

Minutes
Executive Committee Conference Call
Uniform Law Commission
Friday, September 8, 2017
Chicago

Carl H. Lisman, Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order on September 8, 2017, at 8:04 a.m. Central Time.

The following members of the Committee were present by telephone: Commissioners Diane F. Boyer-Vine; Thomas J. Buiteweg, Treasurer; Richard T. Cassidy, Immediate Past President; Gail Hagerty; Barry Hawkins; Ryan Leonard, Legislative Committee Chair; Anita Ramasastry, President; Daniel Robbins, Committee on Scope and Program Chair; Steve Wilborn, Vice President; and Nora Winkelman, Secretary.

Also present: Liza Karsai, Executive Director; Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer; Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel; and Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director.

1. Plan for monthly calls

Anita Ramasastry reported on plans for regular monthly conference calls, the first Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. Pacific Time, 8 a.m. Mountain Time, 9 a.m. Central Time, and 10 a.m. Eastern Time. The first call is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Division chairs will be invited to join calls each quarter to report on how drafting projects are progressing.

2. Overview of Executive Committee members' portfolios (see attached list)

Commissioner Ramasastry reviewed the list of Executive Committee member responsibilities. Each member is asked to actively participate or manage specific special initiative projects or regular work the ULC. Monthly Executive Committee calls will provide an opportunity for each member to report on their activities and to hear from other members of the committee about what is going on in other areas.

3. Approval of technical amendments to the Uniform Probate Code

Ben Orzeske summarized the written report submitted for the Committee's consideration. The Joint Editorial Board on Uniform Trust and Estate Acts requests approval of technical amendments to the Uniform Probate Code Section 2-103 in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

A motion was made and approved that the amendments be adopted under Section 4.3(b)(3) of the ULC Constitution.

Nora Winkelman requested that the January 2017 Report of the Coordinating Committee on Technical Amendments to the ULC Acts be shared with the Committee on Review of Conference Acts. ULC staff will forward this report to the Review Committee for its consideration.

4. Guam request for membership

Commissioner Ramasastry reported that the attorney general of Guam is interested in pursuing ULC membership. The definition of “state” in the ULC Constitution would need to be amended if Guam were to be invited to be a member of the Commission.

The Executive Committee suggested that the following information on the potential fiscal impact of ULC membership be provided the attorney general including: estimated annual dues payments; estimated travel costs to the annual meeting; and the number of commissioners currently serving in Puerto Rico and the USVI. Commissioner Lisman recommended that a copy of the Act to Provide for the Appointment of Commissioners also be included in what was provided to the attorney general of Guam.

5. Other business

Commissioner Ramasastry recommended that the Executive Committee use Adobe Connect for the October conference call. This web based conference technology allows for real time document sharing, chat rooms, vote tallying, and visual participation of all participants. There is a learning curve associated with using the software. In the past attendees have had difficulties related to security firewalls, using webcams, and a lack of adequate internet bandwidth.

Greg Young will schedule several Adobe Connect training sessions to give everyone an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the software prior to the next committee call.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m. Central Time.