

Minutes
Midyear Meeting of the Executive Committee
Uniform Law Commission

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Anita Ramasastry, Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order on January 23, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The following members of the Committee were present: Thomas J. Buiteweg, Treasurer; Richard T. Cassidy, President; William H. Henning; Melissa Hortman, Vice President; Harriet Lansing, Immediate Past President; Ryan Leonard, Chair of the Legislative Committee; Carl Lisman, Chair, Scope and Program Committee; and Rodney Satterwhite. Timothy Berg participated by phone. Also present: Liza Karsai, Executive Director; Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director; and Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel. Commissioner Daniel Robbins, Secretary, was not able to attend the meeting.

1. Approve Minutes

Pending minor necessary corrections to the July 9, July 13, and July 15 minutes, a motion was made and approved accepting the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held July 9, July 13, July 15, September 8, November 23, and November 30, 2015.

2. Report of the President

A. Name Changes

A motion was made and approved that the Series of Unincorporated Business Entities Act be changed to the Limited Liability Company Protected Series Act.

A motion was made and approved that the Social Media Privacy Act be changed to the Employee and Student Online Privacy Protection Act.

A motion was made and approved that the Regulation of Virtual Currencies Act be changed to the Regulation of Virtual Currency Businesses Act.

B. Proposed Change to the Definition of “Person” in Uniform Voidable Transactions Act/Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act

Executive Director Karsai summarized the written request submitted by Commissioner Edwin E. Smith and Kenneth C. Kettering, Standby Chair and Reporter to the 2014 Amendments to the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act.

The proposal is to amend the definition of “person” in section 1(11) of the UVTA and to amend the related Official Comment 11 to section 1. The amendment is a technical correction that fixes an error introduced by the 2014 amendments.

Under the 2012 Standard Definition, a “Person” means an individual, estate, business or nonprofit entity, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or other legal entity.

However, a partnership is not considered to be a legal entity under the original Uniform Partnership Act, which remains in force in approximately 13 states. Accordingly, a partnership would no longer be a “person” under the definition employed in the 2014

amendments to the UVTA, which deleted the former reference to “partnership.” The same issue arises with respect to other creatures. A common-law trust is not considered to be a legal entity in most or all states. Hence such a trust would no longer be a “person” under the 2014 definition, which likewise omits the reference to “trust” that appeared in the 1984 definition. The same is true of an “association.”

This issue has been brought to the attention of the Committee on Style, which prepared the definition of “person” set forth in the 2012 Drafting Rules. The Committee on Style is considering revision of that definition, but any action by that committee will not occur in time to be of use in the UVTA enactment process. Moreover, it is not clear that a single definition is even appropriate for all of the Conference’s acts.

Rather than return to the 1984 definition, Commissioner Smith has proposed to revise the language currently used. The proposed amendment therefore adds to the current definition the following terms used in the 1984 definition of person: “partnership,” “trust,” “association,” and “commercial entity.” “Commercial entity” is employed as a safeguard to allow courts to address the fact that a creature like a partnership, trust or association, may be treated as an appropriate subject of the act even though not a “legal entity.” “Commercial entity” is employed in the parallel definitions in the Conference’s harmonized business organization acts and the Uniform Commercial Code, as shown in the annex to this memorandum.

The proposed amendment will continue to omit from the definition three terms that appeared in the 1984 definition. “Corporation” and “business trust” are omitted because they are clearly covered by the general reference to “legal entity” (or, if a nonstatutory business trust is not a legal entity, by the added reference to “trust”). “Organization” is omitted because it has no clear meaning, and any need for a general term is filled by “commercial entity”.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved to amend the definition of “person” in section 1(11) of the UVTA and to amend the related Official Comment 11 to section 1, pursuant to ULC Constitution Section 4.3(b)(3).

