Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019

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

1. Call to Order 4:00 PM/Attendance

Chair Dennis Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Chair Dennis Cooper (DC) and Commissioners Marlin Appelwick (MA), Jamie Pedersen (JP), and Michele Radosevich (MR) attended the meeting by phone. Commissioner Kathy Buchli (KB) attended the meeting in person. Commissioner Anita Ramasastry (AR) was absent.

Jessica Braatz (JB) and Shayne O’Grady (SO) also attended the meeting in person.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2019 Meeting

MA made a motion, seconded by MR, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019, meeting, once the term “Parentage Act” has been removed from item 4.1. All in attendance voted to approve.

3. Annual Dues

DC reported on the annual dues to the National Uniform Law Commission (NULC) for fiscal year 2020 (7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020), totaling $62,400. JB reported that the Code Reviser’s Office is able to pay the dues now and will do so.

4. Legislative Report

A. 2019 Session

DC, JP, and MR provided an overview of the six acts which passed during the 2019 legislative session. Five were signed into law:

1. E2SHB 1517 (Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Orders) signed May 7
2. SB 5002 (Limited Cooperative Associations) signed April 17
3. SSB 5017 (Unsworn Declarations) signed April 30
4. SB 5074 (Faithful Presidential Electors) signed April 26
5. SB 5641 (Electronic Notarization) signed April 26

One is not yet signed:

1. 2SSB 5604 (Guardianship)

Also, minor modifications were made to the Parentage Act and the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (UCIOA).

B. 2020 Session

The commissioners discussed the upcoming 2020 legislative session. JP reported on the status of the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, the Directed Trust Act, the Fiduciary Income and Principal
Act, and the Electronic Transactions Act. MA reported on the Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act.

5. Commissioner Activities

The commissioners discussed current and upcoming activities. MR is getting a study committee off the ground to provide services to rural areas by electronic hookups for medical providers. DC discussed his involvement in the modification of UCIOA, including changes made in relation to Washington circumstances and some pending issues. DC is also getting ready to chair the Parliamentary Practice Committee. JP will be chairing the committee of the whole at the annual meeting for the final reading of the Electronic Wills Act.

6. 2019-2021 Budget

DC went over the approved WULC budget for the upcoming biennium and asked that a copy be attached to these meeting minutes. KB gave an update on the audit of the Statute Law Committee’s general fund. The preliminary request has been made, but nothing further has happened at this time.

7. Annual Meeting Plans

The commissioners discussed plans for the upcoming annual NULC conference to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, from July 12-18, 2019. All in attendance plan to attend. DC will arrange a place and time for the delegation dinner. JB went over the forms required prior to travel.

8. Website Review

KB will ensure the website is updated with bills which passed legislation in 2019 once they are all signed.

9. New Business

DC reminded commissioners that the next meeting, after the annual conference, is on October 9, 2019, as an in-person meeting at the law offices of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Seattle, WA, at 4:00 PM.

10. Adjournment

DC adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM.