



WSBA Professionalism Committee Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2013

Present

Hunter Abell, Chair
Gretchen Leanderson
Mark Arthur
Jackson Bennett
Jacob DeGraaff
Erin Jacobson (phone)
Christine Palmer
Raphael Nwokike
Erin Fairley
Allen Unzelman (phone)
Ramina Dekhoda-Steele (phone)
Dan Ballbach (phone)
Debra Carnes, staff liaison
David Gardner (phone)

Paul Bastine, BOG liaison
Pam Inglesby, staff liaison
Marya Purrington, staff liaison

Absent

Linda Frischmeyer
Sean Gamble
Sarah lee
Tina Mares
James Yand

Chair Hunter Abell called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the November 2012 meeting were reviewed. Raphael Nwokike asked that his name be spelled correctly in future minutes. Minutes were adopted.

New Business

- Debra Carnes is looking into getting Drop Box or some other type of document and calendar-sharing tool for the Committee.

Sub-Committees Updates

Law School Outreach

- Gretchen Leanderson wants to look at what is submitted to new professors about lectures and suggests changes to the handouts.
- Gretchen suggests streamlining the Prezis and suggests getting feedback from presenters.
- Hunter encourages members to join on as a presenter and come to trainings.
- Committee discussed figuring out when to contact professors to set up lecture dates

- Committee doesn't want to contact professors after the professor has already scheduled out the semester.

Member Outreach

- The sub-committee is working on figuring out what events the Professionalism Committee should attend, as well as who their audience is.
- The sub-committee hopes to be published more in *NWLawyer* and on the NWSidebar blog as a way to reach out to members.
- The sub-committee discussed attending conferences and speaking and/or hosting a "listening booth" to listen to members concerns or comments.
- The sub-committee is still looking at the Courtroom Decorum Guidelines in hopes of updating them and bringing them to the BOG to ratify.
 - Jacob, Hunter and Ramina plan to revise the Guidelines.
- Hunter brought the name of "Random Acts of Professionalism" up and wonders if the name works with the cause behind it – suggests thinking of a new name.

Public Outreach

- Ramina has two ways for Professionalism Committee to reach out to public:
 - Writing articles for general publications (some ideas include good things lawyers do, showing lawyer professionalism through articles, etc.)
 - Holding events where the public can interact with lawyers.
- Ramina brought up that Arizona's Professionalism Committee works with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel
- Committee members brainstormed how WSBA's Professionalism Committee could work with Discipline here.
 - Use Professionalism Committee as "diversion" for discipline.
 - Work with WSBA's School of Ethics and set up a way for lawyers on Professional Committee to work with lawyers that need to be disciplined.

Announcements

The committee will need to start thinking about Professionalism Awards (not just through WSBA), as well as lawyers they'd like to suggest to the BOG for nominations.

Meeting Schedule

The group determined it would meet next on February 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Marya Purrington