

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting of February 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. by the Chair, Steve DeForest.

Attendance: Attending in addition to DeForest were Jerry Curtis, Phil Ginsberg, Gene Annis, Carole Grayson, Jerry Greenan, Al Armstrong, Brian Comstock (Board of Governors Liaison), Tom Wampold, Jerry Jager and Dudley Panchot, who was Secretary Pro Tem. Paris Seabrook, the WSBA liaison to the Section, attended as a guest. She has replaced Tony Doane. Paris can be reached by phone at (206)733-5944, or by e-mail at pariss@wsba.org.

The Chair Steve De Forest, reported that he attended the Bar Leaders Conference, which included the WSBA Bar President, President-Elect, and Chairs of most of the Sections. Paula Littlewood, WSBA Executive Director, commented that after the “boomers” leave or retire there may be a shortage of lawyers. She also noted that billions of dollars of legal services are being outsourced. There will be challenging years ahead for lawyers.

The minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting were corrected to read that the account of the Senior Lawyers Section has been reduced by \$5,000, the amount of the contribution recently made to the Equal Justice Coalition, and the current balance is approximately \$10,000. As amended the Minutes were approved.

The annual CLE program is essentially complete. Speakers in probable order are as follows:

1. Egil Krogh. Mr. Krogh has written a book on Ethics, Integrity and Good People Making Bad Choices. The possibility of the book being available for sale at the seminar will be explored.
2. Justice Debra Stephens.
3. A panel being put together by Jerry Greenan to include Mike McKay, Katherine Olson of the Seattle Police Department, and Lembhard Howell. It may be chaired by retired Judge Terry Carroll who is currently teaching in Italy.

That completes the morning program. The afternoon speakers will be the WSBA President-Elect Stephen Crossland on succession planning, Professor Karen Boxx on estate planning and new estate tax laws, and David Allen, who has been on both sides of police shooting cases. Jerry Jager and Tom Wampold are working on sponsors and exhibitors. The Bar staff has the responsibility of following up with the speakers to get and publish the materials. To introduce the speakers Chair DeForest has asked Annis to introduce Justice Stephens, Panchot to introduce Karen Boxx, Carole Grayson to

introduce David Allen, Phil Ginsberg to introduce Egil Krogh, and Steve DeForest to introduce Stephen Crossland.

The Nominating Committee, as set forth in the Bylaws, is the Executive Committee, and will consider nominations for Committee members and officers at its next meeting.

Brian Comstock will be leaving the Board of Governors at the end of this fiscal year. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, he was elected to the Executive Committee.

The subject of identifying on the Bar Directory with more particularly the reason for a member's "suspension" was reviewed. A problem is that when the Bar office attempts to contact lawyers who have failed to pay dues, some do not respond. It is generally agreed that the word "retired" is an acceptable designation as long as the former lawyer is not practicing. Jerry Curtis wants to be sure that when we die and our dues are no longer paid, the Bar office does not publish that the member's status is shown as administratively suspended. Brian Comstock will follow up on this.

The next issue of Life Begins ... will be ready to go in time to advertise the May 13 seminar.

Jerry Greenan reported that the website seems to be in good order. Paris Seabrook advised that the WSBA website is being redesigned.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Panchot, Secretary Pro Tem