

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATORS FROM GAMING STATES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015
11:45 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
DRAFT MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) met at The Water Club at Borgata in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 13, at 11:45 a.m.

Rep. Helene Keeley of Delaware, NCLGS President, presided.

Other legislators present included:

Rep. Kevin Ryan, CT	Sen. James Arnold, IN
Rep. Stephanie Bolden, DE	Rep. Lois Delmore, ND
Rep. Matt Ramsey, GA	Rep. Marvin Abney, RI
Rep. Thomas Loertscher, ID	Del. Eric Nelson, Jr., WV

Others present were:

Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCLGS Executive Director
Candace Thorson, Nolan Associates

MINUTES

The Committee accepted the minutes of its last meeting on January 10, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ATTENDANCE AND FIRST TIME LEGISLATOR ATTENDEES

Ms. Nolan of Nolan Associates reported that there were 65 registered attendees, including 13 legislators and nine regulators. She said seven new legislators had registered, including Sen. Bill Cowser (GA), Rep. Matt Dollar (GA), Rep. Matt Ramsey (GA), Rep. Thomas Loertscher (ID), Sen. James Arnold (IN), Rep. Marvin Abney (RI), and Del. Eric Nelson, Jr. (WV).

FINANCIALS

Ms. Nolan reported that NCLGS assets as of June 30, 2015 were \$57,509.69, that income was \$93,325.25, and that expenses were \$31,627.84. She said the change in net assets was \$26,783.42. She reported that NCLGS Foundation revenue was \$10,200, that expenses were \$34,444.11, and that net assets at end of the period were \$2,642.30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Casinos

Rep. Keeley reported that the Committee on Casinos:

- heard a discussion on efforts to reposition Atlantic City as a destination resort
- heard a report on self-regulation initiatives among online gaming operations
- received an update on sports wagering litigation
- heard a report on state fantasy sports initiatives
- received an update on internet sweepstakes café enforcement

Committee on Lotteries

Rep. Ryan reported that the Committee on Lotteries:

- heard a report on the impact of casinos on lottery sales
- heard a report on lotteries' use of digital space
- discussed state lottery advertising and administration
- received an update on new technology/products
- received an update on lottery privatization

Committee on Pari-Mutuels

Rep. Keeley reported that the Committee on Pari-Mutuels:

- received an update on racehorse drug and therapeutic medication regulation and testing initiatives
- received an update on historic racing initiatives/issues
- discussed other pari-mutuel initiatives

Committee on Responsible Gaming

Rep. Delmore reported that the Committee on Responsible Gaming:

- heard a report on Pennsylvania casino responsible gaming training
- heard a report on New Jersey gaming self-exclusion registration
- received an update on the implementation of NCPG internet gaming standards
- discussed sports betting and problem gambling

State-Federal Relations Committee

Rep. Viola reported that the State-Federal Relations Committee:

- discussed state-federal online gaming initiatives
- received an update on online poker initiatives and interstate compacts
- heard a report on millennials and the future of mobile/internet gaming
- discussed do's and don'ts when negotiating with tribes in tribal state compacts based on Obama administration decisions
- heard a report on land acquisition decisions during the Obama administration
- received an update on national Indian gaming commission initiatives/issues

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Retail Gaming: How Much Gambling is Enough?

Rep. Ryan, moderator of the session, reported that it provided insight into technological advancements and their effects on gamblers and casinos. He said that presenters were Paul Boni of Stop Predatory Gambling, Former Florida State Senator Steven Geller of Greenspoon Marder Law, and Michael Pollock of Spectrum Gaming Group.

GENERAL SESSION

Understanding Economic Impacts of Gaming: How Can Legislation Harness Benefits, Minimize Drawbacks?

Former Rep. Jim Waldman said that legislators participated in a June 13 session regarding how legislation impacts gaming.

OTHER SESSIONS

Keynote Luncheon

Rep. Keeley said that Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian and New Jersey State Senator James Whelan provided insight into the opportunities and challenges experienced by a major casino host community.

ADJOURNMENT

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