C. Proposed Technical Amendments to Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

Executive Director Karsai summarized the written request for technical corrections to the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. The purposes of the corrections are intended to include requests for account termination and to clarify that the designated recipient is subject to the terms-of-service agreement and copyright law to the same extent as a fiduciary, which was the original intent of the revision.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved to make the several technical corrections to the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act recommended by the Standby Committee, pursuant to ULC Constitution Section 4.3(b)(3).

D. Report on Plans for the ABA Mid-Year Meeting, February 2016 *[oral report]*

President Cassidy reported that six acts (Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act, Revised Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (2015), Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act, Uniform Home Foreclosure Procedures Act, Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic-Violence Protection Orders Act, and Uniform Trust Decanting Act) have been submitted for approval by the ABA House of Delegates in

February and that all six have tentatively been placed on the consent agenda.

E. Annual Meeting Schedule and Plans

President Cassidy reported on the agenda for and the events at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

F. Report on ULC Archives

Legislative Program Director Robinson reported on progress being made at the Tarlton Library. The scanning and digitizing of the archival material has begun, and of the 1,500 boxes that have been processed and indexed, more than 150 boxes have been scanned. The scanning of all the material should be done before the 2016 annual meeting.

G. Report on the Legislative Drafting Guidelines Project

Commissioner Lansing reported on the publication of the Guidelines for Drafting and Editing Legislation. The publication is at printing, and is expected to be ready in February. The ULC will receive 350 copies, plus courtesy copies for each legislative drafting office. The ULC is purchasing the 350 copies at cost. The consensus was that the copies should be shipped to Stowe and distributed on site at the annual meeting.

H. Strategic Use of ULF Funds

1. ULF Fellows Program Grant Extension

President Cassidy reported on the discussions involving continuing the Fellows program from the Strategic Planning Meeting. Rather than requesting funding for two ULF Fellows, it is recommended that one Fellow be funded, and that study and other special committees be provided a reporter for research and other duties.

After discussion, the Executive Committee approved the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, to authorize the ULC President to request from the Uniform Law Foundation a grant of \$100,000 to fund a one-year term for a single Uniform Law Foundation Fellow commencing in fall 2016, and that the new grant request supersede all prior grant requests and commitments to fund the Fellows program.

RESOLVED to authorize the ULC President to request from the Uniform Law Foundation a grant of up to \$40,000 to subsidize honoraria for reporters or consulting advisors to support the work of six current ULC Study Committees (Regulation of Drones, Bad Faith Patent Demand Letters, Declarations of Quarantine, Model Equal Rights, Involuntary Pornography Websites, and Registration of Foreign Judgments), three Monitoring Committees (Civil Litigation, Technology, and Healthcare Law), and study committees to be named at the 2016 Midyear Meeting and 2016 Annual Meeting. The grant shall be paid in amounts up to \$3,500 per retained reporter/advisor on the conclusion of a study committee's work, or in the case of a monitoring committee, annually.

2. International JEB Executive Director/International Legal Developments Committee
Director of Research

Commissioner Lansing summarized the written proposal recommending the creation of a position of Executive Director to the Joint Editorial Board on International Law/Director of Research to the International Legal Developments Committee.

After discussion a motion was made and approved authorizing President Cassidy to request up to \$50,000 from the Uniform Law Foundation to fund a one-year term for a Research Director for the International Legal Developments Committee, who will also provide assistance to the International Joint Editorial Board.

3. Pilot Government Relations Clinic at Belmont Law School

Executive Director Karsai reported that the Uniform Law Foundation had declined the grant request because of the potential lobbying component of the Belmont program. As a 501(c)(3), the Foundation is not allowed to lobby or support lobbying efforts. The proposed changes to the ULC budget include \$10,000 designated to support the Belmont Law School program. The committee approved ULC funding this project in the event the Foundation was unable to provide funding in July of 2015.

4. Wage Garnishment Act, Plain Language Review

Commissioner Henning reported that a grant request not to exceed \$7,500 was approved by the Uniform Law Foundation Trustees in November. The American Payroll Association has made a pledge of \$5,000, which leaves a remainder of \$5,950 needed to complete the Plain Language Review.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved recommending the Executive Committee authorize the \$5,950 to complete the funding for the Plain Language Review.

After discussion of the importance of plain language in bill drafting, President Cassidy called for volunteers to form a working group to assist preparing material for use at the annual Division Chairs and new committee Chairs meeting. Melissa Hortman, Tom Buiteweg, and Anita Ramasastry volunteered for this effort; President Cassidy appointed Commissioner Buiteweg as chair of this working group.

I. Project Pipeline and Costs

President Cassidy led a discussion of the pipeline and received feedback on the prioritization of projects from the perspective of the Executive Committee.

J. Report on Conflicts or Problems in Existing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for Joint Editorial Boards

Executive Director Karsai reported that there are no conflicts in existing MOUs with our partner organizations with which we have Joint Editorial Boards. However, there is a new policy on amicus briefs, and it may be appropriate in the future to amend the various MOUs to incorporate the new policy.

K. Leadership Expenses and the designation of “President Elect”

President Cassidy reported on the issue of designating the Chair of the Executive Committee as “President Elect.” President Cassidy will appoint a small committee to look at this topic, as well as to review the overall leadership structure to determine if name changes, to either leadership roles or standing committees, is necessary to clarify the duties of each.

L. Update on the National Inventory of the Collateral Consequences of Conviction

President Cassidy reported on current restrictions imposed by the ABA Criminal Justice Section on the National Inventory of the Collateral Consequences of Conviction (NICCC) and the fact that this may discourage enactment of the Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act (UCCCA). Data restrictions may make it difficult for states to compile the inventories required by Section 4 of the UCCCA.

President Cassidy noted that these restrictions may be inconsistent with the terms and intent of the law that authorized creation of the NICCC, and inconsistent with the grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to the Section.

President Cassidy will continue to seek resolution to this problem.

M. Annual Meeting Discounts for E-Only Binders

President Cassidy summarized the memorandum submitted for the Committee’s consideration. After discussion, a motion was made and approved authorizing offering a \$25 discount to the \$600 commissioner registration fee for opting out of the paper binder.

3. Report of the Chair of the Executive Committee

Report on Committee Meetings

Commissioner Ramasastry reported on committee meetings already held and to be held during the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year.

A. Report on Annual and Midyear Meeting Dates and Locations

Commissioner Ramasastry reported on the dates and meeting locations of the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings. The ULC will meet in Stowe, VT, Friday, July 8 – Thursday, July 14, 2016; the ULC will meet in San Diego, CA, Friday, July 14 – Thursday, July 20, 2017; the ULC will meet in Louisville, KY, Friday, July 20 – Thursday, July 26, 2018; and the ULC will meet in Anchorage, AK, Friday, July 12 – Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Commissioner Ramasastry reported on plans for upcoming midyear committee meetings in Point Clear, Alabama, January 12 – 15, 2017 (tentative).

B. Report of Committee on Technology

Commissioner Buiteweg, Chair of the ULC Committee on Technology, reported on recent activities of the committee. The committee recently considered two proposals forwarded by the Committee on Scope and Program.

The first was a proposal to regulate the use of event data recorders (EDRs) in cars. EDRs record information such as vehicular speed, use of seatbelts, vehicle location and brake usage. The consensus of the committee was that a study would be warranted. At the January 22, 2016, meeting of the Scope and Program Committee, a study committee was recommended on this subject.

The second proposal, for a Uniform Act on Identity Management in Electronic Commerce, was also considered. The committee recommended that it is important to continue to monitor the debate and work in this area but the consensus of the committee was that the time is not right for the appointment of a study committee. At the January 22, 2016, meeting of the Scope and Program Committee, a study committee was recommended on this subject.

