Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC) Meeting Minutes May 1, 2024

This meeting was coordinated by the Code Reviser's Office (CRO), 415 15th Ave. SW, Olympia, WA, 98504, as a Zoom conference.

1. Call to Order/Attendance

Chair Michele Radosevich (MR) called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Michele Radosevich (MR), Kathy Buchli (KB), Dennis Cooper (DC), Jamie Pedersen (JP), and Karen Boxx (KBX).

Commissioners absent: Marlin Appelwick (MA) and Anita Ramasastry (AR).

Shayne O'Grady (SO) and Jennifer Bourke (JB) from the Code Reviser's Office and Jane Sternecky (JS) from the Uniform Law Commission also attended the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2024, Meeting

JP made a motion, seconded by DC, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting. All in attendance voted to approve and the minutes were adopted.

3. Fiscal Report

KB shared the fiscal report which shows the fees have increased and there will be communication with the CRO's accountant about increasing the allocation for next fiscal year's fees. All fees and travel will be covered, and the fiscal status looks good. She reminded the group to get reimbursements in.

3. Legislative Report

JP introduced JS from the Uniform Law Commission. JS and the ULC staff have identified three specific recommendations for the 2025 Legislative Plan. They include the Custodial Trust Act, Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act, and the Military and Overseas Voter Act. There was a summary of each act and discussions regarding feasibility and usefulness in our state.

4. Commissioner Activities

KBX is working with the Probate and Non-Probate Transfer Integration Committee. The next meeting will be held in two weeks. At this time, it looks like there will be a recommendation for a bill. She is also working with the Uniform Conflicts of Laws and Trusts and Estates Committee in educating local attorneys on the act.

DC reported that he continues to serve as chair of the Parliamentary Practice Committee and is bifurcating the standard orientation memorandum to separate the material for the parliamentarians from that for the committee chairs. The purpose is to provide guidance and orientation for each group.

JP recently participated in the spring Scope & Program Committee meeting; is preparing to travel to Chicago for the Legislative Council meeting; and is preparing for the annual meeting and legislative summit in August. He is going to be co-chairing a study committee on the Article 5 Amendment Process. He continues to chair the Parentage Act Enactment Committee.

KB is on the Study Committee on State Government Use of AI. There have been a couple of meetings and they will try to meet up in Boston to have some discussions.

MR is division chair and is shadowing several committees at this time. The Cyber-Crime Drafting Committee is struggling to get off the ground. She is not sure what the future holds for this committee. Her most active study committee is the Protection of a Child's Interest in the Child's Name Image Likeness.

5. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting in Boston is coming up. Kathy reminded the group to please get their reimbursement information submitted ASAP. There was a discussion around the timing of the delegation dinner, and it was decided that it will be scheduled once the final itinerary is posted. Sunday and Tuesday look the most promising at this point. The group will be in contact.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Adjournment

Chair MR adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM.