

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATORS FROM GAMING STATES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NAPA, CALIFORNIA
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008
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, June 14, 2008, at 11:30 a.m.

Representative Kevin Ryan from Connecticut, NCLGS Vice President, presided in the absence of Delaware Representative Bill Oberle, NCLGS President.

Other members of the Committee present were:

Rep. Michael Caron, CT
Sen. Steven Geller, FL
Rep. Arlen Siegfried, KS
Sen. Richard Lerblance, OK
Rep. John Evans, PA
Rep. Chris Sainato, PA
Rep. Tim Solobay, PA

Other legislators present were:

Rep. H. Mac Gipson, AL
Rep. Perry Thurston, FL
Rep. Jim Waldman, FL
Rep. Brian Quirk, IA
Rep. Kevin McCarthy, IL
Rep. Trent Van Haaften, IN
Rep. Charlie Hoffman, KY
Rep. Joni Jenkins, KY
Rep. Dennis Keene, KY
Rep. Darryl Owens, KY
Sen. Walter Michel, MS
Sen. John Sparks, OK
Rep. Larry Miller, TN
Sen. Jerome Delvin, WA

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 January 5, 2008, meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

ADMINISTRATION

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Nolan reported that attendance was approximately 130, a positive number, considering that the NCLGS summer meeting competes with many other gaming groups that meet in and around the month of June.

FUTURE SITES

Rep. Ryan reported the NCLGS Winter Meeting would be held at the Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona, on January 9 through 11, 2009. He said The Mohegan Sun would be sending a proposal to host the NCLGS Summer Meeting in June 2009.

The NCLGS Executive Committee determined that Ms. Nolan would pursue possible future meetings in North Carolina, Vermont, Texas, and New Mexico, as well as Connecticut.

DUES

Ms. Nolan reported that NCLGS dues had been paid in full for 2007. She said invoices for 2008 membership had been sent out in March and April.

FINANCIALS

The Committee voted to accept the NCLGS financials and NCLGS Foundation financials for the last quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Following nominations, the Committee approved appointments of Florida Rep. Jim Waldman and Oklahoma Sen. John Sparks to the NCLGS Executive Committee.

Sen. Geller reported that the Nominating Committee had met and that they recommended reelection of the current NCLGS officers for the 2008 through 2009 term.

After a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation and to reelect the current slate of NCLGS officers to another term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON LOTTERIES

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

- received a report on lottery initiatives in the states
- received an update on federal Internet gaming legislation impact on lotteries
- received an update on North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) uniformity initiatives
- received a report on efforts to enhance lottery revenues using financial bonds
- heard testimony on lottery privatization

COMMITTEE ON PARI-MUTUELS

Rep. Tim Solobay, acting chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had:

- received an update on simulcast revenue sharing issues
- received an update on wagering security and medication initiatives

- received a report on pros and cons of synthetic track surfaces
- received an update on greyhound racing in the states
- received a briefing on initiatives related to controversial veterinary practices, including shock wave therapy, heel-nerving, and anabolic steroids

COMMITTEE ON RESPONSIBLE GAMING

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

- received an update on responsible gaming and problem gambling initiatives in the states
- received a report on establishing evidenced-based treatment practices for pathological gambling
- reconsidered a proposal to study responsible gaming best practices

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

- received an update on state and federal Internet gambling initiatives
- received a report on recent activity regarding National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) tribal consultation
- received an update on NIGC published regulations for Class II & III machines
- received a report on gambling machines on overseas military bases
- adopted amendments to update a *NCLGS Tribal-State Informational Checklist*

The Executive Committee voted to adopt amendments updating the NCLGS informational checklist.

COMMITTEE ON CASINOS

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

- received a report on Kansas casino initiatives
- received an update on new gaming technology
- received an update on games of skill vs. games of chance and grey machines
- considered letters regarding New Jersey sports betting legislation
- accepted and considered amendments to a proposed resolution supporting 100 percent smoke-free gaming and deferred consideration of the amended resolution to the NCLGS 2009 Scottsdale Winter Meeting
- heard testimony on smoke-free gaming and lottery privatization

OTHER MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee resolved to enhance membership efforts and to follow up with newcomers who attended the summer meeting.

Sen. Harman said the newcomer dinner is a great opportunity at NCLGS meetings to make new legislators feel welcome.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Ms. Nolan reported that the general sessions provided important information to NCLGS attendees and were well-attended. She said many legislators took advantage of the question and answer periods during the sessions, which offer a vital forum to interact with the speakers.

The Committee decided that future NCLGS general sessions might focus on pari-mutuel, internet, tribal, and problem gambling topics.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

The Committee voted to adopt an amended NCLGS registration fee structure. Under the new structure, attendees are subject to the following fees:

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| Legislator, Staff, Member State | \$300.00 |
| Legislator, Staff, Non-Member State* | \$375.00 |
| Other State/Federal Official | \$375.00 |
| Tribal Official | \$375.00 |
| Industry and all Others | \$500.00 |
| Non-legislative Spouse/immediate family** | \$50.00 |
| Media | No Charge |

*First-time legislators from non-member states are allowed a one-time reduced \$300.00 registration fee.

**Guests attending any NCLGS function must register. Legislators' guests are not subject to registration fee.

The Committee also voted to adopt amendments to NCLGS Articles of Organization, Section (V) B and G, as well as to NCLGS Bylaws, Section (IV) G, that would:

- establish that no more than five, rather than four, representatives of each member state can sit on the Executive Committee
- add that the chair of the committee responsible for gaming legislation in each legislative house of each member state shall be a voting member of the Committee at his or her first meeting
- require that a representative of a member state attend two meetings prior to being considered for Executive Committee membership
- establish a system whereby 1) resolutions and other documents to be considered at a NCLGS meeting must be submitted and sponsored by a legislator at least 30 days prior, 2) allow for a waiver of the rule if the committee votes by two-thirds, including waiving it for amendments to the resolutions or documents, and 3) all adopted documents pass through committees to the Executive Committee

ADJOURNMENT

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

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