

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2014

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

AR called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Legislative Update

JP reported on expected action during the upcoming legislative session:

Harmonized Uniform Business Organization Code (“HUB”). HUB is working its way through the Business Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association. At the request of the Business Law Section, the bill has been redrafted to assume passage of the Bar’s LLC Act rewrite.

Uniform Common Ownership Interest Act (“UCOIA”). Following the incorporation of changes requested by a WSBA committee that has been studying UCIOA for several years, JP plans to “run” UCOIA during the legislative session.

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (“UIFSA”). The U.S. Congress has made this act mandatory, so the Washington State legislature will need to act on it during the upcoming session.

Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (“UFADAA”). The code reviser version of this act has gone to the WSBA for review.

[Name of Act?] AR would be happy to reach out to the Law in Cyberspace Committee, which has voiced some concerns.

Power of Attorney (“UPOA”). JP will ask Senator Mike Padden of the Senate Law and Justice Committee to give this bill a hearing.

Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (“UELMA”). KT stated that LSC went to a meeting in the last month and heard a presentation as to how other states are implementing this act. In the next few weeks KT will talk to LSC; he will then form a plan to bring this act before the legislature.

Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (“ULONA”). AR stated that this act is “looking good.” She has heard a couple of minor suggestions for amendments, and the Secretary of State [Department of Licensing?] wants to make sure _____. AR should have “closure” on these matters before Thanksgiving.

JP will sponsor HUB, UCOIA, UPOA, and UFADAA, and Rep. Brady Walkinshaw will sponsor UIFSA. JP will recruit legislators to sponsor other acts.

Senator Padden will continue to chair the Senate Law and Justice Committee; the chair of the House Law and Justice Committee may change.

Uniform Commercial Code, Article 1. When enacted, this law inadvertently made a change that affected the provision about TRAC Leasing. The people who do this would like it modified, which probably means restoring the provision.

Commission Membership

JC announced that he plans to retire from the commission. At present the appointed members include an academic (AR), a legislator (JP), and a practitioner (JC). JP and AR asked JC to hold his letter of resignation to the governor until they could discuss potential practitioners who could succeed him. After the first of the year, the Commission plans to hold an event honoring JC.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM.

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