

PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2021 – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Attendees – Christine Anderson, Michael Addams, Erin Fortney, Bonnie Rosinbum (Aslagson), Natalie Reber, Diana Singleton, Nicholas Larson, Jacqui Merrill Martin, and Nancy Chupp

Meeting Minutes

On motion by Nick Larson and seconded by Erin Fortney, the committee unanimously voted to approve the July meeting minutes.

Brief Workgroup Updates, Review of Accomplishments, and Solicitation for Input

Rules & Policy Workgroup – We haven't been able to meet but Bonnie gave an update that the MCLE rule change to require DEI has been approved.

CLE Workgroup – We are working on identifying speakers for the October Legal Lunchbox.

Communications Workgroup – We haven't met this month yet but we did get a thank-you from the author of the Bar News article for reaching out and helping with the process. Shout out to Michael for working with the author. Michael updated that he submitted the article on the Moderate Means Program for the October issue. Jacqui shared that she and Christine Kuglin are working on an article on children aging out of the foster care system.

Technology Workgroup – We just met today. We are going to have an ad in the Bar News to highlight the Pro Bono WA website in October. In January, we'll be doing a bigger article about the new and improved website. We are talking with pro bono partners on how best to utilize the site. We are also planning to work with Communications to send out a request to update their information and how they can be highlighted on the site's rotating banner.

Strategic Planning Workgroup Update

We presented the drafts we have been working on. Everyone is invited to share their feedback with Bonnie and/or come to the next strategic planning workgroup meeting. Nancy offered feedback for the value on problem-solving is to add in what barriers we're eliminating and what opportunities we're creating. Particularly re: the definition of DEI, Bonnie and Jacqui shared that the values are distinct but intertwined. We are still in process and welcome everyone's input.

Update on New Members

Diana updated on the four new members coming on to the committee: Debi Perluss, David Weafer, Thuy Nguyen, Ritu Jain. Bonnie and Michael will be doing an orientation with the new members as a small group rather than including the orientation as part of the October meeting.

As far as continuing leadership needs for the workgroups, we will be reaching out to find out who can fill in for vacancies. CLE is the only workgroup we need someone to chair.

Liaison Updates

Natalie reported that the WA Women Lawyers – King County Chapter - are hosting event series including “Ethics of the Home Office” (already happened), “Navigating Professional Responsibility in Shared Spaces” on 8/26 from 4-5 via zoom, “Access to Justice and Equity Issues and Opportunities in Remote Work” on 9/30 from 4-5 via zoom. Email agamble.law@gmail.com to register.

ATJ Conference: We shared about our positive experiences attending the ATJ Conference.

Planning for Future Meetings

Diana updated on the options of in-person, remote and hybrid and encouraged everyone to think about dynamics of hybrid when some more people doing one or the other. Given the delta variant and continued COVID cases, the committee decided that for the foreseeable future, we will stick with remote.

Recruitment for New Members

Diana shared that the committee will still have 5 vacant openings after the new members join and suggested that the committee prioritize a discussion on recruitment and diversity at the next meeting and beyond. The committee agreed and will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Rescheduling September Meetings

The committee decided to postpone the following September meetings:

- **PBSPC Strategic Planning Workgroup Meeting** moved from 8/25 to **Wednesday, 9/8 from 1:00 to 2:00pm**. All committee members are invited to attend to give feedback on the draft mission, vision and values (see attached). If you can't make the meeting on 9/8, please email [Bonnie](#) to give your feedback. The committee will be voting on the final version at the 9/13 meeting.
- **PBPSC Meeting (all committee members)** moved from 9/7 to **Monday, 9/13 from 3:00 to 4:00pm**, pending any feedback that members cannot make this new date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Updates and Announcements – No updates or announcements.