

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
July 11, 2007

Commissioners in attendance: Marlin Appelwick (MA), Kyle Thiessen (KT), Dennis Cooper (DC); not present: John Cary (JC). Absent: Anita Ramasastry (AR)

I. Annual Meeting News:

- MA noted that the Legislative meeting is scheduled for 7 a.m. Monday, July 30th, in the Georgia Foyer. An announcement of this meeting arrived with cover letter saying commissioners are all legislative activists. NCCUSL believes “things will move faster” if commissioners take more personal responsibility.
- John McCabe is retiring as legislative director for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL).
- The draft of the Uniform Collateral Consequences of Sanctions Act will be read on Monday, July 30th, in the morning (JC’s act).
- A group dinner could be held on Sunday or Monday.

II. Legislative Update:

- Revised Uniform Commercial Code Article 7: JC says that the WSBA Committee chaired by Peter Mucklestone, still has the same concerns. The American Law Institute reporter for Article 7, Professor Linda Rusch, is at Gonzaga Law School now. Could she testify?
- Revised Uniform Commercial Code Article 1: The WSBA review committee still has disagreement on Article 1 as to what definition of good faith applies. There is an option to split that out. Some of the other states are treating Article 1 differently. We should pull the option language out and see if they would consider that. JC will call Gail Stone and talk to her about Article 1.
- MA received a thank you from Senator Fraser for working on the ECA.
- MA received a note from Gail Stone saying that the House Financial Services committee sent out its agenda and did not include the securities act on its work schedule. However, the state has a nonuniform law, and the department doesn’t want to move off of it.
- The Secretary of State will bring back the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recordation act.
- Also some organization is apparently trying to get the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act introduced.
- What we talked about at April and haven’t done is for MA to follow up with KT and identify those Acts ready for drafting and review, get them into draft bill form.
- Gail Stone has a new role as director of diversity and justice programs for the WSBA. She will not be the WSBA lobbyist, but she will supervise that person, and for now she is a contact.

III. WULC Website

- MA will update the table of uniform laws for 2005-7.
- We need to update pending legislation as the ECA passed and next session the bill numbers of the other acts will change.
- We should change “Gates Hall” on the website to “William H. Gates Hall” in order to avoid confusion with Mary Gates Hall.
- The website could list the committee assignments of current members who will self-report their assignments to KT. He will put the assignments on the member page, in a column on the right. We would not do this retro-actively for past WULC members.

IV. Other Items.

- JC won his appeal and got 45 CLE credits for the '05 NCCUSL annual meeting. JC doesn't know the rationale for awarding them, but the board states its rationale in the file. Other commissioners applying for CLE credits should know the rationale.
- MA's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act committee has been reactivated to deal with international issues. The committee will meet in Chicago in September.
- Michelle Clayton has money for an educational program on the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act (UMIFA), and she wants to hold meetings in Washington State. MA has given Michelle a list of organizations for which this act was intended.
- JC has his hands full with drug policy study committee and the drafting committee on collateral consequences of sanctions act.
- DC serves on the style committee which meets three times a year for four days each and goes over all the acts. The style committee will meet in Boise in September.