

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2013

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

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

Approval of Minutes

The commissioners recommended small changes to the May 2013 minutes. AR will email a revised version for the commissioners' approval.

Legislative Plan for 2014

Uniform Common Ownership Interest Act. The bar is preparing a draft of this act. They are hoping to have it ready for 2014.

Real Property Transfer on Death (URPTODA). This uniform act "got stuck in the rules committee" in 2013, but it might pass in 2014.

Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Karen Boxx is talking to the WSBA about this act. It could benefit from the support of stakeholders besides the bar.

Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. The law librarians like this act. JC will follow up with KT.

Power of Attorney. AR has talked to Karen Boxx of the bar section about this bill. Karen's bar section wonders who will sponsor the bill and move it forward. The current draft may require technical changes but otherwise is "close to ready to go."

Debt-Management Services. The House Financial Services Committee will hold a work session on this act on November 22 as part of Assembly Days. The session will take place in house hearing room B, and JC will attend in order to monitor developments. The legislators have marked up the uniform act with non-substantive changes that the Department of Financial Institutions wants.

Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. AR noted that a bill on electronic signatures was circulated to the cyberspace committee awhile back. However, the senator who introduced it has a new area of jurisdiction and appears to have done nothing further. AR will talk to Kathryn Leathers, the WSBA liaison, about considering UETA as an alternative.

Website

The Website, <http://ulc.wa.gov/>, needs updates, including posting of minutes.

Annual Meeting

Fundraising. Fundraising for the 2014 annual meeting in Seattle is proceeding.

Events and Talks.

- AR has a list of events and talks. She will follow up with the commissioners' spouses to come up ten names of potential speakers. A few of the talks are confirmed.
- Catering dinner for the MOHAI event is quite expensive, so it will either be a reception or else the Foundation itself will contribute money.
- Chicago is signing a contract with musicians for the dinner and the gala.
- The tours are set.
- Chicago may ask for help in getting trinkets for everyone.
- Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets (FADA) will get its second reading at the annual meeting, and sponsoring law firms are putting together a FADA program for their summer associates. The associates will start with an overview and history of the ULC, meet with the FADA drafting committee, watch the debate, have a session with Karen Boxx, and have a discussion with MA and JP about the legislative process.

AR adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.