

Boston Convention
NLC Meeting Minutes

Monday 4/10/06

Attendees: Trish Gilbert, Rich Ulmes, Andy Nahle, Grant Anderson, Jimmy Garrett, Gary Ryle, Alex Brenner, John Fitzgerald, Brett Baxter

Telcon w/ Glover Park and NLC , discussed legislative strategy. They asked that NLC prioritize grassroots relationships with NATCA for Trans Approps. 1 being good and 4 being non-existent

Target Approps Committee

<u>Senate</u>
Bond (Chair) Rep
Specter Rep
Shelby Rep
Bennett Rep
Hutchison Rep
Dewine Rep
Brownback Rep
Stevens Rep
Domenici Rep
Burns Rep
Murray D-WA
Byrd D-WV
Mikulski D-MD
Reid D-NV
Kohl D-WI
Durbin D-IL
Dorgan D-ND
Leahy D-VT
Harkin D-IA

Rolling Lobby Weeks - Trish sent proposal to John for rolling lobby weeks of “Go Teams” to hit the Hill in DC between now and the early June when the 60 days of Agency offer sent to Congress. She relayed her concern that those hitting the offices on the issue on our behalf were not sufficient. NEB approved money for Rolling Lobby Weeks at same week meeting of April 10-11.

Go Team Criteria

- Previous Experience:

- Location
- By themselves
- Persuasive
- Make it happen
- Approved by NLC Committee members

Team Leads

Establish two team leads at the beginning per week.

- Organizational Skills
- Leadership
- Respected
- Geography

<u>Team Leads</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>
Trish Gilbert	X		X		X
Joe Zimmerman	X	X			
Richard Ulmes			X		X
Grant Anderson		X		X	
Dean Hall					
Rinaldi					
C. Stephenson					
C. Sutherland					
Don Chapman					
Dean Hall					
Gary Ryle				X	X

Logistics for the Go Team

- Hotel Room – Trish will work with Adell on hotel space in DC
- Airfares – Need approval to purchase a ticket for more than \$350, somebody else may be able to go cheaper
- Fund Raising events – Will coordinate with Kathy Tilley on fundraisers while teams are in town to get the most face time with legislators.
- Meeting/Spaces at national office – Trish booked 5th floor conference room for next 60 days as briefing, staging area and war room.
- Catering Lunch on Hill, invite staffers. Will look at inviting all offices to a briefing on impasse sent to Congress. Ruth will give those briefings.
- Briefing rooms close to the Hill – look into in case we cannot get a meeting room in a House and Senate Office
- Expectation of a go team – To help cover all offices on the Hill and bring to them the message from constituents instead of paid lobbyists.

Go Team List

- Airfare (refund policy)

- Hotel (by national office)
- Make appointments – Week leads will make the appointments based on activists in town their week in charge.
- Invite staffer for lunch or dinner – If our people are not on the Hill or at a fundraiser then they should invite staffer to a meal to discuss our issue.
- Upfront cost and voucher back – Advise activist of upfront cost and that it is approximately one month for reimbursement.
- Flexible/Message may change – As we solidify support on the Hill and strategy changes our activists need to be flexible with their message which is why we need experienced legislative activists.

Convention Duties this Week

- PAC Booth:
 - Give away ribbons for over \$50 contributors
- Sgt at arms on Friday
- Conference room reserved for Wed and Thursday to continue with Rolling Lobby week planning

Additional information

- 7 activists to DC this Thursday from CA
- Adding the week of May 30th if needed.
- Priority of state activists needed.

<u>State</u>	<u>Priority #</u>
Alabama	1
Arizona	2
California	TBD after Thursday 4/13
Colorado	3
Connecticut	3
Florida	1
Georgia	1
Hawaii	4
Idaho	1
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	1
Maine	1
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	1

Nebraska	1
Montana (Berns only)	1
Nevada	3
New Jersey	3
New Mexico	1
North Carolina	1
Ohio	1
Oklahoma	1
Oregon (Smith only)	1
Pennsylvania	1
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	1
Texas	1
Utah	1
Virginia	1
West Virginia	2
Wisconsin	3