

MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
2019-2021 Biennium
November 18, 2020

The Statute Law Committee held its third meeting of the 2019-2021 biennium remotely as a Zoom conference.

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman (RG) called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM. Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Members present: Chair Roger Goodman, Sharon Brown (SB), Bernard Dean (BD), Brad Hendrickson (BH), Curt Gavigan (CG), Hillary Madsen (HM), Jamie Pedersen (JP), Sam Thompson (ST), and Taylor Wonhoff (TW).

Members absent: Jeremie Dufault and Jill Reinmuth.

Also in attendance: Kathleen Buchli (KB), Code Reviser, secretary to the committee; Mark Lally (ML), Deputy Code Reviser; Alice Im (AI), Code Reviser Staff Attorney; Jen Meas (JM), Washington State Register Editor; Jessica Braatz (JB), Code Reviser's Office (CRO) Administrative Assistant; Shayne O'Grady (SO), CRO Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item II. JP moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2020, meeting, seconded by TW. All in attendance voted to approve. The minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item III. AI updated the committee on publications. With the rise of the pandemic there has been a reduction in RCW sales. LSS is now printing 250 RCW sets (these have a new cover) and 200 Selected Titles, and they will print on demand after that. These should be available in the next couple of weeks. There was a discussion about how many sets the House of Representatives and the Senate would need this year, due to the legislative session being held remotely in 2021. Session Laws were printed in June and published online in April. There were no delays in production this year. There are still some orders for WSR, although most people now use the online version. The WAC is no longer being printed. The state law library receives a paper set which the CRO will print but not bind.

Agenda Item IV. KB updated the committee on its finances, providing information on 2020's fiscal year end, the 2021-2023 biennial budget request, the 2021 supplemental budget request (a reduction to reflect savings by not issuing the

Cost of Living Adjustment [COLA]), and COVID-related expenses.

Agenda Item V. JM provided an overview of the progress made on the WAC scanning project. It is about halfway completed and scanned items will all be sent to state archives.

Agenda Item VI. ML gave an overview of this year's technical corrections bill. This included changes to Title 70A RCW, which was created this year, taking environmental health from Titles 70 and 77 RCW; references to these titles need to be updated.

Agenda Item VII. KB proposed a change to the bill drafting guide which currently requires spelling out numbers. The change will allow the use of numerals instead of spelling out certain numbers. There were no objections from the committee.

KB went over the statistical summary report from the last few years. The CRO may require another attorney if the number of bills drafted continues to increase.

JP and KB updated the committee on the Washington Uniform Law Commission's activities this year, which includes meeting remotely.

KB provided an update on the new procedures regarding the E-hopper, electronic sponsor sheets, and agency requests being adopted for the 2021 legislative session. The Senate has a procedure set in place, and the CRO is waiting to hear from the House of Representatives.

Chair RG inquired about CRO staff and dealing with COVID. KB gave an overview of the office's telework, as well as steps taken for safety in the office (social distancing, masks, partitions, 25% capacity when possible, etc.).

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM, the next meeting to be held at the call of the chair.

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair Date

KATHLEEN BUCHLI, Secretary