



Minutes
HBMA
Government Relations Committee
State Sub-Committee Conference Call
February 28, 2008

Attendees: Barry Reiter, Dave Nicholson, Dennis Mock, Bill Finerfrock, Kathy Canny, HBMA Staff, Brad Lund, Cindy Rounds

The minutes were approved by Barry Reiter and Seconded by Kathy Canny

Kathy Canny gave a brief report on the State of Illinois % Billing Issue. She reported that due to lack of funds from the Illinois billing companies and lack of participation from the Illinois Collectors Association the project might have to be abandoned. There will be a conference call scheduled with the Committee on Tuesday to set a new plan of action. Kathy will report the out-come of that call to this group.

The group participated in a discussion about the background and goals of the "State Net Process". Bill Finerfrock gave an outline of how to approach a topic of proposed legislation once the item was deemed by a member and approved by this committee and the National Government Relations Committee and/or the Board of Directors to have an affect on our industry either positively or negatively. It will be necessary that Randy Roat be present for the next call so that he can give the prospective of leadership for our action items.

Barry indicated that he would like to postpone discussion of the reading list and resource guide until next meeting.

Action Items:

- Brad, Randy, Barry and Bill will discuss the possibility of Bill writing an article for *Billing* that will educate the members on follow-up protocol when an action item is discovered on the State Net report.
- Barry, Randy and Kathy will have a conference call to discuss the criteria to be used to create a "State Action Gram" from this committee.
- Web-team will be asked to help create the action gram and distribution functions

- Identify volunteers from each state to be the point person to lead members of the state and members who work in the state to take the appropriate actions.