments at its Summer Meeting.
- moved to review a NCLGS position on Internet gaming at the Summer Meeting

The committee voted to adopt amendments updating the NCLGS informational checklist.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Rep. Oberle said the general sessions provided a lot of important information to NCLGS attendees and included many top speakers from around the country.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Sen. Geller said while legislators from numerous states attend NCLGS meetings many have not committed to NCLGS membership.

Rep. Oberle said it is necessary for executive committee members to speak with legislators in nearby states to promote NCLGS membership.

The committee voted to educate others about NCLGS in the future at relevant gaming conferences.

Sen. Harmon said NCLGS should develop an informational brochure insert for the NCLGS Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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