

Construction Law Section
Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2012

Attendees:

Tom Wolfendale, Chairman
Ron English
Marissa Bavand
Helaine Honig
Rob Crick
Scott Sleight
John Evans
Annmarie Petrich
Tom Larkin
Kerry Lawrence
Karl Hausman
Amber Hardwick
Joe Scuderi
Alicia Berry
Natalia Markovic

Discussion

Minutes of previous meeting: approved

Finances: AnnMarie reported that we had about \$19,000 in the bank at the end of November.

WYLD Report: Amber and Natalia reported that about 120 young lawyers attended the WYLD open section night on January 31; the Construction Section was represented by Helaine, Kerry and Annmarie.

Newsletter: A requirement that Council members author an article for the newsletter was discussed, but not adopted.

The schedule for the next edition is:

2/13 Assign cases and/or topics
3/9 Articles to Larry for review
3/19 Articles from Larry to WSBA
3/26 Final draft of articles back from WSBA
3/31 WSBA sends out newsletter

Recent Court Decisions: Tom Wolfendale reported that Bill Linton has volunteered to do a writeup on the infinity lien bond case.

WSBA Activity: Tom Larkin will meet with WSBA to add content to the section's site, including open access to minutes, and photos from the open section night.

Design Build contracts: Scott reported that the form was sent out, but no comments have been received yet.

Jury Instructions: John Evans will set up a meeting of the committee.

Legislative Activity: Helaine handed out a CPARB summary of bills.

Kerry Lawrence reported that the sharepoint website is up for the lien law changes. There will be about 30-40 participants allowed to submit comments.

Tri-Cities Spring Forum: Invitations have been sent out. Tom Wolfendale will confirm that the Oregon Bar is invited.

Oregon Bar Construction Law Section: Tom Wolfendale discussed possible cooperative projects between the two sections, including newsletters and articles.

Mid-Year Meeting: The agenda will be set at the Council's March 15 meeting. Articles are due in early May. We need to fill 6.5 hours. Paul Cressman and Steve Goldblatt have agreed to present, Chris Soelling will talk on Ethics. John and Marissa are working on other speakers, focusing on insurance issues.

New Business: Joe Scuderi will head a nominating committee for council members for next year. We will reach out to the section membership, as well as applicants from last year.

Kerry Lawrence discussed updating Keyes' Lien Law Book and getting permission to update it.

Members discussed whether to reimburse council members from east of the Cascades for travel. AnnMarie will develop costs and talk to WSBA about doing this 1-2 times a year.

February Forum: It will start at 4:30 on February 28 at the WSBA headquarters in the Washington Bank Financial Center, on the 4th floor. Cost will be about \$400.