

## **MINUTES OF THE NCSL HOST COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 22, 1999  
10:30 A.M.  
Room 124, State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Members Present: Representative Susan Crosby and Senator Joseph Harrison, Co-Chairpersons; Senator Patricia Miller; Representative Kathy Richardson; Lay Members Gary Biviano and Lisa Hays Murray.

Members Absent: Senators Glenn Howard and Richard Young; Representatives Ralph Ayres and Sheila Klinker; Lay Members John Holmes and Ed Simcox.

Others Present: Maribeth Smith and Ellen Rabinowitch, MBS & Associates, Inc.; Pete Miller, Crowe, Chizek & Co., Mary Cummins and Christi Megna, Legislative Services Agency.

Representative Crosby called the meeting to order. She reported on the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) meeting held February 19, 1999 and indicated that all committees are progressing in their work. The Finance Committee is working very hard at this point and will press ahead to meet their goals. An opinion from the Attorney General has been received indicating gaming contributions to the meeting would not be a violation of Indiana law and Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman has indicated his agreement with the Attorney General. The Committee is expecting a letter from the Prosecutor. Representative Crosby reported strong interest in attending the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) meeting this summer among legislators from other states who attended the recent Leader to Leader meeting in Washington, D.C.

Maribeth Smith and Ellen Rabinowitch reported on: 1. Hotel Rooms and Suites. Indiana will have 16-18 rooms at the Westin for members of leadership. Other blocks will be requested in increments of 20 at other downtown hotels based on the committee's desire to have Indiana attendees available for hospitality purposes at as many hotels as possible. 2. Indiana Convention Center Fees. The Convention Center fees will be around \$70,000. Senator Harrison will contact the Indiana Convention and Visitors Association to discuss the possibility of some reduction of those fees as well as trying to negotiate use of donated food at the Convention Center. 3. Host Committee Badges. Badges for the Host State registrants will be all one color for Indiana identification, but will use ribbons to designate Host Committee members, etc. 4. Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 3:30 on March 10, 1999 at the Columbia Club. Legislative leadership and Host Committee members will be encouraged to attend to work with members of the Finance Committee for fundraising calls yet to be made. A discussion of various other sources of revenue yielded some information to pass on to the Finance Committee. 5. Special Events Update. Plans at both the Speedway and Children's Museum are proceeding as expected.

The fees for the Speedway are about \$75,000 (\$20,000 for car demonstration plan included); the Children's Museum fee is \$10,000 but contact will be made to ask if that price can be brought down.

Pete Miller reported on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Transportation. Fifteen Invitations to Bid were mailed in December. Four vendors requested a copy of the RFP, two of which (Free Enterprise (\$165,649) and Travelways (\$67,649)) prepared a proposal.

Ellen Rabinowitch reported on the Youth Services RFP. Five RFP's were distributed and three vendors responded (Kiddie Corp. (\$46,575), Accent on Children's Arrangements (\$25,325), and Sitters to the Rescue (\$41,600).

Votes to award the contracts for Transportation and Youth Services could not be taken due to lack of a quorum and will be taken at the next Host Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.