

**WSBA CRIMINAL LAW SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2011- 13 COINS (SEATAC)**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Aaron Wolff, Jennifer Grant, Jeri Bonkoski, Mark Vovos, Ron Hammett, John Strait, Leesa Manion, Roger Rogoff, Hugh Birgenheirer, Chris Maryatt, Jimmy Hung, Paris Seabrook

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Grant.

**INTRODUCTION OF PARIS SEABROOK**

Jennifer Grant introduced Paris Seabrook, the Criminal Law Section to the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA). Paris indicated that she was happy to help with all of our needs. She serves as the liaison to fourteen (14) sections. She is hoping that her attendance will help her get a better feel for the Criminal Law Section and its activities. She answered questions about membership dues going to the WSBA and about coordinating CLEs. Specific questions were asked about the section's recent unsuccessful attempt to coordinate a CLE with the Washington Young Lawyer's Division (WYLD) of the WSBA.

Paris also provided her contact information to the section.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

John Strait moved to approve the previous minutes. The motion was seconded by Leesa Manion. The motion carried unanimously; Leesa later moved to amend the previous minutes with regard to her presentation of the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) at the last meeting. Roger Rogoff seconded the motion. The friendly amendment was accepted by acclamation.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Jennifer Grant indicated that she had testified on Senate Bill 5114 (SB5114) in Olympia since our last meeting with two defense attorneys. The legislature was interested in the Criminal Law Section's perspective as the only organization of attorneys comprised equally of prosecutors and defense attorneys.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary-Treasurer Chris Maryatt distributed copies of the section's financial summaries. Jennifer Grant pointed out that the section needed to reimburse Kim Hunter for expenses relating to last year's CJI and asked Chris to follow up with her. Chris also provided an update on the section's roster and indicated plans to distribute electronically to the Executive Committee as soon as the he completed the roster.

**LEGISLATION**

Committee Co-Chair Jimmy Hung reported for the committee. He indicated that he and Edwin Aralica had received an inundation of emails concerning potential legislation; given the low odds

for most legislation reaching a vote, the committee needs to vet bills for consideration by the Executive Committee based on impact and weighing whether or not it is likely to receive significant consideration by the legislature. He indicated a desire to be more liberal with sending information about legislation to the Executive Committee. The board had previously voted on endorsing positions on a number of bills electronically since the last meeting, notably SB5114. Jennifer Grant had already sent an email about amendments to the bill as it moved forward; Jimmy indicated that those addressed most of the concerns prosecutors would likely have with it. Although speaking for the prosecution, he indicated a belief that most defense concerns would be addressed by the changes as well.

John Strait moved to endorse passage of SB114 as it was presently as of March 5th, 2011, without further modifications. Jeri Bonkoski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CJI**

Committee Co-Chair Leesa Manion reported for the committee and had a draft schedule for the CJI for distribution. Although close to finalization, the CJI still needed to nail down speakers, including one on Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Leesa floated the idea of naming the Criminal Law Section Executive Committee to the steering committee.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Committee Chair Chris Maryatt indicated a need for more articles before moving forward with newsletter, which he hoped to have published by June or July. He indicated that such a late publication of the first newsletter for the year would make it difficult to have a second newsletter before the beginning of the new fiscal year in October, when the membership reset. He believed it may be possible to publish a late autumn or early winter newsletter to the membership roster for the current fiscal year with WSBA approval. Jeri Bonkoski suggested that the use of Facebook by participants in the criminal justice system might make a good, timely article. John Strait expressed a willingness to author such an article. Aaron Wolff indicated that he might be able to solicit an article.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chris Maryatt suggested that the minutes of the meetings be published on the WSBA website; the minutes 2009 were published thereon, but not those from 2010. The board supported a motion by acclamation to begin publishing minutes from 2011 to the WSBA website.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Jennifer Grant called for an Executive Session.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned.