

MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
2023-2025 Biennium
November 19, 2024

The Statute Law Committee held its third meeting of the 2023-2025 biennium as a hybrid conference with some attendees in person and others via Zoom.

Members present: Chair Roger Goodman (RG), Vice Chair Sam Thompson (ST), Bernard Dean (BD), Jamie Pedersen (JP) (Zoom), Sarah Bannister (SB), Kim Johnson (KJ), Jill Reinmuth (JR), Kyle Sciuchetti (KDS), and Kathryn Leathers (KT).

Members absent: Greg Cheney (GC).

Also in attendance: Kathleen Buchli (KB), Code Reviser and Secretary to the committee; Mark Lally (ML), Deputy Code Reviser; Chris Lewis (CL), Senior Assistant Code Reviser; Jennifer Meas (JM) (Zoom), Washington State Register Editor; Shayne O'Grady (SO), Administrative Assistant, and Jennifer Bourke (JB), RCW Production Specialist.

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman (RG) called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Agenda Item II. JP moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024, meeting, seconded by BD. All in attendance voted to approve. The minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item III. ML discussed the Technical Corrections Bill. It is a large 361-page document. There was no Technical Corrections Bill last year. The primary changes are related to Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission changing to State Board of Nursing. KS then discussed feedback which led to removing one section. Some additional feedback came in yesterday so there will possibly be a 4th draft coming.

Agenda Item IV. CL updated the committee on publications. The selected titles and RCW sets are available for review. This year there were approximately 74 sets sold which is less than the 120 sold last year. 35 sets were also printed for law libraries. Selected titles only sold 44 sets this year and 50 sets are predicted to be sold for next year.

Agenda Item V. KB shared an overview of the CRO financial budget. The publications account has a balance of over \$ 884,254 and reflects sales of publications as well as moneys received from publishers for access to the code. The CRO can use these funds needed for costs related to publications (CL salary, paper, i.e....).

KB shared that Alice Im will be stepping into ML role and CL will be taking over publications for AI.

Agenda Item VI. KB gave the office move update. She shared that the CRO office has been moved to the modular building and thanked the House and Senate for access to rooms during the interim and offered a big thank you to the Senate for clearing the modular building out early so the office could get moved in and settled before December.

Agenda Item VII. Other Business. KB gave staffing update. CRO currently has one job opening for an entry level proofing position. Interviews are taking place, and she expects the position to be filled soon. She also shared that Adam Frederick was just hired as an attorney and he is being mentored by Chris Lewis.

KB shared the news that ML is retiring December 31st and RG remarked that something will be planned to celebrate.

KB shared that SLC is being audited again. She will share more updates later.

Chair RG thanked members for participation. JP moved, seconded by ST to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 PM, the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair Date

KATHLEEN BUCHLI, Secretary