



Civil Rights Law Section  
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES for June 18, 2012

*Respectfully prepared and submitted by Nancy Talner and Corbett Gordon*

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, Patricia Paul at 12:17 pm.
2. Attending: Patricia Paul, Amy Kim, Nancy Talner, Sharon Payant, Corbett Gordon, Alec Stephens, and Michael Ewetuga. (Joined at 12:26).  
Excused: Kwame Amoateng  
Absent: WYLD Representative, Heidi Kay Walter  
WSBA Staff: Stacy Holmes  
Resigned: Mary Devuono Englund (interim appointee needed)
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes as submitted of the May 21, 2012 meeting were approved as written with Michael and Corbett abstaining.
4. Treasurer's Report: Amy gave the Treasurer's Report. Discussion focused on whether and how much dues should increase for the next fiscal year given the fact that the fees our section pays to the WSBA per member will increase from \$13.25/year by \$5.50-\$6.50. It was noted that the amount of our section dues was one of the highest among Bar sections when it was first set. It was decided by consensus that Amy will determine the final amount of increase, confer with Pat, and together they will make a recommendation for the dues amount in an email for a vote of the Executive Committee.  
There was also discussion about how large our section's reserved funds should be. Our draft budget is due to the WSBA by July 13, 2012, before our next meeting. The budget will be finalized after our decision on dues and will also be put to a vote of the Executive Committee via email.
5. CLE Subcommittee: Alec reported that plans are well underway for the Annual CLE/Annual meeting at Seattle University for the afternoon of

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Registration will open at 11:30, the Annual Meeting will commence at noon, and the cle will start at 12:30. Nancy will help Alec find a speaker to cover the major voting rights case decided by the US Supreme Court. The cle will end at 5 pm to be followed by a social nearby. Pat asked us all to think of a good venue for the social. Pat reported that the mini cle on the OSPI Guidelines on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm in Olympia followed by a section social at the Waterstreet Café and Bar is all set up (see flyer distributed with the meeting materials).

6. Communication/Advertising Subcommittee: The agenda reflected that the newsletter is in process; there was no further report on this matter during the meeting.
7. Membership Subcommittee: The membership count is behind last year with 116 members.  
The networking social anticipated in Vancouver, WA/Portland, OR will likely occur in the fall during the next term of the Executive Committee. Other socials were previously discussed in the cle report.
8. Nominating Committee: Amy reported on the proposed slate of officers: Chair Elect – Courtney Ackley, Secretary – Calandra Sechrist, Treasurer – herself (see fact sheet distributed with meeting materials).
9. Annual Civil Rights Award: Nominations for the Distinguished Service and Civic Leader Awards were distributed with the meeting materials as follows: Darcy DuComb for Distinguished Service Award and Ndns for Justice for the Civic Leader Award, both nominated by Patricia Paul. Other nominations will be accepted until June 29, 2012. Pat's reasons for these two nominations are set out in the materials distributed with the meeting materials.
10. Pat reported on recent correspondence she received from the UW Law School. They are in the process of creating a list of attorneys willing to speak on matters concerning race and justice to present constitutional law issues relating to civil rights as part of their ongoing training. Professor Covington will provide additional information.

11. Other Items: Pat will be absent/excused from the July meeting. Michael will lead the meeting.

The WSBA has asked that we nominally sponsor its “Voices for Humanity” luncheon at the Seattle Westin. The bar seeks use of our listserve. Pat will email more detail; we will need to vote on this at the July meeting.

12. Adjourn: Pat adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 12:15 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012. In person attendance at the WSBA Offices; call ins dial 1-218-632-0550 and enter code: 756839#