

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2017

This meeting took place in the law offices of Michele Radosevich, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 1201 3rd Ave., Seattle, WA, 98101.

1. Call to Order 4:00 PM/Attendance

Chair Dennis Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chair Dennis Cooper (DC) and Commissioners Marlin Appelwick (MA), Jamie Pedersen (JP), Michele Radosevich (MR), and Kyle Thiessen (KT) attended the meeting in person. Commissioner Anita Ramasastry (AR) attended the meeting by phone.

Kathy Buchli, Debbie Deibert, and Jessica Braatz also attended the meeting.

Kathy Buchli introduced herself as the newly appointed Code Reviser Designate and provided an overview of her professional background. She leaves Senate Committee Services and begins working in the Code Reviser's Office in December. She will work closely with Kyle Thiessen until his retirement in October of 2018.

Chair Dennis Cooper expressed his appreciation to Debbie Deibert and Kerry Radcliff for their 40 years of service in the Code Reviser's Office.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2017 Meeting

MR made a motion, seconded by MA, to approve the minutes for the May 10, 2017, meeting. All in attendance voted to approve.

3. Legislative Report

JP provided an overview of the four acts signed into law by the Governor.

1. Trust Decanting Act
2. Uniform Voidable Transactions Act
3. Electronic Legal Materials Act

KT reported that the required practices of the act have already been adopted by the Code Reviser's Office, and software for authentication has been purchased. Currently, the State Register is the only *official* online document. KT also provided an overview of the changes in publishing over the last decade as online publications have increased.

4. Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts

JP reviewed seven acts that are under consideration for introduction in 2018.

1. Common Interest Ownership Act (UCIOA) – working on three issues.
 - a. Section 318 – lien property for homeowner's association dues and assessments, inactive negotiation.
 - b. Consumer protections/warranties – working with Building Industry Association of Washington on the bill.
 - c. Effect of act on existing associations – the bar committee had a provision that stated about 20 sections of the bill would apply to all associations and the remainder applies

only to new associations, as well as those who wish to opt in. The desired change will reflect that UCIOA will apply to all new associations and those who wish to opt in.

2. Emergency Volunteer Healthcare Practitioners
3. Limited Cooperative Associations – Two drafts have been completed by the Code Reviser’s Office. JP has requested that a provision be included to make it easier for existing co-ops to enter.
4. Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act – JP is working with DOR, has forwarded the act to them, and expects comments.
5. Unsworn Declarations Act
6. Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation
7. Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic Violence Protection.

4. Annual Conference (San Diego) Recap

JP provided an overview of the acts approved at the annual conference.

1. Uniform Parentage Act
2. Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and other Protective Arrangements Act – Not for 2018, requested the Code Reviser’s Office to put a bill together for review by the Bar in anticipation of introduction in 2019.
3. Uniform Directed Trust Act – Most likely will be addressed in 2019.
4. Uniform Protected Series Act
5. Uniform Regulation of Virtual Currency Business Act
6. Model Veterans Treatment Court Act and Model Veterans Treatment Court Rules

5. National ULC Election

DC announced Anita Ramasastry’s election as president of the National Uniform Law Commission for the 2017-2019 biennium. AR is engaging in strategic planning for the conference and will be looking at committee structures. She will create terms and term limits to try to get more commissioners involved. MR will volunteer if needed to help plan the Alaska conference as her firm has an office there. DC pointed out that dues for next year have gone up about 3%. AR suggested building a 3 - 5% per annum increase into the budget.

6. Other Business

The Commission discussed meeting options for 2018. DC went over the upcoming WULC meeting dates and times: February 14, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.; May 9, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.; October 10, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. The October meeting will be an in-person meeting, and the meetings in February and May will be by phone. The annual National ULC conference is in person in July, and there will not be a meeting in August. DC will send a letter regarding upcoming meetings to the Washington State Register.

JP and AR discussed AR’s timeline for lifetime membership.

The Committee discussed their plans and availability for the duration of the upcoming legislative session.

Debbie Deibert provided an overview of WULC audits.

7. Next Meetings

The next WULC meeting is February 14, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., by phone.

DC provided dates and locations for National ULC upcoming meetings: July 20-26, 2018, in Louisville, KY; July 12-20, 2019, in Anchorage, AK; possibilities for 2020 - 2021 include Madison, WI, and NYC.

KT suggested that Kathy Buchli attend the National ULC meeting in July of 2018.

8. Adjourn

DC adjourned the meeting at 4:58 PM.