

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
2015-2017 Biennium**

January 19, 2017

The Statute Law Committee held its fourth meeting of the 2015-2017 biennium in the Senate Rule Room, located on the second floor of the Legislative Building in Olympia.

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

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

Members absent: Jay Rodne.

Also in attendance were Kyle Thiessen, Code Reviser, who serves as the committee's secretary; code reviser staff attorneys Alice Im and Lew Lewis; Kerry Radcliff, Washington State Register Editor; Debbie Deibert, Administrative Secretary; and Tip Wonhoff by request of Nicholas Brown.

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

Minutes to the prior meeting were presented. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the previous Statute Law Committee meeting held on May 17, 2016, be approved. The motion carried. (Tab 1)

Agenda Item III. Action Item: Approval of a new copyright royalty policy.

Kyle gave a description of past copyright/royalty policies and a history of rates charged to companies using our publications.

Kyle presented a tiered system of copyright royalty policy for the committee to approve. In an effort to learn more about the changing legal publishing market, the office purchased "Global Legal Publishing 2016-2020" by Simba Information

which helped in the development of the tiered system of charging entities wishing to use our materials. Discussion by committee members included questions concerning reciprocity, licensing and sub-licensing.

A motion was made to approve the copyright royalty policy. The motion was seconded. All committee members present voted to approve the policy. (Tab 2)

Alice Im, staff attorney, is overseeing the production of the office's publications. Alice reported to the committee that Legislative Support Services had printed 140 Selected Titles and 570 sets of the Revised Code of Washington. The first 50 sets of the RCW had needed to be replaced because of a problem with the glue. It was the first time that LSS had used the glue product along with the new binding machine. The problem with printing the RCW sets has been resolved. Printing of our publications is on-demand.

Agenda Item IV. Financial Reports: Expenditure data from the state general fund for six months was presented to the committee. The report covered salaries, benefits, goods and services, travel and equipment. Everything seemed to be in order. Expenditure information from the publication account was presented to the committee. The expenses included payments for supplies, postage, utilities, rental of a warehouse which stores the RCW, WAC, and Session Laws, and the costs of printing various publications. The revenue report displayed sales for publications from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The balance in the account is \$814,014.

2017-2019 Budget: A summary of the Code Reviser's Office and Uniform Law Commission's operating budget proposal for the next biennium was presented by Kyle. He recapped the decision packages for each of the six items listed in the budget request. A motion was made to ratify the budget request. The motion was seconded and carried. (Tab 3)

Agenda Item V. Staff Update. Kyle reported to the committee that the office was fully staffed for legislative session. A new attorney and an RCW typist have been hired along with three returning session-only employees.

Succession Planning: Four employees will be retiring: two in fiscal year 2018 and two in fiscal year 2019. A motion was made to create a subcommittee, chosen by the Chair to discuss and plan for the future of the office.

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

K. KYLE THIESSEN, Secretary

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair Date