

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**2019-2021 Biennium**  
November 20, 2019

The Statute Law Committee held its first meeting of the 2019-2021 biennium in the Chief Justice's Reception Room, WA State Supreme Court Temple of Justice, 415 12th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501.

Agenda Item I. Chair RG called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

Agenda Item II.

A. Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Members present: Chair Roger Goodman (RG), Brad Hendrickson (BH), Curt Gavigan (CG), Vice Chair Taylor Wonhoff (TW), Sam Thompson (ST), Bernard Dean (BD), Jill Reinmuth (JR), and Jamie Pedersen (JP). Hillary Madsen (HM) attended by phone.

Members absent: Sharon Brown and Jeremie Dufault.

Also in attendance: Robert Mead (RM), State Law Librarian; Kathleen Buchli (KB), Code Reviser, secretary to the committee; Mark Lally (ML), Deputy Code Reviser; Alice Im (AI), Code Reviser Staff Attorney; Kevin Shotwell (KS), Code Reviser Staff Attorney; Audrey Vasek (AV), Code Reviser Staff Attorney; Jen Meas (JM), Washington State Register Editor; Jessica Braatz (JB), Administrative Assistant; Shayne O'Grady (SO), Office Assistant.

B. TW made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting, seconded by KB. All in attendance voted to approve.

Agenda Item III. AI gave an update on publications, including sales trends, projected sales, current expected shipping dates, and printing on demand. KB updated the committee on WAC publications; due to the nature of timing with updating the WAC and printed versions being out-of-date, it will no longer be available by print. The CRO worked with Leg-Tech to convert the files and make a certified version available online, and there have not been any issues since it went

live in October. The CRO will provide a flash drive or free printed copies to the State Law Library, the CRO, and the Washington State Library upon request, the only difference being that they will no longer be in 2-column format. Although the WAC will no longer be printed in 2-column format, it will still be audited every year. While the WSR is still being printed, the CRO is considering online availability only for this as well. Future plans also include providing a certified online version of the RCW, but it will continue to be available by print. Chair RG inquired about the most recent budget request. KB and ML provided information on the office's expenditures and the nature of budget requests based on the possibility of special sessions.

Agenda Item IV. KB gave an overview of the committee's financial reports concerning general fund expenditures, revenues, and publications account activities. The CRO is now moved out of the Crites St. warehouse, which reduced the cost of storing volumes. The CRO is interested in working with the State Law Library to purchase a camera scanner in order to more effectively scan books without destroying the binding. The scanner would be available to the State Law Library, the Senate, and the House of Representatives as well. RM noted that the State Law Library could work on completing the online archival of older RCW's: 1940's and prior. RM also noted that the cost of the scanner is around \$10,000.

Agenda Item V. JM provided an update on the WAC scanning project, including the different phases, current progression, and projected timelines. There has been a lot of volunteering from CRO employees. KB explained that the originals will be stored at the records retention center for the life of the agency and then will go to archives. The need to get them out of the office is due to climate control and location of office (above a kitchen). While the scanned items are not online yet, the certified WAC is online and available now.

RM briefed the committee on the State Law Library and discussed two digitization projects they are looking forward to: Bill sets back to 1913 and Briefs of Chiefs for both appellate courts (cases back to the 1880's). RM also provided positive feedback on the CRO's website and its usefulness to reference staff.

Agenda Item VI. KB provided an update on personnel changes in the office, including upcoming session support plans and upcoming retirement plans. JB provided an update on the administrative team.

The CRO was asked how court cases affect RCW's, and KB mentioned that they are noted in the code. KS explained that the CRO makes a best effort to make a

note in the code if it is deemed unconstitutional in whole or in part. The office relies on slip opinions from the state supreme court. The CRO does not try to replicate West's Lexis Nexis's Annotated version. The notes are provided as a warning rather than a research tool.

ML and KB reported on multiple amendments and the technical corrections bill.

ML reported that rule-making was finished in early October, thanks to JM and Kerry Radcliff. JM provided an overview of the office's role in rule-making, highlighting areas which have been improved in order to make filing simpler for agencies.

Chair RG inquired about the technical corrections bill. KS provided an update on the draft, which does three things: Moves accounts to the appropriate section (made in consultation with the Treasurer's office), merges two double amendments, and corrects more egregious areas where subsections have changed.

RG provided information on a bill that Representative Kilduff will sponsor to replace "handicap" with "person with a disability" in the code. KB said that the office had just received it and is processing it for introduction in 2020.

KB suggested having the next SLC meeting in the Washington room. AV and KS have put a lot of work into cleaning it up and reorganizing.

ML updated the committee on Kerry Radcliff's upcoming retirement after 44 years at the Code Reviser's Office. Kerry asked ML to thank the committee and express her appreciation for working with them over the years. He commented on the hard work Kerry Radcliff did with John Shiflett to move the WSR to electronic filing at no cost to the state. JB included that Kerry Radcliff also provided support and work in administration. ML moved to recognize Kerry Radcliff for her 44 years of outstanding service at the Code Reviser's Office. KB seconded. All present voted to approve. The motion carried.

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM, the next meeting to be held in June 2020 at the call of the chair.

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KATHLEEN BUCHLI, Secretary

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ROGER GOODMAN, Chair

Date