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

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

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman (RG) called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

Agenda Item II. Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Members present: Chair Roger Goodman, Brad Hendrickson (BH), Curt Gavigan (CG), Taylor Wonhoff (TW), Sam Thompson (ST)

Members absent: Hillary Madsen, Bernard Dean, Jill Reinmuth, Jamie Pedersen, Steve O’Ban, Jeremie Dufault.

Also in attendance: Kathleen Buchli (KB), Code Reviser, secretary to the committee; Mark Lally (ML), Deputy Code Reviser; Nona Snell (NS), Deputy Chief Clerk of the House; Alice Im (AI), code reviser staff attorney; Kerry Radcliff (KR), Washington State Register Editor; Jen Meas (JM), Washington State Register Editor; Jessica Braatz (JB), Administrative Assistant.

A. ST introduced himself and gave a short bio. KR announced that she will retire in 2020 and introduced JM as her replacement, providing an overview of the transition.

B. TW made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting, seconded by BH. All in attendance voted to approve.

Agenda Item III. KB updated the committee on publications, explaining that the office discontinued producing the digest during the legislative session due to lack of necessity brought on by other publications, such as the bill report, status titles, and the online database, which provides more up-to-date information. KB also gave an overview of publications sales, noting the low sales of session laws
and discussing a plan to reduce the number of free sets provided to libraries and other stakeholders. KB also explained that the RCW will come out as a full re-print from now on. She gave a brief overview of the labor and costs that go into producing a supplement, the ease of use for clients with a full re-print, and current RCW sales.

KR introduced the idea of discontinuing publishing the WAC books, as they are already obsolete when printed due to the nature of the register. She gave an overview of the work that goes into producing a 2-column publication, and she suggested the time and effort could instead be aimed toward improving the online version in such areas as authentication, formatting, etc., which is updated every few weeks. She noted that the detailed requests for specific 2-column publications would still be filled. The CRO is likely going to print the WAC books this year and plans to send a note about discontinuing publishing the volumes to gain feedback.

AI talked about timelines for publications. Session laws should be online by the end of June with a deadline of July 12, 2019. The online version of the RCW should be available mid to late August, and the book version should be available by the end of September.

Agenda Item IV. ML gave an overview of the statute governing the double amendments table and talked about the CRO’s work on the table as well as a technical corrections bill draft for next year. The committee reviewed the table and ML made a motion to accept the recommendations on the table, seconded by TW. All in attendance voted to approve.

Agenda Item V. KB gave an overview of the committee’s financial reports, including the publications account, the general fund, and revenue. The committee reviewed and discussed the reports.

Agenda Item VI. Chair RG inquired about the CRO being audited in 2019. KB explained that the audit did not occur due to lack of funding in the auditor’s office, but that they plan on trying again next year or next biennium.

KR provided an update on the scan project for the WAC. Maps are unable to be scanned and are now logged and at archives. Adopted filings are currently being worked on. KR also explained how the online system will work once finished.

Chair RG gave warm words in regards to Hunter Goodman’s passing.
BH thanked KB and staff for an outstanding job during the very busy and productive 2019 legislative session.

Agenda Item VII. Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM, the next meeting to be held at the call of the chair.

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KATHLEEN BUCHLI, Secretary

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair           Date