MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
2017-2019 Biennium
June 11, 2018

The Statute Law Committee held its third meeting of the 2017-2019 biennium in Meeting Room 107 at the SeaTac Community Center in SeaTac, WA.

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman (RG) called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM.

Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Members present: Hillary Madsen (HM), Brad Hendrickson (BH), Curt Gavigan (CG), Jill Reinmuth (JR), Tip Wonhoff (TW), and Jamie Pedersen (JP).

Members absent: Bernard Dean (BD), Steve O’Ban (SO), and Jay Rodne (JR).

Also in attendance were Kyle Thiessen (KT), Code Reviser, secretary to the committee; Kathy Buchli (KB), Code Reviser Designate; code reviser staff attorneys Lew Lewis (LL) and Alice Im (AI); Kerry Radcliff (KR), Washington State Register Editor; Jessica Braatz (JB), Administrative Secretary.

Agenda Item II. Members of the Code Reviser’s Office reported on the leadership transition and other personnel changes within the office, including retirements, options for staffing the 2019 legislative session, and training.

Agenda Item III. The committee reviewed the updated membership list. JP made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2017, meeting, seconded by HM. The motion carried.

KT provided an overview of the 2018 Multiple Amendments Table, including how it relates to the technical corrections bill. TW made a motion to approve the recommendations, seconded by JP. The motion carried.

Agenda Item IV. KR provided an update on the Washington State Register scan project. The original documents will go to Washington State Archives after digitization. They will be available to view online as well as in person at the
Washington State Archives facility.

Agenda Item V. AI provided an overview of the commercial sale of publications. A discussion ensued regarding current print practices and considerations for the future, including in-house production vs. outsourcing, providing a full Revised Code of Washington (RCW) reprint yearly vs. printing a supplement every other year, cost of publications vs. prices, and the effects of current vs. past demand due to electronic availability.

Agenda Item VI. KT provided a summary of the committee’s financial report for the general fund. A discussion ensued regarding the practice of offering overtime to Code Reviser’s Office staff vs. hiring session staff. KT explained that overtime hours are offered due to the length of time it takes to train new employees and the effect well-trained employees has on efficiency and production levels. Current overtime practices were reviewed, including scheduling, salary structure, and typical overtime hours used compared to the number of bills drafted during a legislative session.

KT provided a summary of the committee’s financial report for the publications account. Royalty thresholds and copyrighting were discussed. LL gave a historical report of the account and a discussion took place regarding the current state of the account and options for future publications and use of the account, including tiered pricing if the Code Reviser’s Office moves to publish a full RCW reprint annually, purchases for the office to reduce publication costs, and current customer needs.

Agenda Item VII. KT announced that this is the last meeting he will attend before retirement and expressed his thanks to the committee for their support of the Code Reviser’s Office. Chair Roger Goodman thanked KT for his service as Code Reviser and Secretary to the Statute Law Committee.

Agenda Item VIII. Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM, the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

K. KYLE THIESSEN, Secretary

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair  Date