

Minutes

Web and Audio Conference of the Executive Committee Uniform Law Commission

October 1, 2019
Chicago, IL

Daniel Robbins, Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order on October 1, 2019, at 2:04 Chicago Time.

The following members of the Committee were present: Carl H. Lisman, President; William Breetz, Vice President; Timothy Berg, Committee on Scope and Program Chair; Steve Wilborn, Legislative Committee Chair; Martha Starkey, Secretary; Tom Buiteweg, Treasurer; Anita Ramasastry, Immediate Past President; Jamie Pedersen; Paula Tackett; and Ryan Leonard.

Also present: Tim Schnabel, Executive Director; Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer; Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director; Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel; and Greg Young, Director of Information Technology.

1. Approval of September 3, 2019 web conference minutes

A motion was made and approved accepting the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held September 3, 2019.

2. Publications

President Lisman reported that Wolters Kluwer has given notice that that they wish renegotiate the terms of the licensing agreement. Executive Director Schnabel and Commissioner Houghton will take the lead on renegotiations.

3. Website Review

Greg Young, Director of Information Technology, reported on website functionality, user feedback and improvements.

Mr. Young asked that members of the committee to please continue to share feedback about the ULC website, and that they provide screenshots of any errors or misinformation that they encounter.

4. Request for name change of *Revised Uniform Probate Code (2019)* to *Amendments to the Uniform Probate Code*

A motion was made and approved that the name of the *Revised Uniform Probate Code (2019)* be changed to the *Amendments to the Uniform Probate Code*.

5. Committee Page Revisions

Chair Robbins summarized the changes made to the draft committee page revision submitted for the Committee's consideration.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved implementing the revised presentation of the committee page, as amended, in all future drafts and final acts.

6. Advisory members

Executive Director Schnabel reported that Mike Coffee had taken a new position within the U.S. Department of State and will no longer serve as an Advisory Member to the ULC.

A motion was made and approved granting advisory member status under Section 2.9 of the Constitution to Shubha Sastry (U.S. Department of State).

7. Request for approval of gender-neutralizing technical amendment to the Probate Code

Chief Counsel Orzeske summarized the written request received from the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trust and Estate Acts that the Executive Committee adopt the set of technical amendments to the Uniform Probate Code, using the procedure permitted by Section 4.3(b)(3) of the ULC Constitution. The purpose of the amendments are to incorporate gender-neutral language.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved under Section 4.3 of the ULC Constitution authorizing the proposed technical amendments to the Uniform Probate Code.

8. Diversity and Inclusion Committee Request

President Lisman summarized the memorandum received from members of the Committee on Diversity & Inclusion requesting that the committee be appointed a standing committee.

President Lisman will appoint a subcommittee to consider whether the responsibilities of the Membership and Attendance Committee should be expanded to include issues of diversity and inclusion and report back in November with a recommendation.

9. Naming Conventions

Chair Robbins summarized the memorandum submitted by the Committee on Style. After discussion, a motion was made and approved assigning initial responsibility for the naming of acts to the Committee on Style and directing the committee to use the guidelines presented in the memorandum. The Executive Committee will consider the recommendations of the Committee on Style when formally approving the names of final acts going forward.

President Lisman thanked Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director, for her assistance with the naming convention project.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m. central time.