

Assemblyman Conklin from the Legislature and herself. Mrs. Gansert noted Nevada's members had information from the NGA that could be shared with the committee and Travis Randall from the NGA, who was in charge of best practices, would provide any type of information needed, especially since the NGA had done much research on other states.

Chairman Horsford suggested connecting the NGA with committee staff so no efforts were duplicated and resources leveraged for the best utilization.

Mrs. Gansert agreed and had provided a document from the NGA to Mr. Krmpotic. She offered to make it available to the members electronically since it contained links she thought would be helpful for future meetings.

Mr. Wixom wanted to follow-up on an observation made by Mr. Geddes and Mr. Page. He said the three of them met with Chancellor Klaich and his staff to discuss the general outline of the proposal and were excited about the prospects. However, the detail was the difficult part and he was always concerned about the law of unintended consequences. He understood that the committee did not want to make changes that had a series of unexpected and unintended consequences, but on the other side it sometimes impeded action and prevented forward motion in a positive way. Mr. Wixom was excited about the proposal because it provided a framework for the committee to move forward on the way the state funded higher education in a new, productive and meaningful way not undertaken in the past. He thought the state had been encumbered by the complexities of the formula and this gave the state the opportunity to think very creatively, to embrace the needs of the state and also the responsibilities of higher education. Mr. Wixom said although he was concerned about the details, he was sure the committee and staff would work hard to ensure there were no unintended consequences.

Chairman Horsford agreed and thanked Mr. Wixom for his comments. He noted Nevada was unique in that the state and the System was small and there was committed leadership from the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, the Board of Regents all of whom could gather in a room to work together on ideas and come up with concepts. He commented that could not be done in most other places. This was a unique opportunity, but as Nevada and the System grew the opportunity was diminished, so he felt an urgency to rectify the funding formula. Chairman Horsford appreciated the Chancellor bringing the approach to the committee; however, it was a framework and his commitment and the dedication of his team would be needed to complete the areas that were unfinished. Lastly, he said as good an idea as it was, NSHE and staff had to make sure it worked and to understand how it worked.

Chancellor Klaich committed 100 percent effort from he and his staff toward this project.