

Minutes
Executive Committee Conference Call
Uniform Law Commission
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Chicago

Carl H. Lisman, Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order on December 7, 2017, at 9:04 a.m. Central Time.

The following members of the Committee were present by telephone: Commissioners Thomas J. Buiteweg, Treasurer; Gail Hagerty; Barry Hawkins; Anita Ramasastry, President; and Steve Wilborn, Vice President. Commissioners Diane F. Boyer-Vine; Richard T. Cassidy, Immediate Past President; Ryan Leonard, Legislative Committee Chair; Daniel Robbins, Committee on Scope and Program Chair; and Nora Winkelman, Secretary, were not able to attend the meeting.

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

1. Approval of Minutes, Conference Call, October 31, 2017

A motion was made and approved accepting the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held by conference call October 31, 2017.

2. ULC Dues Disaster Response to Puerto Rico and U.S.V.I.

The Committee discussed the devastation to U.S.V.I and to Puerto Rico caused by hurricanes this year. The issue was tabled until the midyear meeting.

3. Check Signing Authority

A motion was made and approved to authorize adding Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director, as a signatory on the ULC checking account with authority to sign checks not to exceed \$10,000. In future, checks payable to Ms. Robinson will be sent to the Treasurer for signature.

4. Report on Fall Drafting Committee Meetings

Commissioners Ramasastry and McGarvey reported on drafting committee activities in the fall of 2017.

5. Notarial Acts

Commissioner Lisman reported that the Committee to Amend the Law on Notarial Acts would meet this spring and may submit a request waive the two-reading rule.

Commissioner Ramasastry reported that the Drafting Committee on an Article 8 Companion Act to the Uniform Regulation of Virtual Currency may also request a waiver of the two-reading rule.

6. ULF Fellows Program Renewal

Liza Karsai, Executive Director, and Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel, reported on the success of the ULF Fellows Program. The current fellow's term will expire in August of 2018. The ULF Trustees do not meet until February but the Executive Committee would like to advertise the open position as soon as possible.

President Ramasastry will reach out to the Trustees and explore whether the ULF is willing to entertain a two-year renewal proposal by email ballot.

7. Paid Internship Program

Mr. Orzeske summarized the written proposal submitted for the committee's consideration. The ULC has not had great success in attracting qualified externship candidates. The legislative program needs additional support. Mr. Orzeske requests funding to hire legal interns in the spring of 2018. Staff will send out an email ballot seeking Executive Committee approval to reallocate \$7,000 from the projected budget surplus to support a spring internship program.

8. Recognition of Dan Kleinberger at 2018 Annual Meeting

Commissioner Ramasastry reported on plans to honor Dan Kleinberger at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The ULC will invite Mr. Kleinberger to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting and subsidize his travel expenses to and from the meeting.

9. ULC Budget Issues

Liza Karsai reported that midyear budget projections are positive.

10. Virgin Islands Bar Appointment to ULC

Commissioner Ramasastry reported on a vacancy on the U.S.V.I. delegation. The vacancy has not been filled in several years. Commissioner Wilborn will contact members of the U.S.V.I. delegation to collect more information on the vacancy and will report back to the Committee at the midyear meeting.

11. Other business

The meeting adjourned 10:03 a.m.