

Minutes of Meeting of Washington Uniform Legislation Commission (WULC)  
Meeting in room 417, William H. Gates Hall,  
University of Washington Law School and by conference call  
April 9, 2008

Present: Kyle Thiessen (KT), John Cary (JC), Dennis Cooper (DC), Marlin Appelwick (MA); not present: Anita Ramasastry (AR)

In AR's absence, JC chaired the meeting.

**Legislative Report:** MA has sent the commissioners a legislative updates via email and has nothing to add. MA sent emails to agencies, committee chairs, the "third house" (the lobby community), and the governor asking them to take a look at the ULC website.

KT's staff have drafted all the bills except three or four (due either to their large size or because KT did not have a draft to work from). KT has assigned drafting of Titles 1 and 7 of the UCC. The Model Entity Transactions Act transactions will not be drafted due to complexity and options.

**UIFSA (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act)** needs revisions to make it meld with the new international convention on support and maintenance enforcement. It will be up for first and final reading at the annual conference and we will be asked to add it to our agenda if Congress acts on the convention this fall.

**Website Update:** The website still needs to identify the commissioner who is tracking each of the bills. Two acts that had passed were still listed as "pending." After updating that, MA needs to also update the history web page.

**Draft of New ULC Statute:** The draft, unlike the current law, does not require that commissioners be members of the bar. NCCUSL requires that commissioners be a member of *a* bar which in turn requires that commissioners be lawyers. Judges belong to the bar but have "judicial status." Past commissioners Horowitz and Holman were retired judges, but they were also life members of NCCUSL. The draft statute could be revised to stipulate that a commissioner be a lawyer admitted to practice law; a legislator; a judge; or a law professor admitted before the bar of a state.

The commission could also have the title Washington Uniform Law Commission rather than Washington Uniform Legislation Commission.

DC will provide suggested edits, and MA will draft a new statute to circulate before the July NCCUSL annual meeting. The commissioners can vote by email or by a special meeting on the proposed name change and membership requirements. The ULC would then memorialize the vote in the public record.

**NCCUSL Annual Meeting:** Commissioners need to register by April 15<sup>th</sup> and need to think about a day for the group dinner.