C. Report on Work of the ULF Fellows

Executive Director Karsai noted that at this time, the ULC is not supported by any Fellows. If possible, Executive Director Karsai recommends that recruitment of any future fellows approved by the Foundation be recruited in synch with the academic year schedule, which may help ensure a strong pool of applicants.

D. Report of the Committee to Monitor Developments in Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Executive Committee Chair Ramasastry and Deputy Legislative Director Robinson summarized the written report submitted by the Committee to Monitor Developments in Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution. The Committee did not meet in the fall of 2015 but plans to renew its work in the spring of 2016. A priority will be to reach out to those groups that have a special interest in the areas of law where the ULC has drafted, and try to get input from appropriate representatives. Another priority will be the review of a list of acts that the ULC has drafted in this area.

E. Report of the Committee to Monitor Healthcare Law

Executive Committee Chair Ramasastry and Deputy Legislative Director Robinson reported on the activities of the Committee to Monitor Healthcare Law. The Committee has reached out to a number of key health care/medical organizations. The Committee will continue to monitor ULC acts in healthcare as issue arise and do more in-depth reviews as needed.

F. Report on ULC Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting

Executive Committee Chair Ramasastry summarized the discussions and recommendations from the ULC Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting. Discussions included: rising meeting costs, including increased travel and hotel costs, as well as the increased number of committee members. The participants also discussed the issue of state dues, including the recommendation that the Executive Committee be authorized to hire lobbyists in states which have not paid dues.

G. Brennan Group Contract Renewal

A motion was made and approved renewal of the contract with Brennan Group.

4. Report of the Vice President

A. Division Chair Reports

Commissioner Hortman summarized the written report of the Vice President, collected from Division Chairs, on the progress of all committees.

B. Report of the Committee on Liaisons with Other Organizations and the Committee on State and Federal Relations

A written report was submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration. That report was received by the Committee.

C. Report of the PEB's and JEB's

The Committee received reports from the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code, the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Real Property Acts, the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Family Law, the Joint Editorial Board on International Law, and the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trust and Estate Acts. The reports were accepted.

D. Report of the Uniform Commercial Code Committee

A written report was submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration regarding the PEB's recommendation to amend UCC Articles 1, 3, and 9, which had been approved by the UCC Committee. That report was received by the Committee.

E. Report of the International Legal Developments Committee

A written report was submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration. Commissioner Lansing summarized the written report submitted.

5. Report of the Secretary

A. Membership Changes

Executive Committee Chair Ramasastry reported on changes in membership since the 2015 Annual Meeting. Commissioner Ramasastry reported that there are currently 317 Commissioners, 28 Associate Members, 46 Life Members, and 16 Advisory Members, making a total of 407 Members of the ULC.

B. Consideration of Excused Absences

No requests were received.

C. Consideration of Requests for Life Membership

A motion was made and approved appointing Commissioner Charles A. Trost (TN) a Life Member of the ULC.

After discussion, the following motion was made and approved so as to provide clarity for when a commissioner is eligible for life membership:

RESOLVED, a commissioner may be elected to life membership at the 20th annual meeting that he or she attended or was eligible to attend as a commissioner.

This clarification will be placed in the ULC's policy manual.

6. Report of the Treasurer

A. Audit Report

Treasurer Buiteweg reported on the audited financials. A motion was made and approved accepting the audit report.

B. State Dues Report

Treasurer Buiteweg reported on the collection of state dues for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The ULC has received full dues payments from 34 states and has received partial dues payments from four states. The ULC may receive no payments from the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico. The anticipated dues collection for 2015 is \$2,243,820, or 84.06% of total dues assessed, with a remaining uncollected amount of \$425,380 or 15.94%.

C. Report on ULC Investments

Treasurer Buiteweg summarized the written report submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration. The ULC is making excellent returns on safe investments.

Treasurer Buiteweg then summarized the proposed changes to the accounting policies and procedures manual that would authorize electronic payments.

