

# National Conference of State Liquor Administrators

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## **Annual Membership Meeting**

**June 6, 2007**  
**Red Lion Hotel**  
**Seattle, WA**

## **Minutes**

*Note: The following are highlights of actions taken by the NCSLA General Membership.*

### **Call of Order**

Lou Bright, President called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

### **Executive Board Members Present:**

Lou Bright, President  
Jack Cordrey, First Vice President  
Eric Honma, Second Vice President  
Hobert Rupe, Third Vice President  
Robert Hill, Southern Region Chair  
William Kelley, Northern Region Chair  
William O'Donoghue, Central Region Chair  
Lynn Walding, Past President  
James Webster, Associate Member Representative  
Adam Chafetz, Associate Member Representative

### **States Represented (23)**

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia,  
Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland,  
Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Washington

### **Allied, Trade, Suppliers, and Other Government Organizations present**

### **Others Present:**

Election of Officers

Lou Bright, President stated that Article 4 of our Constitution says that the vice presidents must each be from a different region and the presidency must be rotated among the regions. The way we have traditionally worked that is the president is essentially moving up and becomes the immediate past president and the third vice president is nominated from the presidents region. Which means that this year, the southern region, is giving the nominations committee three names. A chair, a vice-chair and a nomination for the third vice-president.

William Kelley, Massachusetts, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported:

**Northern Region Nominated**

William Kelley Massachusetts, Chair  
Gerald Langlais, Connecticut, Vice-Chair

**Central Region Nominated**

Pete Lobdell, Missouri, Chair  
Tom Groneman, Kansas, Vice-Chair

**Western Region Nominated**

Rick Garza, State of Washington, Chair  
Jerry Oliver, Arizona, Vice-Chair

**Southern Region Nominated**

Robert Hill, Alabama, Chair  
Chris Lilly, Kentucky, Vice-Chair

**Third Vice- President Nominated**

Danielle Elks, Tennessee

**Second Vice-President Nominated**

Hobert Rupe, Nebraska

**First Vice-President Nominated**

Eric Honma, Hawaii

**President Nominated**

John Cordrey, Delaware

The regions have voted and elected the chair and vice-chair of their regions.

A motion was made by Jack Cordrey, Delaware to accept the nominations as Mr. Kelley reported. Danielle Elks, Third Vice-President; Hobert Rupe, Second-Vice-President; Eric Honma, First Vice-President; and Jack Cordrey, President. The motion was seconded by Hobert Rupe. All in favor. No objections on each of the nominations.

### Future Conferences

#### *2008 NCSLA Annual Conference*

Mr. William O'Donaghue, Illinois reported that the 2008 Annual Conference will take place in Chicago, Illinois on June 29 through July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fairmont Hotel.

#### *Central/Western Region Conference*

Mr. Robert Clements, Idaho reported that the 2007 Central Western Region conference will take place in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho on October 28 through 30<sup>th</sup> at the The Coeur d' Alene Resort and Spa.

#### *Northern/Southern Region Conference*

Mr. Jeffrey Greer, Rhode Island reported that the 2007 Northern/Southern Region Conference will take place in Newport, Rhode Island on November 12 through 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### *2009 NCSLA Annual Conference*

Ms. Carolyn Smith, Tennessee reported that the State of Tennessee would like to host the 2009 annual conference. Possible conference sites Nashville or Memphis and possible dates are pending.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynn Walding, Iowa, to have the 2009 annual conference in Tennessee and for the executive board to work with the State of Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (Ms. Danielle Elks) to work out dates, times and location. Mr. Hobert Rupe seconded the motion all in favor. No objections. Motion carried.

2007-08 Budget Report *Copies of the proposed budgets (operating and special project budget) were given to all members on Monday prior to the meeting on Wednesday.*

#### *2007-08 Proposed Operating Budget*

Mr. Jack Cordrey, Chair Budget Committee reported the following on the budget. The budget is basically the same as the year before. The changes in the proposed budget for 2007-08 are the following: Income increased to \$175,000 which is reflective of the amount that has been generated from members, both industry and states. Interest on the CD's is expected to be about \$9400. Increase in the executive travel to \$25,000; increase in annual conference subsidy to \$50,000; with combined regions meeting (i.e. (EB3) Northern/Southern and (EB2) Central/Western) increase subsidy to \$10,000; EB8 is conference travel subsidy in the amount of \$5000 for those states that are under a state travel ban (up to \$1000 per state administrator); and removed from the budget was the \$5000 for line item ED4 Secretary to Executive Director.

The Budget Committee has proposed to this organization for our 2007-2008 budget and we would ask that you approve that. The motion by the committee was seconded by Mr. Lynn Walding, Iowa. All in favor. No Objections. Motion carried.

*Special Projects Budget (Budget on the Finger print initiative)*

**Fingerprint Initiative Summary Report by Matt Cook of Cook Consulting LLC**

Mr. Matt Cook, Cook Consulting LLC reviewed the Fingerprint Initiative Summary Report. A copy of that report given out to all members at the conference for review on Monday prior to the meeting.

The Budget Committee proposed the \$100,000 for the Special Project Budget (Fingerprint Project).

President Lou Bright called for roll call of the states. Roll call of the States. Twenty-three states present. Mr. Hobert Rupe, Parliamentarian reported we have a quorum.

Mr. Jack Cordrey, made a motion to amend the motion to fund the fingerprint project budget with the values reflected in Mr. Cook's summary report. (\$227,610) Mr. William O'Donaghue, Illinois seconded the motion. With the vote of 10 yes votes and 13 no votes the amended motion failed.

Mr. Chris Lilly, Kentucky moved to amend the to the motion, by providing that if we approve expenditure on any funds on the fingerprint project, that expenditure should be conditioned on seeking incorporation. Incorporation would provide the states the maximum amount of protection for directors and officers of the association. The motion was seconded. Voting on the amendment by Mr. Chris Lilly, nine (9) in favor and eleven (11) opposed. The amendment failed.

Lou Bright, President recaps the voting thus far. We have declined to vote to authorize expenditure of \$227,610. We have declined to condition any expenditure on incorporation of the association.

Lou Bright, the pending motion as presented by the Budget Committee on the expenditure of \$100,000. as laid out in the Special Project Budget. Written ballots. Nine in favor, one abstaining and 13 opposing votes the motion fails. The motion to authorize expenditures of \$100,000 according to that budget on the fingerprint project has failed.

*(The minutes will reflect industry members were in support of the Fingerprint Initiative)*

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

This concludes the business agenda of the NCSLA General Membership Meeting.