

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

June 4, 2009

Members present:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson  
Speaker Mike O'Neal, Vice-Chairperson  
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader  
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader  
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader  
Representative Arlen Siegfried, Speaker Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 9:15 a.m. in Room 545-N, State Capitol.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Speaker O'Neal reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommends that:

1. Members of the Advisory Committee on Uniform State Laws be authorized to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 9 - 16, 2009.
2. Jeff Russell be authorized to pay annual dues of \$10,000 to the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL).
3. Travel by four legislators to NCOIL, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 9-12, be approved, the legislators' compensation, registration and travel expenses to be paid.
4. The following general travel policy be adopted: There shall continue to be a moratorium on out-of-state travel by legislators, legislative staff, central staff agencies and leadership staff, with the following exceptions:
  - Legislators, legislative staff, employees of central staff agencies and leadership staff who are officers of, who serve as chair or vice chair of a committee of, or who serve on the executive committee of a legitimate, recognized legislative organization (i.e., NCSL, CSG, ALEC, NCOIL, the Energy Council, etc.) are permitted to travel to meetings of such organization at state expense.
  - Legislators who are leaders in an organization described above may attend multiple meetings of the same organization without leadership approval.
  - Legislators who are not officers or executive committee members but are members of a committee or task force of an organization described above may have registration for meetings of such committee or task force paid by the state but are not eligible for reimbursement of any other travel expenses.
  - Legislators who do not qualify for an exemption but want to attend an out-of-state meeting may legitimately use campaign funds to cover the associated travel expenses.
  - Legislative staff, employees of central staff agencies and leadership staff are permitted to travel at state expense to meetings of organizations described above if they are attending for staff training.



- Airline and hotel reservations and meeting registrations are expected to be made at least 30 days prior to a meeting. If made fewer than 30 days prior to the meeting, expenses for airfare, meals, lodging, taxi, tips and car rental shall not exceed \$800 per trip. This maximum limitation shall not be waived except upon determination by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate that a 30-day period was not available to make travel arrangements after receiving notice of the meeting.
5. The following travel policy be adopted for attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference in Overland Park, Kansas, August 9-12:
    - Legislators attending the meeting will be reimbursed as if they were attending an interim committee meeting, which includes per diem (\$88.66) and taxable subsistence (\$109.00) for each day of the meeting they attend, plus mileage and turnpike tolls. Legislators who live more than 100 miles from Overland Park and require an additional night of lodging, would be entitled to an en route day (\$109.00).
    - Registration will be paid separately by the Legislative Administrative Services (LAS). Legislators must call LAS before June 9, 2009, for the "early bird" registration price. If a legislator contacts LAS after that date the state will only pay the "early bird" registration price and the legislator will be responsible for the additional \$50 for registration.
    - Leadership staff who are officially assigned to volunteer at the conference or who live more than 50 miles from the conference site would be paid their choice of either one round trip mileage reimbursement plus lodging expenses or mileage reimbursement for each day they volunteer at the conference.
    - Leadership staff approved to attend the conference who live within 50 miles would be reimbursed mileage for each day of attendance.
  6. Representative Kevin Yoder be appointed chair and Senator Jay Emler be appointed vice chair of Legislative Budget Committee.
  7. Senator Jean Schodorf be appointed chair and Representative Deena Horst be appointed vice chair of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee.
  8. Approval of the following committee meeting days:
    - Health Policy Oversight, June 12
    - Joint Committee on Special Claims against the State, June 29-30
    - 2010 Commission, June 29-30
    - Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations, July 6-7
    - Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, July 9-10
  9. President Morris be authorized to execute on behalf of the Council a contract to lease laptop computers for legislators from Dell, after review of the draft contract by the Revisor's staff.

In addition, Dave Larson, Director, Legislative Computer Services, described a survey undertaken to determine legislators who do not want state-issued laptops. The consensus was to require legislators to take positive action by the end of June if they want state-issued laptops.

Speaker O'Neal moved that the recommendations of the subcommittee be approved. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Council received a report from Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, regarding the DUI Commission and the Joint Committee on Oversight of the Parole Board, which were created by the 2009 Legislature. It was noted that neither the Council nor Council members make appointments to the Commission or Joint Committee.

Representative Merrick distributed a letter from Mr. Emil Konrath, The Konrath Group, LTD., regarding a proposal for a process assessment of the status of the Statehouse Restoration Project. Representative Merrick recommended that the Council or subcommittees of the Council schedule a presentation from The Konrath Group, LTD., regarding this proposal. After discussion, President Morris stated that the presentation would be scheduled for a meeting of the Council at the first opportunity after July.

Senator Schmidt moved that the minutes of the April 29, 2009, meeting be approved. Representative Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received a memorandum on Council subcommittee appointments for 2009 from President Morris, Policy 1 travel authorizations from President Morris and Speaker O'Neal and Policy 20 travel authorizations from President Morris. In addition, members of the Council received a court cases update memorandum prepared by Renae Jefferies, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, at the meeting.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Mary Ann Torrence,  
Revisor of Statutes,  
as Secretary

Approved by

  
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President Stephen Morris, Chairperson