

**Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee**  
**September 8, 2011**

In attendance: Andrea Axel, Catherine Brown, Jim Bamberger, Reagan Dunn, Andy Guy, Alison Holcomb, Steve Larsen, Angie Maddox, Joanna Otero, Randy Winn, Dan Young, Lew Zieske

Attending via telephone: Mike Cressey, Rebecca Glasgow, Diana Singleton

Unable to attend: Joanna Boisen, Brian Flock, Michael Kleps, Joe Marshall, James McCormick, Gail Smith

### **Introductions**

**August Minutes** were approved with one change to include Lew Zieske as an attendee at the 8/11/2011 meeting.

**PBLAC Member Changes** This was the last meeting of the committee year. The committee thanked out-going members Jim Bamberger, Fiona Cox, Alison Holcomb, Joe Marshall, and James McCormick for their service. Three new members, Brian DeFoe, Andrew Krawczyk and Esther Park were appointed to PBLAC for the 2011-2013 term. They will attend a new member orientation in October prior to PBLAC's annual planning meeting on October 13.

**Celebrate Pro Bono Week (Oct. 23-29, 2011)** The King County Council will recognize Celebrate Pro Bono week at the Council's October 24 meeting at 1:30 p.m. PBLAC members are invited to attend and participate in a photo opportunity. WSBA will circulate a press release and bring a camera to the event. WSBA will reach out to the Governor's Office and the Supreme Court to expedite adoption of the resolutions to recognize Celebrate Pro Bono week. The Celebrate Pro Bono subcommittee decided not to hold an event to honor the week, but will instead compile information about pro bono events and list them on a central calendar.

**WSBA's Access to Justice Guiding Principle** WSBA will propose that the Board of Governors approve the following language to focus WSBA's access to justice Guiding Principle: *By providing training and leveraging community partnership, WSBA will enhance a culture of service for lawyers to give back to their communities, with a particular focus on services to underserved low and moderate income people.* Committee members discussed whether the proposed language will limit the scope of PBLAC's work. The committee agreed to analyze projects that may fall outside of the scope of the focus language on a case-by-case basis.

**PBLAC Planning** PBLAC's annual planning meeting will be in the evening on October 13. Committee members are encouraged to think creatively and expansively about how pro bono service delivery should look in Washington. Members will select and prioritize 2012 projects at this meeting.

**Long Distance Lawyers** The pro bono coordinator at GAVLS's resigned and on-going funding for GAVLS is uncertain. Committee members suggested options for continued LDL assistance in Grant County. The LDL subcommittee will meet to determine next steps and will work toward finalizing the LDL responsibility flow chart. Andy Guy asked for feedback from committee members about the draft flow chart that was circulated as part of the meeting materials.

**The next PBLAC meeting will be Thursday, October 13 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at WSBA.**

Please make every effort to join us for this 2012 planning meeting and enjoy light snacks and beverages.