

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE
2011-2013 Biennium**

January 10, 2013

The Statute Law Committee held a special meeting at noon in the House Hearing Room, located on the first floor, southwest corner of the Legislative Building. The purpose of this special meeting was to elect a committee chair and vice chair and to discuss committee-sponsored bills.

The meeting opened with Tom Hoemann presiding.

Members present: Baker, Carrell, Conte, Goodman, Owens, Panesko, Pierce, and Rodger.

Members absent: Kline and Rodne.

Also in attendance were Kyle Thiessen, Code Reviser, who serves as the committee's secretary; Lew Lewis, Deputy Code Reviser; and Debbie Deibert, Administrative Secretary.

Tom Hoemann called the meeting to order and after thanking the committee for all its hard work and commenting that he enjoyed being on the committee, asked for nominations for chair and vice chair.

Ken Conte nominated Roger Goodman for Chair and Richard Rodger seconded the nomination. Representative Goodman accepted the nomination and was voted in unanimously.

Chair Goodman asked for nominations for vice chair. Richard Rodger nominated Mike Carrell. The nomination was seconded. Senator Carrell accepted the nomination and was voted in as vice chair unanimously.

Hunter Goodman was introduced as the new Secretary of the Senate and, therefore, starting Monday, January 14, 2013, he will be the newest member of the

Statute Law Committee. It was a farewell meeting for Tom Hoemann and Narda Pierce who is retiring.

Kyle reported that he has moved forward with filing the noncontroversial gender-neutral bill. He also reported that he had spoken with Senator Kohl-Welles and that the office will spend the next year working with agencies and other interested groups to determine whether agreement can be found on the list of terms that do not have widely recognized alternatives.

At the suggestion of Barbara Baker, Kyle will provide a list of gender-neutral terms by e-mail to each of the committee members. Some terms have a specific meaning which is difficult to match with acceptable alternatives. There is concern about state compacts that we have and changing current terms may call into question the validity with other states.

Prompted by comments of committee members, we were able to improve our “journeyman” references so that now a reference to “journeyman [plumber]” will be changed to “journey level [plumber]”. This approach is recommended in rule by the Human Rights Commission.

Kyle informed the committee that he will respond on behalf of the committee to a letter from Bill Green that each committee member received. He will recommend that Mr. Green contact the Environment Committees of the House and Senate.

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m., the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

K. KYLE THIESSEN, Secretary

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair

Date