

MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
2017-2019 Biennium
October 9, 2017

The Statute Law Committee held its second meeting of the 2017-2019 biennium in the Tacoma Room at the SeaTac Red Lion in Seattle, WA.

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Members present: Bernard Dean, Hunter Goodman, Susan Howson, Rick Neidhardt, Jamie Pedersen, Jill Reinmuth, and Taylor Wonhoff.

Members absent: Hillary Madsen, Steve O'Ban, and Jay Rodne.

Also in attendance were Kyle Thiessen, Code Reviser, who serves as the committee's secretary; code reviser staff attorneys Lew Lewis and Alice Im; Kerry Radcliff, Washington State Register Editor; Debbie Deibert, Administrative Secretary; and Jessica Braatz, Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item II. Chair Roger Goodman called an executive session from 11:13 to 12:15 for the Statute Law Committee to interview a candidate for the position of Code Reviser Designate.

Agenda Item III. Chair Roger Goodman called the meeting back to order at 12:17 and introduced committee members and others present. Minutes from the prior meeting were presented. Rick Neidhardt made a motion, seconded by Taylor Wonhoff, to approve minutes from the meeting held on July 12, 2017. The motion carried.

Kyle Thiessen provided an overview of Code Reviser staff recommendations on double amendments. These recommendations have also been reviewed by House and Senate Committee staff. The sections not merged would be under consideration for a clean-up bill. Committee members reviewed the list of multiple amendments. Jamie Pedersen made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Rick Neidhardt, and the motion carried. Kyle Thiessen also provided feedback on agencies' perception of codifying early, after the 1st and 2nd special sessions.

Agenda Item IV. Alice Im updated the committee on Session Laws sales. So far this year, 400 have been produced, and the office is waiting to hear from the House and Senate to see how many they need.

Codification changes are still being made from the 3rd special session, and codification should be complete by the end of the month. This year a supplement is produced. It should be out in late November, with the materials updated online before then. Kyle Thiessen provided insight on the decrease in the volume of bills passed this year, due possibly to divided government.

Chair Roger Goodman inquired about publications. Lew Lewis provided an overview of the online availability of rules and laws being a factor in the decreased demand for print publication, as well as steps the Code Reviser's Office has taken to lower the cost of publication. Currently 800 sets of the RCW are produced, and CD's are available upon request. Kerry Radcliff informed the committee that 24 people receive the Washington State Register in CD form and less than 50 people receive printed sets. Additionally, the office has the capability of printing loose pages for customers.

Agenda Item V. Kyle Thiessen reviewed financial reports. Revenue is expected to increase when session laws come out. Bernard Dean inquired about the need for a supplemental budget. Kyle reported that at this time it does not look like one is necessary, but ultimately it will depend on selection of the Code Reviser Designate. Kyle discussed the option of paying a salary out of the publications account if need be. Jill Reinmuth inquired about overtime in 2017 compared to previous long-session years. Kyle explained that while session lasted long this year, there was not a significant increase in the number of nights the Code Reviser's staff was required to stay late. Debbie Deibert explained that the seemingly high ending fund balance for fiscal year 2017 was due in large part to the loss of two employees.

Jamie Pedersen moved to recess for lunch at 12:23, and Chair Roger Goodman declared a recess.

Agenda Item VI. Chair Roger Goodman called the meeting back in session at 12:50. Kyle Thiessen reviewed technical corrections. The goal is to have a correction bill ready and circulating for pre-filing in December. Chair Roger Goodman indicated that a brief meeting may be held for consideration of 2018 committee sponsored bills.

Kyle Thiessen and Kerry Radcliff provided an update on the revised filing forms for the Washington State Register. Kerry has been traveling to conduct training. Since June of 2017, over 11 presentations have been given and over 175 people have been trained. Eight of the training presentations were given on the Capitol Campus. Feedback on the training has been positive. Recently, due to a Microsoft update, a glitch was found in Word that they are currently working on, but John Shiflett was able to change the forms so agencies could use them properly until the issue with Microsoft is resolved. The forms contain more information than previous versions, and the format eliminates the need for attachments. Exemptions are now listed on the small business economic impact statement form. Preliminary meetings, comments, and feedback were very helpful. Chair Roger Goodman inquired about paper filing. Kerry explained that paper filing is still accepted, but that moving to an electronic filing system only is something to look into in the next few years. Kyle noted that most filings now are electronic.

Agenda Item VII. Chair Roger Goodman called an executive session at 1:00 in order to interview the second candidate for Code Reviser Designate and to discuss the candidates. Chair Roger Goodman called the meeting back to order at 2:42. Rick Neidhardt made a motion to appoint Kathy Buchli as the new Code Reviser Designate, seconded by Hunter Goodman. The motion carried. Jamie Pedersen provided a brief explanation of the decision. Susan Howson moved to delegate authority of negotiating salary of the Code Reviser Designate to Bernard Dean and Hunter Goodman, seconded by Jill Reinmuth. The motion carried.

Agenda Item VIII. There was no other business to discuss.

Agenda Item IX. Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m., the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

K. KYLE THIESSEN, Secretary

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair

Date