

MEMO

To: Article 2B Drafting Committee
From: Connie Ring
Subject: Drafting Committee Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel
Cary, N.C.
February 26-28, 1999
Date: February 3, 1999

Enclosed for the meeting are:

1. Reservation form for group dinner -- must be faxed to me no later than February 22 to be included;
2. Agenda;
3. List of attachments (note that items 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 14, 18, 21, 22 and 30 are on-line);
4. Attachments (sent to Drafting Committee with tabs and without tabs to those on mailing list; those on-line will not have access to all attachments); and
5. Revised draft dated February 1. (Red-lined to ALI draft dated December 1, 1998).

The Reporter's Notes have not been revised since the August draft and, therefore, do not coordinate with the changes made since the August draft in most cases, or with the proposals for change included on the Agenda for this meeting. Also, you will note that there is on the Agenda a proposal to reorganize the order of sections in a more logical way and, if approved, that will affect the numbering of some sections in the subsequent drafts. Normally, Official Comments are not prepared nor are they focused upon until the black letter wording is firm. The Official Comments are the responsibility of the Chair and Reporter but are circulated for suggestions and comments before they are put in final form. A brief written note on inconsistency in the Reporter's Notes and current black-letter would be appreciated.

Since we have had extensive and repetitive debate on all the issues included on the Agenda, I intend to adhere to the time limits suggested in Agenda and encourage the expression of new points, with only brief reference to points often made at some length in prior discussions.

The discussion will primarily be deliberations of the Drafting Committee. In the event of motions by members to reopen matters previously decided by substantial margins, I will ask the maker to declare that he or she was on the prevailing side on the issue on the past decisions and now has a different view. I will probably only go around the table once for Observer comments, asking for those remarks to be brief and on the motion.

The draft of February does include many editing suggestions from many sources. If you have further editing suggestions, they are encouraged to submit them in writing to the Reporter and me. If edits unintentionally have had a substantive effect, please also give those to us in writing.

As you know, I placed a January 20 deadline on comments and suggestions. Those received on or before (or shortly thereafter) that date have been included in the Attachments sent to the Drafting Committee. There will be no further general mailing prior to the Drafting Committee meeting. Thus, if you have any further comments or suggestions, please send them to the Reporter and Chair. If you wish broader distribution, the responsibility for distribution will rest with you. The NCCUSL Office (312-915-0195) will cooperate in providing you mailing labels and other information. If you want to make distribution at the meeting, please print and bring copies to the meeting. However, I would caution that materials handed out at the meeting usually get far less attention than materials provided seasonably to the Drafting Committee in a time frame that permits careful reading in advance of the meeting.