

Minutes
Executive Committee Conference Call
Uniform Law Commission
Friday, October 5, 2017
Chicago

Carl H. Lisman, Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order on October 5, 2017, at 9:04 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; Steve Wilborn, Vice President; and Nora Winkelman, Secretary. Commissioner Daniel Robbins, Committee on Scope and Program Chair, was not able to attend the meeting.

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

1. Updates on Executive Committee Work Streams

Ben Orzeske and Ryan Leonard reported on recent legislative activity and plans for legislative introductions. Last year, the ULC achieved 87 enactments.

Diane Boyer-Vine reported on the progress of the Ethics Working Group.

Gail Hagerty had nothing to report from Diversity and Inclusion. Commissioner Ramasastry will contact Commissioner Jacobs. Liza Karsai reported that she and the chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee met with the director of DLA's program and received a number of suggestions that will be discussed with the committee.

Nora Winkelman reported that the Strategic Planning Group will soon meet by conference call.

Barry Hawkins and Liza Karsai reported recently activities of the Foundation Relations Task Force. They are collecting feedback on a draft plan.

Commissioner Hawkins reported on a potential joint enactment venture with the ABA Commission on Veterans Legal Services related to the Veterans Court Treatment Act. The Executive Committee expressed interest in further exploration of a partnership. Commissioner Hawkins will return to the Committee for approval prior to entering a formal agreement.

Commissioner Ramasastry reported that the Dues Task Force will meet with Legislative Council in November and that the task force is in contact with state delegations about dues issues.

2. Update on Revisions to JEB Policies and Discharge of Certain Committees

Commissioner Ramasastry reported on the implementation of term limits to all Joint Editorial Boards and other standing committees. The initial appointment would be a four-year term, renewable for another four-years, followed by a four-year emeritus term (emeritus travel would not be funded). Initially there may shorter term limits applied to create a rotation on and off of committees. The Executive Committee agreed with creation of a uniform term of service throughout these committees.

3. Budget Adjustment Related to Database Implementation

Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy reported on extending the term of service with the ULC's current database provider as a result of database and web implementation delays. The total budget impact will be \$8,532.

4. Lexis Intellectual Property License Renewal

Liza Karsai reported on the appointment of a small ad hoc committee to pursue contract renewal with Lexis. This is an important issue and there will be more to report as developments occur.

5. Discussion of Prefatory Notes

Commissioner Lisman reported on a contentious issue with one of the 2017 final acts. The prefatory note of the act recognizes the hard work of the reporter. The Executive Committee expressed concern about the inclusion. Allowing such recognition in one act, however well-deserved, could lead all drafting committee chairs to include lengthy laudatory statements in future prefatory notes to avoid leaving a reporter out.

6. Other business

Commissioner Ramasastry reported that the ABA Business Law Section continues to draft a competing product to the Unclaimed Property Act following their active involvement in the drafting of that act. The ABA has also drafted model acts that reflect policy choices that are inconsistent with the Uniform Parentage Act and other projects. Commissioner Ramasastry will report back with more substantive recommendations of how we might address the long-term relationship with the ABA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m. Central Time.