

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2013

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

DC called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The commissioners voted to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013, meeting, contingent upon the approval of the commissioners absent at today's meeting.

Budget

The Statute Law Committee has approved the WULC budget request which includes full funding for dues and for travel. The WULC will need to file a form with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) asking for an exception to the travel ban as the statute that requires OFM approval has no time limit. KT will ask the Statute Law Committee to use any funds remaining in the 2012-13 budget to pay dues. The 2013-2014 budget should be approved before the commissioners need to pay registration, airfare, or hotel for the 2013 ULC annual meeting in Boston.

Legislative Report

Acts Not signed into Law *Real Property Transfer on Death*. This uniform act "got closer" but "got stuck in the rules committee. Hopefully it will pass next year.

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). This uniform act will have to wait for the U.S. Congress to take action or for Democrats to take control of the Washington state senate.

Debt-Management Services. This uniform act did not make it out of the House Committee on Business & Financial Services even though the chair, Steve Kirby, made an extra effort to "keep it going."

Acts Signed into Law

Collaborative Law. The legislature approved this uniform law as a statute, over the relatively quiet objections of the bar and with the understanding that if the court adopted the rules the WULC would look at the duplicate parts. The King County Bar Association will ask the court to suspend the rule making and stay with the statute as the collaborative lawyers "would like to have everything in one place." JP made a motion, and KT seconded it, that the WULC take a position supporting the collaborative lawyers that we support the statute as passed and believe that the rule-making is unnecessary. The motion passed with no one opposed or abstaining.

Legislative Plan for 2014

Real Property Transfer on Death.

Debt-Management Services.

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA): Does it make sense to introduce this act?

Power of Attorney.

Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act. The bar committee is working on the act.

WULC Dinner

DC will propose a date for the commissioners to have dinner.

Fundraising for 2014 Annual Meeting

There is a general prohibition on legislative soliciting of lobbyists but, because of a 2013 statute, there is an exception for soliciting on behalf of a national legislative association holding a meeting in Washington. Furthermore, staff can treat such solicitation as work time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.