

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020

This meeting was coordinated by the Code Reviser's Office, 415 15th Ave. SW, Olympia, WA, 98504, as a Zoom conference.

1. Call to Order 4:00 PM/Attendance

Chair Michele Radosevich (MR) called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Michele Radosevich, Marlin Appelwick (MA), Kathy Buchli (KB), Dennis Cooper (DC), Jamie Pedersen (JP), and Anita Ramasastry (AR).

Jessica Braatz (JB) from the Code Reviser's Office (CRO) attended the meeting by phone.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2020 Meeting

MA made a motion, seconded by JP, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020, meeting. All in attendance voted to approve and the minutes were adopted.

3. Legislative Report

JP gave an overview of Uniform Laws being worked on for the upcoming legislative session:

- The Public Expression Protection Act is in strong shape with prime and secondary sponsors lined up.
- The Electronic Wills Act, Fiduciary Income and Principal Act, and the Powers of Appointment Act are being combined into an omnibus bill.
- Minor changes are being made to the Pretrial Release and Detention Act.
- The Family Law Arbitration Act may be pushed to the 2022 legislative session, depending on priorities during the 2021 session.

The Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act will be pushed to 2022.

4. Annual Meeting Results

Commissioners discussed the annual meeting, which was an electronic meeting this year. While it was more distracting at times, hard not seeing everybody, and possibly dampened parliamentary issues being raised, the technology used was good and the commissioners were impressed at how smoothly things were run. The commissioners were glad to get a chance to attend virtually, as it gave them an idea of what our virtual legislative session will look like in 2021, and it was nice to have the meetings more spread out, as opposed to all in one week. It gave more time to concentrate on each Act.

5. Annual Dues

KB provided an update to the commission on the status of its finances. All dues are paid for the current fiscal year, and the CRO will be able to pay on time for next fiscal year as well. DC mentioned that the dues are not expected to increase at this time, due to the pandemic. An official invoice will be mailed in February.

6. Commissioner Activities

KB is an observer to the Health Care Decisions Act study committee.

DC continues as chair of the Committee on Parliamentary Practice.

MA is assisting JP in reviewing state proposals.

JP is on the Executive Committee. There is no in-person mid-year meeting this year.

AR is chairing a study committee on Supply Chain Transparency and is on the International Legal Developments Committee. As immediate past President to the Uniform Law Commission, AR also serves on the Executive Committee.

MR is on the study committee which is now a drafting committee and plans on having something ready for 1st reading at the July meeting. MR continues to meet with people on the Automated Operation of Vehicles Act.

7. New Business

DC thanked KB for securing the Bar's approval of the July annual meeting sessions for CLE credit. The activity ID is 1145538.

MA talked about the historical value in updating the Uniform Law table. Its last update was in 2018. KB informed the committee that it needs a lot of work but the CRO is working on it. MA also mentioned the value in providing a supplement to the centennial history, which was published 15 years ago.

AR was asked to look into when she would be eligible for life membership.

8. Other Business

2021 meeting dates will be as they have been, the 2nd Wednesdays in February, May, and November at 4:00 p.m. For 2021, these dates are February 10, May 12, and November 10. The CRO will post a notice in the WSR in January.

9. Adjournment

MR adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.