

**WSBA Legislative Review Committee**

Meeting Minutes: *October 3, 2019*

**Voting Members present (in person):** Cameron Zangenehzadeh, Catherine Szurek, John Yip, Rachel Forde

**Non-voting members present (in person):** Ken Henrikson

**Voting Members present (via teleconference):** Edwin Norton, Debra Lefing, Chair Kyle Sciuchetti, Tim Spellman

**Guests present (in person):** Stephan Coonrod (CARC), Paul McVicker (ADR)

**Guests present (via teleconference):** Diane Lourdes Dick (CARC), Paul Firuz (RPPT)

**Staff present:** Sanjay Walvekar and Russell Johnson



**SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN**

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
Does the CARC proposal for corporate board gender diversity meet GR 12.2 requirements?	n/a	The CARC proposal for corporate board gender diversity meets GR 12.2 requirements	Vote was 7-1 in favor
Does the CARC proposal for revisions to RCW 23B meet GR 12.2 requirements?	n/a	The CARC proposal for revisions to RCW 23B meets GR 12.2 requirements	Vote was unanimous
Does the ADR proposal for uniform family law arbitration act meet GR 12.2 requirements?	n/a	The ADR proposal for uniform family law arbitration act meets GR 12.2 requirements	Vote was unanimous

**Greetings and introductions** – Chair Kyle Sciuchetti at 1:02 pm

- The chair gave an overview of the history of the committee and its current status.
- The chair led a discussion in the possible cooperation/involvement between the Legislative Review Committee and the BOG Legislative.

**CARC Proposal for corporate board gender diversity**

- CARC representative Stephan Coonrod gave an overview to the committee on the purpose and role of CARC.

- Stephan Coonrod and Diane Lourdes Dick gave an overview to the committee on the legislative proposal.
- Concern expressed by the chair regarding gender diversity in governance of corporations as potentially not being GR12.2 compliant.
- Questions asked by the committee of the CARC representatives.
- CARC representatives are unaware of any opposition to the proposal.

**Edwin Norton calls for a motion that the CARC proposal for board gender diversity satisfies GR 12.2.**

**Catherine Szurek seconds the motion.**

**Motion passes 7-1.**

CARC will be asked to return for the 10/17 meeting to share any further stakeholder input.

**CARC proposal for revisions to RCW 23B**

- Stephan Coonrod led the committee in an overview of CARC's legislative proposal.
- Questions asked by the committee of the CARC representatives.
- The committee decided to wait on voting on the bill until CARC representative Michael Hutchings can give an update on stakeholder input.

**Edwin Norton calls for a motion that the CARC proposal for revisions to RCW 23B satisfies GR 12.2**

**John Yip seconds the motion.**

**Motion passes unanimously.**

The CARC representative departed.

The chair expressed concern over the political nature of CARC's proposal for gender diversity on corporate boards.

The chair led the committee in a further discussion on the present and future of committee.

- Sanjay shared with the committee a proposal that is in the works in the non-profit corporations committee of the Business Law Section. The proposed bill will overhaul the non-profit corporations act. It is expected that it will be on hold until next legislative session.
- The chair asked Sanjay to share the draft language of the non-profit bill to the committee members.

**Committee break at 2:33 pm**

**Committee reconvened at 2:55 pm**

**ADR proposal for uniform family law arbitration act**

- ADR representative gave the committee an overview of the proposed legislation.
- The committee asked the ADR representative questions regarding the legislation.

**Edwin Norton calls for a motion that the ADR proposal for uniform family law arbitration act satisfies GR 12.2**

**Catherine Szurek seconds.**

**Passes unanimously.**

The chair asked the ADR representative about stakeholder input and the current status of that feedback.

The chair asked the committee if there are other stakeholder organizations/groups that would be viable stakeholders to seek input from.

The chair would like the ADR representative to return for a follow-up meeting with the results of pending and future stakeholder input.

**Committee break at 3:50 pm**

**Committee reconvened at 4:00 pm**

**Paul Firuz, the RPPT representative, called in to inform the committee that he is withdrawing RPPT's legislative proposal and that they will likely come back next session. There was a misunderstanding between the section's executive committee and the drafters of the legislation.**

**The chair adjourned the committee at 4:12**