

**Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee**  
**January 12, 2012**

In attendance: Andrea Axel, Catherine Brown, Dan Ford, Andy Guy, Steve Larsen, Rory O'Sullivan, Gail Smith, Dan Young, Lew Zieske

Attending via telephone: Brian DeFoe, Rebecca Glasgow, Andrew Krawczyk, Diana Singleton, Jennifer Werdell, Randy Winn

Unable to attend: Joanna Boisen, Michael Cressey, Reagan Dunn, Brian Flock, Michael Kleps, Joanna Otero, Esther Park

**November Meeting Minutes** were approved with one change.

**WSBA Member Referendum** Steve Larsen spoke about the referendum process and timelines, and committee members discussed the potential impact on PBLAC's mission.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

1. **Increasing CLE Credit for Pro Bono Service Subcommittee** circulated a fact sheet with talking points as well as the proposed rule and regulation changes. After discussion, the committee endorsed the proposed changes, amendment and comments. The committee discussed the need to identify measureable goals and develop a mechanism to quantify whether and how those goals are met. The committee would like to review pro bono hours that were voluntarily reported by WSBA members prior to and after 2000. Subcommittee members will begin informal outreach to personal contacts who may be interested in the proposed rule and regulation changes.
2. **Long Distance Lawyers Subcommittee** reported that the senior judge in Walla Walla is enthusiastic about piloting the Long Distance Lawyers project with the local Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP). The judge suggested that the VLP coordinator contact the local bar association to determine whether local attorneys are receptive to the partnership. Andrea will connect with the Walla Walla VLP and will schedule a subcommittee meeting to plan next steps.
3. **Outreach Subcommittee** members reported that they plan to meet with the volunteer lawyer programs via the monthly conference call that Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator, Pam Feinstein, holds with the programs. The subcommittee also plans to provide information about PBLAC through a power point presentation at the VLP coordinator meeting at the Access to Justice Conference in June. The subcommittee will arrange to give the same presentation at a meeting of the Seattle Area Pro Bono Coordinators & Counsel. As they connect with pro bono service providers, the subcommittee will develop a list of ideas for how PBLAC might continue to engage with and support them.
4. **Corporate and Public Entity Pro Bono Preference Workgroup** had an initial meeting and plan to meet again before the next PBLAC meeting. The workgroup will provide a report then.
5. **Bookends Workgroup** reported that they are exploring existing projects that connect new attorneys with experienced attorneys. The workgroup will meet with the Washington Young Lawyer Division Pro Bono and Public Service subcommittee about this project and plan to designate a liaison to attend their monthly meetings.

**The next PBLAC meeting will be Thursday, February 9 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at WSBA.**