



# WSBA

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**CLE Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
October 31, 2012**

**Committee Members Present:**

Dianna Caley, Jason Dennett, Lewis Zieske, Marijean Moschetto, Qingqing Miao, Sheila Ridgway

**By Phone:**

Charles Dold, Hillary Evans, Mark Arend

**WSBA Staff Present:**

Christopher Cellars, Janey McCaulley, Kathy Burrows, Margaret Morgan, Michael Badger, Susan Strachan

**Absent:**

Anthony Ravani, Brita Long, Dick Sayre, Douglas Reiser, Jeanette Nyden, Stuart Brown, Tara Gillespie, Tracy Grant

**Welcome, Introductions**

Chair Marijean Moschetto welcomed committee members to the first meeting of fiscal year 2013. Marijean announced that the focus for the meeting would be setting goals for the 2012-2013 CLE Committee year.

Committee members introduced themselves by name and affiliation.

**History of the Committee**

Jason Dennett, Immediate Past Chair, discussed the history of the CLE Committee as an advisory sounding board representing the WSBA membership, evaluator of programs, and advocate for CLE. In the last two years the CLE Committee has also generated ideas for seminars based on its judgment on what the membership would find useful. In September 2012 the Board of Governors approved tuition increases for “master classes” aimed at senior, experienced practitioners and taught by leading state and national authorities, and CLE Committee member Dick Sayre is working with CLE seminar developers to develop a master class on elder law in 2013.

Jason also summarized the FY2012 CLE Committee Annual Report:

- The CLE Committee expanded its scope of work to help CLE staff develop new ideas for CLE and New Lawyer Education (NLE) programs. The committee and staff created a cloud-based

platform to share committee-member-generated ideas for programs. Staff circulates an online survey prior to the meetings that allows committee members to rate and comment on the ideas. Programming staff attend committee meetings to discuss how and where the suggested programs fit into the CLE calendar. The Committee's goal is to provide CLE staff with practicing attorneys' program suggestions that reflect current topics in the law, and to help staff stay up to date.

## **EPD Updates**

Margaret Morgan, Committee Liaison and Associate Director of Publications and Professional Development, discussed how the CLE Department became the EPD Department based on bringing in the following divisions over the last two years: Sections, New Lawyer Education, Public Service Training, Lawyers Assistance Program and the Law Office Management Program. A current organizational chart was distributed at the meeting. EPD is currently managed by three Associate Directors reporting to WSBA's Executive Director, Paula Littlewood. Two of the three positions (Associate Director for Publications and Professional Development; and Associate Director for Lawyer Services) are currently staffed, and one (Associate Director for CLE Seminars and Operations) is currently vacant.

Following the membership's vote in April 2012 that passed the referendum to reduce the annual license fee from \$450 to \$325, WSBA revenues and resources will be more limited. The WSBA Executive Management Team (EMT) had a strategic planning retreat on October 9 at which it talked about the future of the legal profession and WSBA's role in supporting it. Specifically with respect to CLE, the EMT wishes to explore having CLE (seminars and publications) come under the WSBA General Fund roof rather than being a separate cost center: "Its work should focus on WSBA mission, with holistic approach to professional development. This means that CLE will work alongside other parts of WSBA in identifying/ developing/offering seminars that meet member professional development needs." The EMT has been clear that no decisions have been made and input from CLE staff is desired as part of this exploration. The CLE Committee will be kept apprised of the progress of this exploration.

Margaret also reported on the current status of the proposed set of amendments to the MCLE regulations that would, among other things, add six credits per reporting period for "professional development," which would include courses in practice development, professional resilience development, post-retirement pro bono service planning, CLE presentation skills development, and other courses pertaining to the enhancement of a lawyer's professional and personal skills and well-being. A compromise package regarding these proposed amendments will go to the BOG at its November meeting for a vote on whether they go to the Supreme Court. These "professional development" credits would expand the programming that EPD can develop that would provide MCLE credits (thus making it more likely that WSBA members would attend).

Michael Badger, Associate Director for Lawyer Services, reported that there are four programs in development, as a collaboration between CLE and LOMAP, that will be presented between February and May 2013, some of which fall within the "professional development" category described above (and would not be accredited under the current MCLE regulations).

### **Subcommittees of the CLE Committee**

- **Technology** (staff liaison: Margaret Morgan; members: Jason Dennett, Mark Arend, Dianna Caley, Doug Reiser)

The subcommittee members will be asked to test the beta version of the online library of CLE deskbooks on Casemaker.

- **Quality Control** (staff liaison: Susan Strachan, CLE Seminar Development Specialist, [susanst@wsba.org](mailto:susanst@wsba.org) ; members: Stuart Brown, Chad Dold, Tara Gillespie, Brita Long, Qingqing Miao, Dick Sayre)

Two subcommittee members per quarter will be asked to attend a CLE seminar (one in person and one via webcast) to evaluate and report back to the full CLE Committee at the next meeting.

- **Section Relations** (staff liaison: Kathy Burrows, Senior CLE Seminar Development Specialist, [kathyb@wsba.org](mailto:kathyb@wsba.org) ; members: Marijean Moschetto, Anthony Ravani, Sheila Ridgway, Dick Sayre)

The subcommittee members will work with liaison Kathy Burrows on policies governing section-sponsored CLE programs and any issues that arise.

### **CLE Committee's Work in Fiscal Year 2013 – Setting Goals Through Individual and Group Discussion**

Marijean asked the Committee to consider how to make WSBA CLE the best in the nation. The Committee members broke into small groups to discuss and then reconvened to share their ideas with the group. These ideas were captured on a white board and are attached to these minutes.

### **Regular Business of CLE Committee**

#### **Vacancy**

There is an opening on the Committee following a member's resignation.

**Action:** Send suggestions for a new committee member to liaison Margaret Morgan at [morganm@wsba.org](mailto:morganm@wsba.org) .

#### **Approval of July Minutes**

Motion was made to approve minutes of July 18, 2012 meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Schedule 2013 Quarterly Meetings**

The following dates are proposed for the next three CLE Committee meetings. Please let Janey McCauley know if these dates will work for you ([janeym@wsba.org](mailto:janeym@wsba.org)):

- Thursday, January 24, 2013, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18, 2013, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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