

Washington Uniform Legislation Commission
Meeting in room 417, William H. Gates Hall, and by conference call,
July 9, 2008
Minutes

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

Audit: The state will audit the commission this summer/fall. AR will keep the commissioners apprised.

Annual Meeting Expenses: All commissioners plan to attend the NCCUSL annual meeting in Big Sky. As regards expenses, commissioners can request hotel reimbursement based on the General Accounting Office rate for Big Sky (\$101) rather than the cheapest-available rate. [Subsequently updated re rates.] The state has no contract airfare to Big Sky, so commissioners can seek reimbursement for their full airfare. Commissioners need to save their receipts for the shuttle, for a second bag on the airplane, and for their hotel. Commissioners who drive must request reimbursement equal to a low airfare because driving will cost more than flying.

Annual Meeting, Delegation Dinner: The commission discussed the need for a delegation dinner during the annual meeting but did not choose a day.

Changes to the ULC Statute: MA forwarded a statute draft reflecting changes made in the last “go-round.” The ULC will consider the outcome of the 2008 election and the projected budget shortfall (\$1-2 billion) in deciding when to request the changes. The commissioners discussed re-writing, for greater clarity and simplicity, the qualifications for commissioner referred to in sections 1(a) and 2.5 of the draft. The re-write could state that a commissioner must be a resident of the state and a lawyer, legislator, or law professor who is a member of a state bar association. DC recommended using present tense, active voice, and gender-neutral language throughout the draft. KT said he would prepare and send a second draft of the statute.

Website Update: MA will update the history of adopted acts that appears on the website.

Planning Legislative Activity, On Saturday at the annual meeting NCCUSL will give a breakfast presentation on getting bills passed and strategizing for the next legislative session. In August the WULC commissioners will start making contacts with legislators, agencies, and lobbyists.