

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATORS FROM GAMING STATES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010
DRAFT MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) met at the Hotel Valley Ho on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at 11:30 a.m.

Delaware Representative Bill Oberle, NCLGS President, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Rep. James Buskey, AL
Rep. Pebblin Warren, AL
Sen. Tom Harman, CA
Rep. Kevin Ryan, CT
Rep. Jim Waldman, FL

Others present were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCLGS Executive Director

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to accept, as submitted, the minutes of its January 10, 2009, meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

FINANCIALS

The Committee voted to accept the June 30, 2009 NCLGS and the NCLGS Foundation financials, as submitted. Ms. Nolan reported that because of limited resources and taking into account that NCLGS had only held one meeting last year, financials had been prepared biannually instead of quarterly for 2009. She added that year-end financials would provide a more definitive picture of NCLGS financial status.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Rep. Oberle proposed to amend Section V.G. of the NCLGS Bylaws, to add the following language to internalize the group's audit process:

The Executive Committee shall, at the annual meeting of the Council, select an internal audit committee to review the Council's books and accounts for the current fiscal year. The Audit Committee shall submit its report at the next succeeding meeting of the Executive Committee.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the NCLGS 30-day rule by a two-thirds vote, and the Executive Committee voted unanimously to amend the NCLGS bylaws to create an internal audit committee. Rep. Oberle said that he would appoint members to the committee, which would be chaired by NCLGS Vice President Kevin Ryan. He said the

committee would conduct a review of year-end financials and report to the Executive Committee on an annual basis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Following nominations, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Sen. Roderick Wright (CA) and Rep. Bill Galvano (FL) to the NCLGS Executive Committee.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

In general discussions, legislators expressed

- a positive reaction to the interactive roundtable forum
- a desire for more discussion on internet gaming
- an interest in sessions on Indian gaming
- an interest in a panel on tribal v. pari-mutuel gaming
- an interest in the impact of smoke-free gaming
- the need for Committees to proactively develop public gaming policies

MEMBERSHIP/PARTICIPATION

Rep. Oberle encouraged NCLGS Executive Committee members to step up efforts, as would he in Delaware, to increase legislative attendance and provide funding for the NCLGS Foundation. He said the Foundation could become a critical tool in providing assistance to legislators who otherwise could not attend the NCLGS meeting to come and benefit from the meetings. He said that NCLGS exceeds in magnitude all the other organizations to which he has belonged and plays a critical role in forming good gaming public policy. He said that he hoped that NCLGS would be able to go on in the future to serve that mandate.

Rep. Waldman said that the conference had been of a tremendous benefit to Florida legislators. He said that it had provided him and Rep. Galvano with vital information and essential contacts. Sen. Harman echoed that sentiment in relation to California legislators, and said he believed that Sen. Wright, who chairs the California Senate Committee that oversees gambling issues, would participate in future NCLGS meetings. Rep. Warren said that NCLGS was the most educational conference that she has attended to date and that she made it her travel priority for the year.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that sending out membership dues notices in March for the fiscal year is appropriate.

It was the sense of the Committee, after protracted discussion, that it is appropriate and necessary to hold two meetings a year.

ADJOURNMENT

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