After discussion, the following revision to the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual was approved:

Disbursement Authority – The individuals filling the positions named below are authorized to sign checks or authorize electronic payments on behalf of the organizations. A payment in excess of \$50,000 requires the signature or authorization of two of these individuals. Payments can be executed by check, credit card, electronic transfer or standing bank transfer instructions with prior approval and documentation by the authorizing individual(s).

Uniform Law Commission:

- President: up to \$50,000
- Treasurer: up to \$50,000
- Executive Director: up to \$10,000

7. Report of the Uniform Law Foundation

A. Financials

Commissioner Lisman summarized the report submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration. The report was received by the Executive Committee.

B. Fundraising

Commissioner Lisman summarized the report submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration. The report was received by the Executive Committee.

C. Trustee Minutes

Minutes from the recent Trustee meeting were received by the Committee.

8. Report of the Committee on Scope and Program

A. Recommendations Concerning Establishment of New Study Committees

1. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that a study committee on Identity Management in Electronic Commerce be formed:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a study committee be formed to study the need for and feasibility of state legislation concerning identity management in electronic commerce.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution.

2. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that a study committee on Event Data Recorders in Cars be formed:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a study committee be formed to study the need for and feasibility of state legislation concerning event data recorders in cars.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution.

3. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that a study committee on Trust Management of Funds Raised by Public Fundraising Efforts be formed:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a study committee be formed to study the need for and feasibility of state legislation concerning the trust management of funds raised through crowdfunding.

The Executive Committee approved this amended resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a study committee be formed to study the need for and feasibility of state legislation concerning the trust management of funds raised for individuals and families by public fundraising efforts, such as crowdfunding.

4. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that a study committee on Economic Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants be formed:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a study committee be formed to study the need for and feasibility of state legislation concerning the economic rights of unmarried cohabitants.

By a 4 to 3 vote, the Executive Committee did not approve this resolution.

B. Recommendations Concerning Establishment of New Drafting Committees

1. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that a drafting committee to revise UCC Articles 1, 3, and 9 be formed:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Drafting Committee to Revise UCC Articles 1, 3, and 9 be formed to provide the substantive commercial law rules necessary to support an electronic registry for residential mortgage notes on a national basis.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution.

2. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that a drafting committee to Harmonize the Law of Caribbean Nations and the U.S. on Enforcement of Child Custody and Support Orders be formed:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Drafting Committee to Harmonize the Law of Caribbean Nations and the U.S. on Enforcement of Child Custody and Support Orders be formed, subject to the condition that the ULC receive commitments from a sufficient number of Caribbean nations to participate in the drafting committee process.

The Executive Committee approved this amended resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Drafting Committee to Harmonize the Law of Caribbean Nations and the U.S. on Enforcement of Child Custody and Support Orders be formed, subject to the demonstration by a sufficient number of Caribbean nations that they will participate in the drafting committee process, and that funds be made available to the ULC to support the drafting effort.

C. Recommendations Concerning Discharge of Committees

1. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that the Study Committee on Compatible Search and Retrieval Systems for Land Records be discharged:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that the Study Committee on Compatible Search and Retrieval Systems for Land Records be discharged with a letter of thanks to the committee.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution.

D. Other Resolutions

1. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that the charge to the Drafting Committee on a Wage Garnishment Act be broadened:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that the charge for the Drafting Committee on Wage Garnishment Act be expanded so that the protections of the act extend to earnings deposited into bank accounts and so that garnished workers are protected from employer retaliation.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution.

2. Scope approved the following resolution recommending the creation of a Criminal Justice Issues Committee:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Criminal Justice Issues Committee be established, and if so, to refer to it the proposals on alternatives to bail and police body cameras.

The Executive Committee approved this amended resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Criminal Justice Reform Committee be established, and if so, to refer to it the proposals on alternatives to bail and police body cameras.

