

UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON SCOPE AND PROGRAM

Conference Call
Nov. 11, 2015

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A conference call of the Committee on Scope and Program was convened on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, by Chair Carl Lisman. Scope and Program Committee members Gail Hagerty, Tom Hemmendinger, Ed Smith, Elisa White, Steve Wilborn, Steve Willborn, and Ryan Leonard were present. Also present were Anita Ramasastry, Chair of the ULC Executive Committee, Jamie Pedersen, Chair of the Study Committee to Amend the Uniform Parentage Act, and staff members Liza Karsai, ULC Executive Director, and Katie Robinson, ULC Legislative Program Director.

One of the purposes of the call was to review with the Scope members the procedures of the Scope and Program Committee, and the duties of the Scope members. A written description of Scope processes had been distributed prior to the meeting, and Chair Lisman briefly reviewed the information.

The primary purpose of the call was to review and consider the report from the Study Committee on Amendments to the Uniform Parentage Act.

Jamie Pedersen reported that the Study Committee had previously recommended in a report dated June 12, 2015, that a drafting committee be established to consider amendments to the Uniform Parentage Act. Although the Committee on Scope and Program agreed with that recommendation, the Executive Committee instead requested that the Study Committee develop a memorandum describing the issues and the scope of the draft that the committee recommends.

To comply with the Executive Committee request, the Study Committee provided a report to Scope which outlined the specific issues to be addressed. The Study Committee again requests that a drafting committee be approved to consider amendments to the UPA.

After discussion, the Committee on Scope and Program recommended that a drafting committee be appointed.

The Committee on Scope and Program approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a drafting committee to Amend the Uniform Parentage Act be formed, that the scope of the proposed amendments be limited to issues relating to same sex couples, surrogacy, and the right of a child to genetic information, and that the drafting committee be asked to return to the Scope and Program Committee for approval if it wishes to address additional issues.

The committee adjourned the conference call at approximately 12 noon.