

MINUTES for December 8, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes prepared by Kwame Amoateng, Secretary

Welcome & Attendance

Pat Paul called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

Attending:

Exec Committee: Amy Kim, Nancy Talner, Sharon Payant, Kwame Amoateng,

Alec Stephens, Corbett Gordon and Patricia Paul.

WSBA: Joy Eckwood & Kathy Burrows

BoG: Tracy Flood.

2. Minutes of November 10, 2011: The board adopted the November board minutes as amended. Regarding the issue of facial recognition (agenda item #7, the board was to solicit a volunteer as a liaison).

Abstentions on the vote to adopt November minutes: Alec, Kwame, and Pat.

- 3. Up-coming newsletter
 - Target date for submissions is January 10, 2012
 Pat called for short bios of executive board to be included in the newsletter.
- 4. Treasurer's Report Amy Kim no new financial report. Tracy suggested that Amy send an email to WSBA for an updated financial statement to send to Exec Committee.
 - a. Conference Call alternatives: Amy Kim announced a new, free, conference call phone number. Amy will send an announcement to all with the phone number. The Committee unanimously agreed to utilize the new phone number for conference calls.
 - b. Monthly financials.
- 5. WYLD Heidi Kay Walker (absence excused)

6. CLEs

- a. Kathy Burrows (invited), WSBA Section Seminar Development Specialist: Introduced herself as a contact for Section CLE and program development issues.
- b. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2012:

Pat asked whether the Board wanted to do anything beyond issuing the annual press release to commemorate MLK Jr. Day. She also mentioned the possibility of creating a CLE subcommittee to consist of members of the Civil Rights Section to develop CLEs and to coordinate with WSBA staff.

Alec volunteered together with Pat to work on CLEs for MLK.

Amy, will it be helpful to co-sponsor with other organizations?

Tracy, mentioned the idea of a CLE in February, and highlighting it as CLE for MLK and Black History Month.

Alec proposed issuing the press release and drafting a more organized work plan for the long term regarding MLK.

Patricia-CLE committee will convene to develop work plan for CLEs and other CLES.

- c. Mini-CLEs.
- d. Annual Meeting
- 7. Legislation Sharon Payant
 - a. Z-0626.2/11 facial recognition: Pat volunteered to be contact person for the legislation.

Corbett: Observed that if the ACLU is opposing the legislation on civil rights grounds, then the Section should oppose the legislation.

Nancy offered to re-circulate ACLU's letter in opposition to the proposed legislation.

Amy and Tracy left the meeting.

- 8. Section Website Michael Ewetuga/Amy Kim/Joy Eckwood: No info at this meeting.
- 9. Membership Subcommittee Heidi Kay Walker and Patricia Paul
 - a. Focus: Recruitment & Retention: Plan underway.

Based on a question about membership numbers posed by Alec, Joy offered to place a recurring request for membership registration on a monthly basis and that information will be sent to the Committee monthly.

- 10. Work Plan Subcommittee
 - a. Members are: Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair and Treasurer. Working on plan in early January and will present to committee.
- 11. WSBA Board of Governor's meeting December 9th in Bellingham Patricia Paul
- 12. January 12, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting's focus will to review the Work Plan.
- 13. Meeting adjourned: 12:56 p.m.