3. Scope approved the following resolution recommending that technical corrections be made to the Uniform Securities Act:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that the Uniform Securities Act be amended to make technical corrections and to incorporate the crowdfunding rules from the JOBS (Jumpstart Our Business Startups) Act. Scope recommends that the Executive Committee refer the proposed technical corrections and crowdfunding rule incorporation to the Reporter or Chair of the Uniform Securities Act drafting committee to confirm the efficacy of the proposed changes, and upon that approval, that the Executive Committee so amend the Act pursuant to ULC Constitution Section 4.3(b)(3).

The Executive Committee approved this resolution.

9. Report of the Executive Director

A. Report of Activities Since the 2015 Annual Meeting

Executive Director Karsai submitted a written report for the committee's consideration. The report was received by the committee.

B. Tribal Law Activities

Commissioner Tim Berg, Chair of the Committee on Liaison with American Indian Tribes, reported on plans for upcoming meetings of the two tribal projects: Model Tribal Probate Code and Amendments to the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act. Excellent progress is being made.

C. Grants Report

The report was submitted for the Executive Committee's consideration. The report was received by the Executive Committee.

D. Wolters Kluwer Negotiation

Executive Director Karsai reported on recent discussions with Wolters Kluwer contract regarding the renegotiation of their royalty contract with the ULC. After discussion, the Executive Committee recommends that the President conclude the negotiations on behalf of the ULC.

E. New and Revised Job Descriptions

New job descriptions for the positions of Legislative Program Director, Chief Counsel, Director of Information Technology, and Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, and a revised job description for the position of Meeting and Events Coordinator were submitted for the Committee's consideration. The job descriptions were received by the Executive Committee.

10. Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

A. Report of Activities Since the 2015 Annual Meeting

Chief Administrative Officer Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy submitted a written report for the committee's consideration. The report was received by the committee.

B. Financial Report Year-to-Date

Chief Administrative Officer Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy submitted a written report on the year-to-date financials for the committee's consideration. The report was received by the committee.

C. Proposed Revisions to the FY 2015-16 Budget

Executive Director Karsai led a discussion of recommended changes to the fiscal year 2016 budget. A motion was made and adopted approving the revised budget.

D. Proposed Revisions to the ULC Human Resources Manual

Executive Director Karsai reported on the proposed revisions to the ULC Human Resources Manual as recommended by outside counsel. A motion was made and approved adopting the proposed changes.

E. Executive Committee Handbook

Executive Director Karsai advised the committee that the Handbook was circulated electronically prior to the meeting. President Cassidy asked each member of the Executive Committee to review the handbook for discussion at the meeting of the Executive Committee during the Annual Meeting in Stowe.

11. Report of the Chair of Legislative Committee

A. Report of Legislative Activity Since July 2015 Annual Meeting

Commissioner Leonard, Chair of Legislative Council, reported that there were 212 introductions and 103 enactments in 2015. The 2015 introductions represented a return to historical averages for odd years.

B. Legislative Reports

Commissioner Leonard summarized the legislative reports for both 2015 and the 2016 to date, noting that in 2016, four states will have no session at all, and an additional six states will have restricted sessions.

C. Legislative Plans

Commissioner Leonard reported that there are 219 planned introductions for 2016. This is comparable to the number of planned introductions for the last “even” year. The Revised UFADAA is on the plans of more than 25 states.

D. Legislative Staff Assignments

Commissioner Leonard summarized the legislative staff and the assigned areas of responsibilities.

E. Minutes from September 26, 2015 Legislative Council Meeting

Commissioner Leonard summarized the written minutes, and emphasized the action items carried out since the September meeting, including: legislative staff creating and/or updating more than 50 legislative information kits; sending PDF kits to each liaison corresponding with their plans for 2016; alerting liaisons to the new target acts, and providing legislative kits to each liaison; and encouraging states to complete the targets to complete acts on their list. The Legislative Council will meet again in January 30, 2016.

12. Other Business

There was no other business, and the Executive Committee was adjourned at 5:30 pm.