

LEADERSHIP NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, March 22, 2021

PRESENT	Rosemarie Kraeger Douglas Ragland Teresa Ferenczhalmy Tony Trongone Chad Delbridge Deanna McLaughlin	Rhode Island Commissioner Alabama Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner New Jersey Commissioner Wyoming Commissioner Tennessee Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Greg Lynch Debra Jackson Tim McMurtrey	Washington Commissioner New York Commissioner Idaho Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Mary Pendleton	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate Administrative Assistant	

ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM EST by Rhode Island Compact Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, Executive Director. A quorum was established.
3. MIC3 Administrative Assistant Mary Pendleton introduced herself to the committee.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. Commissioner Tony Trongone (NJ) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Douglas Ragland (AL). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 26, 2020

5. Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY) to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – KEY DATES

6. ED Imai gave a summary of key dates upcoming for the Leadership Nomination Committee. She noted the Executive Committee would decide during their virtual retreat in April whether the Annual Business Meeting will be in person or virtual. The documents will be revised in May depending on the location of the ABM.

ITEM 6 – REVIEW SURVEY COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS

7. ED Imai noted the items in the post-ABM survey that need to be addressed were separated. The items include the survey, the voting process and transparency, the Meet the Candidates virtual session, and survey comments about the “drama” surrounding the election process.

8. Chair Kraeger asked how many comments were made regarding the “drama” surrounding the elections, she asked ED Imai to follow up with the commissioners who referenced this in their survey.

9. Chair Kraeger asked members to weigh in on the voting process, specifically the format of secret ballot vs. roll call. No comments were given. She said the committee will need to discuss whether the numbers of the vote will be released at this year's ABM.

ITEM 7 – REVIEW DOCUMENTS

10. The committee reviewed the Memo from the Leadership Nomination Committee regarding the nomination and election process. Commissioner Delbridge asked why the deadline is given using Hawaii time. ED Imai said the Council of State Governments has started using this for clarity purposes, since they do not observe Daylight Savings Time. ED Imai said she is open to changing the time zone for the deadline if desired.

11. No changes were suggested, the document will be updated with this year's current dates and released.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. Chair Kraeger said this practice has been adopted for all the committees, a time devoted during the meetings for members to share things with the EXCOM. The purpose of this is to establish two-way communication between the committees and the EXCOM.

13. Chair Kraeger said one large decision coming is whether the ABM will be held in person. ED Imai shared there is a time element to the decision due to financial commitments to the hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. Administrative Assistant Lindsey Dablow said Arkansas plans to be at full capacity in the fall and they are no longer as much flexibility with postponing events.

14. Commissioner Ragland asked whether there was a hybrid option, or if the ABM would be in person with no virtual option or all virtual. Ms. Dablow is preparing a cost analysis that covers three options: in person, hybrid, or fully virtual.

15. ED Imai said the status of vaccinations will affect the decision and there are a lot of questions that were submitted to the working group for some guidance.

16. Commissioner Delbridge stated he liked the idea of a hybrid ABM but expressed concerns of the workload it would put on the National Office. ED Imai said it would likely require additional support from the A/V company and perhaps other additional support from CSG. ED Imai said in accordance with the Finance Committee, the budget for the 2021 ABM was increased to reflect the possibility of a cost increase.

17. Commissioner Ragland asked if there was a cost savings from the 2020 ABM being held virtually. ED Imai said there were savings that went to the reserve, but it could be drawn upon if needed. Chair Kraeger asked if there was conversation about moving ABM to Spring 2022. ED Imai said it was a possibility, but it had not been brought up to this point. She will check with the Marriott in Little Rock regarding this possibility.

18. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy expressed interest in holding the ABM in a hybrid model to allow all to attend. Commissioner Trongone asked the number of minimum rooms we were obligated to rent. Ms. Dablow said she thought the minimum number of rooms was 85% of the block. He said with a hybrid model it would be more difficult to meet the room minimum.

19. ED Imai said a survey would be sent out to the rest of the commission to see if commissioners would be able to attend the ABM in person. The committee indicated they were looking forward to attending the meeting in person.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

20. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Ragland motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ferenczhalmy. Chair Kraeger adjourned the meeting at 1:41 PM EST.