MINUTES

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

February 11, 2011

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education was called to order by Chair Efrem Krisher at 10:11 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2011, at the WSBA Conference Center in Seattle, Washington. Board members in attendance were:

Efrem Krisher , Chair
John W. Chessell
John Tappan Menard
Karen L. Sayre
Tera Schreiber
Archer Summers
Kay L. Verelius

Absent was Carla C Lee, BOG liaison.

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Kathleen Todd	MCLE Board Executive Secretary
Jean McElroy	RSD Director
Adriana Castano-Agudelo	MCLE Analyst

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 12, 2010, meeting were approved by motion.

AUDIT OF CLE COURSE

The Board heard a presentation regarding a CLE course that was audited by an auditor designee of the Board. The presenter determined that many of the attendees felt that the course was valuable, but only part of it was accreditable under current MCLE regulations. No credit was denied for this course since it was accredited prior to the audit. However, the accreditation will be revised – based on the audit results – for future presentations of the course.

APPEAL

The Board considered an in-person appeal by a CLE sponsor.

MCLE AMENDMENT REQUEST – STRESS RELIEF COURSE ACCREDITATION

The Board heard a presentation from a CLE sponsor regarding the need for an amendment to the MCLE regulations to allow accreditation of courses on stress relief, work/life balance, and related topics. The Board formed a subcommittee of three Board members and a WSBA member (who is also a MCLE staff member) to study the proposal and to make a recommendation to the full Board. Input will also be solicited from the various stakeholders related to this amendment request.

APR 11.6(c)(4)(C) HEARING

The Board held an APR 11.6(c)(4)(C) hearing and issued findings and an order.

LAWYER PETITIONS

The Board reviewed and approved by motion 67 petition decisions. The Board also considered 41 lawyer petitions and a request from a lawyer for accreditation of a non-standard course. Each of these petitions and the request were considered and resolved by motion. No listing of these motions is attached to these minutes to protect the confidentiality of the members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the MCLE Board meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Todd

MCLE Board Executive Secretary