

MEMORANDUM

TO: NCCUSL COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Marilyn Phelan, Chair
Joint Project to Create a Harmonized Legal Framework for
Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations in North America

DATE: June 6, 2008

RE: **Final Work Products**

This is a joint project of the Uniform Law Commission, the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and the Mexican Center of Uniform Law. The objective was to draft acts providing a legal framework for unincorporated nonprofit associations to be adopted in the United States, Canada and Mexico. All the acts are to be harmonized in the sense that they incorporate the same basic principles. The first step in the process was to develop a joint Statement of Principles. The Drafting Committee representatives from each country then drafted acts based on these principles. All the acts were then reviewed by the entire Drafting Committee at a meeting held in March, 2008, in Tucson, Arizona.

The U.S. version of the Act, which is named the Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations Act since it is a revision of an Act approved by the ULC in 1996, is what will be considered for approval at the 2008 Annual Meeting. A copy of the Statement of Principles, the final drafts of the two Canadian statutes and the final draft of the Mexican statute are included in the Annual Meeting materials for your review and comment.