

## **Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)**

**August 8, 2012**

Present: Anita Ramasastry (AR), chair; Marlin Appelwick (MA); John Cary (JC); Dennis Cooper (DC); Jamie Pedersen (JP); Kyle Thiessen (KT)

AR called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

### **Reimbursement for 2012 Annual Meeting Expenses**

The Code Reviser's office is reimbursing JP's expenses. AR has received MA's reimbursement paperwork, and JC and DC plan to send in their paperwork soon. AR will submit, to the Code Reviser's Office, a cover memo, the meeting agenda, and spreadsheet showing the allocation of the meeting budget (\$12,000).

### **Planning for the 2014 Uniform Law Commission (ULC) Annual Meeting in Seattle**

AR has received suggestions for activities, meeting venues, etc., from JP, MA, JC, and DC. AR will consolidate these and send them to Elizabeth Cotton and Harriet Lansing who are making another site visit in November.

AR will get in touch with the other commissioners later with regard to fundraising. JP says that K&L Gates would be amenable to "an ask." As regards printing costs, JP would prefer asking for a donation as opposed to writing the costs into the WULC budget. As regards asking Indian tribes for support, AR will follow up with Bob Anderson on asking for tribal support. The ULC has worked on acts that would benefit Native Americans such as the Tribal Legislation on Probate Transfer of Interests in Real Property and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act. However, the ULC has not drafted any acts that affect gaming activities.

### **Outreach to Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and Others**

DC has sent a message with suggestions regarding outreach. He will amend the message to include supplemental ideas from MA and JP and then re-send it.

### **Legislative Planning**

*Harmonized Uniform Business (HUB) Organization Code.* The Secretary of State likes HUB, but various committees in the WSBA have a range of feelings, from complete opposition to HUB to "we will work with this if you do it in 2014 rather than 2013." The Code Reviser will draft HUB for introduction in 2014.

*Collaborative Law.* JP has met with members of the WSBA Family Law Section and is coordinating with Kathryn Leathers to restore to the act those parts that the WSBA wanted to have in rules. This should motivate stakeholders to consider the rules and make Collaborative Law "come together" faster.

*Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) and Uniform Common Interest Ownership (UCIOA).* JP has scheduled a work session in September that will cover these acts.

*Correction of Defamation.* Two lawyers (state representatives?) have expressed interest in running a house companion to the Senate bill.

*Uniform Interstate Family Support (UIFSA).* This act may get out of the family law committee (Judiciary Committee?) if the Democrats are in the majority and Senator James Hargrove chairs the committee.

*Debt Management Services.* This act ran into difficulty with bankers and has since been amended. Representative Steve Kirby has sponsored it twice. MA will find out if bankers continue to object.

*Uniform Commercial Code Article 4A.* KT is working on drafting this act, and JP would like to “run” it. Of the states who have passed this Act, 3 states have chosen the safe-harbor (“only if”) option and 27 have chosen the not-safe-harbor option. Bankers would prefer the safe-harbor option which would also move the act toward uniformity and might create good will for Debt Management Services.

*Military and Overseas Voters.* AR will seek WSBA support of this act.

MA receives monthly calls from the Uniform Law Commission to make sure the WULC is “maintaining effort.” In a short legislative session, as in 2013, it is best not go “get too much going.”

### **Dinner at Cooper Home**

DC would like to invite everyone to dinner and will send a message suggesting dates. For JP it would be best to schedule dinner before the November election.

AR adjourned the meeting at 4:44 PM.