

Minutes
Executive Committee Video Conference
Uniform Law Commission
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Chicago

Carl Lisman, Chair, called the meeting to order on March 7, 2019, at 9:05 a.m. Central Time.

The following members of the Committee were present by video conference or telephone: Diane F. Boyer-Vine; Gail Hagerty; Barry Hawkins; Ryan Leonard, Legislative Committee Chair; Anita Ramasastry, President; Daniel Robbins, Committee on Scope and Program Chair; Steve Wilborn, Vice President; and Nora Winkelman, Secretary. Tom Buiteweg, Treasurer and Rich Cassidy, Immediate Past President were unable to attend.

Also present: Commissioner Lisa Jacobs, Chair, Special Committee on Diversity and Inclusion; Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director; and Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel. Steven Willborn, Interim Executive Director; and Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer were unable to attend.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and approved accepting the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held January 19 and February 7, 2019.

2. Diversity and Inclusion Report

Commissioner Lisa Jacobs joined the call to give a report from the Special Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. The Committee will make an educational presentation in Anchorage, similar to the event held this past summer in Louisville. Commissioner Jacobs sought guidance on whether to approach the Uniform Law Foundation Trustees about fundraising in conjunction with the upcoming Anchorage event. The Committee will submit its final report in May.

Commissioner Jacobs reported that Committee is finishing edits to the policy manuals for drafting and study committees and compiling a list of topics and programming for future training and education efforts, including a possible program on unconscious bias moderated by an outside facilitator. Commissioner Boyer-Vine urged caution based on a recent training on unconscious bias at Oracle that generated strong emotions. Commissioner Jacobs asked the Executive Committee to identify small groups that could be trained first and provide feedback before training for the larger ULC community.

3. Waiver of Line-by-Line Reading at 2019 Annual Meeting

President Ramasastry reviewed a discussion from the January midyear meeting about shortening the annual meeting by eliminating the requirement to read acts line-by-line on

the first reading. The Drafting Committee on Fundraising through Public Appeals has agreed to test the idea in Anchorage. Chair Lisman pointed out that first-year readings previously were more of a policy discussion and the practice of line-by-line readings for first-year acts was relatively new. It was agreed the waiver of line-by-line reading for the Fundraising through Public Appeals Act would be announced in advance to all commissioners and the Chair of the Committee of the Whole would also announce the change in procedure at the beginning of the session. It was also agreed that Interim Executive Director Willborn would gather feedback from commissioners with a questionnaire.

4. Discussion of Guam Membership

President Ramasastry reviewed developments regarding Guam membership. The Executive Committee agreed to extend invitations to attend the ULC Annual Meeting in Anchorage to three individuals recommended by the former Attorney General of Guam. These individuals will be invited to attend the meeting at their own expense in order to determine whether to apply for full membership in the ULC.

Commissioner Boyer-Vine reported a conversation with Bill Pound of the National Conference of State Legislators in which he said Puerto Rico had recently started paying NCSL dues again and suggested that the ULC approach Puerto Rico about payment of ULC dues.

5. Strategic Planning Session

President Ramasastry reported on the compilation of ideas submitted for the strategic planning session at the Midyear Meeting. She is developing a comprehensive report for the Executive Committee. The report will also be submitted to the Committee on Growth and Innovation, which can incorporate any of the ideas into its final report. Chief Counsel Orzeske reported he was compiling a similar list of ideas from the strategic planning session held with the ULC legislative staff and would submit it within a week.

Secretary Winkelman reported she has composed a survey of questions for commissioners about shortening the annual meeting.

Chair Robbins reported he had contacted the American Law Institute to discuss its handling of scholarships for government lawyers or judges to attend ALI meetings. The ALI offers up to \$1,200 per person to government attorneys and judges who request it to attend their annual meeting. They receive 20-50 applications per year and have always awarded the scholarship to the applicants. The ALI program runs on an honor system; individuals with other means have not generally applied for the scholarship funds. Chair Robbins will draft a proposal based on this scholarship structure for Executive Committee consideration.

6. Other Business

President Ramasastry reported she was finalizing a new agreement with Nelson Mullins to continue representing us in Washington, DC.

Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.