

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATORS FROM GAMING STATES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NAPA, CALIFORNIA
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010
DRAFT MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) met at the Napa Valley Hotel & Spa in Napa, California, on Saturday, January 12, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Connecticut Representative Kevin Ryan, NCLGS Vice-President, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:

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

Others present were:

Rep. Johnny Morrow, AL
Rep. Joe Gibbons, FL
Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCLGS Executive Director

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to accept, as submitted, the minutes of its January 9, 2010, meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

ADMINISTRATION

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Nolan reported that attendance was approximately 95 attendees.

FUTURE SITES

Rep. Ryan reported that NCLGS would consider a meeting next January in Florida, with New Orleans as a second possibility.

DUES

Ms. Nolan reported that there were still two states owing dues for 2009. She said dues notices for 2010 initially had been sent out in February.

FINANCIALS

Ms. Nolan reported that the Audit Committee met to review the financials and that because NCLGS only scheduled one meeting last year, the figures were much lower. Sen. Harman reporting for the Audit Committee, said that he was satisfied with NCLGS internal audit

controls. The Committee voted to accept the December 31, 2009, NCLGS and the NCLGS Foundation financials.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Following nominations, the Committee approved appointments of Florida Rep. Joe Gibbons and as a chair of the gaming committee, Alabama Rep. Johnny Morrow to the NCLGS Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON LOTTERIES

Rep. Kevin Ryan, acting chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee was well attended and that discussion with experts included issues such as Lottery revenue bonds, privatization, and larger ticket prices, as well as maximizing lottery revenues, advertising, and consumer safeguards.

COMMITTEE ON PARI-MUTUELS

Rep. Pebblin Warren, acting chair of the Committee, reported that the Pari-Mutuel Roundtable focused on the current state of pari-mutuels and slots at tracks and “instant” racing machines, as well as new products at racetracks.

COMMITTEE ON RESPONSIBLE GAMING

Rep. James Buskey, acting chair of the Committee, reported that the focus of the Responsible Gaming Roundtable speaker was on how states could address problem gambling and not impact their budgets’ bottom line, direct state agencies to develop plans, require gaming operators to have responsible gaming programs. He said they also spoke of a possible pre-expansion study to measure impacts.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

INTERNET GAMING:

Sen. Tom Harman, chair of the Committee, reported that there were two interesting panels and he received good feedback from attendees. He said that legislators heard from differing perspectives on off-reservation gaming from the mayor of Richmond, California, and a representative of the Guideville Band of Pomo Indians, as well as from NIGA and BIA representatives. Senator Harman added that the Committee entertained a blue-ribbon panel of experts, who spoke about the state of Internet gaming in the U.S. and abroad.

COMMITTEE ON CASINOS

Rep. Helene Keeley, chair of the Committee, reported that even though the Roundtable on Casinos was the last meeting of the day, it was very well attended. She said that experts spoke to new technology and expansion of casinos.

Ms. Nolan commented that trends in the roundtables included requests for legislators and regulators to give more flexibility to the different lines of gaming, especially in lotteries, pari-mutuels and casinos in looking at tax rates and issues related to new technology.

OTHER MEETINGS

GENERAL SESSIONS

Regarding the general session on racing regulation, Sen. Harman questioned the role for NCLGS regarding uniform testing. Ms. Nolan noted that NCLGS had expressed support for the Association of Racing Commissions International (RCI) compact, which would include this aspect. Sen. Harman said he believed NCLGS should research the issue further. Rep. Keeley pointed out that six states have to be interested to form a compact, and agreed with Sen. Harman.

Rep. Bill Galvano said that the special summit on gaming expansion and tribal compacts gave tribal representatives and legislators the chance to discuss a very timely issue.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Rep. Warren reported that the gave the Nominating Committee recommendations were: President, Rep. Kevin Ryan; Vice-President, Sen. Tom Harman; Secretary, Rep. Tim Solobay; Treasurer, Rep. James Buskey; and Executive Committee Chair, Rep. Jim Waldman.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to accept these nominations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Leland Fairbanks expressed his thanks to NCLGS for their support of smoke-free casinos.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon.