

**Editorial Advisory Committee Meeting**

**June 13, 2018**

**Attending in-person:** Renee McFarland

**Attending via phone:** Aubrie Hicks

**Absent:** Ralph Flick, Ruby Aliment, Michael Cherry, Marla Fox, Bridget Schuster, Daniel Himebaugh, Joan Miller, Joan Miller, Sophia Byrd-McSherry, Terri Sharp, Jodie Warren, Chris Campbell, Chris Graves, James Hietala, Stephen Jackson

**WSBA Staff:** Margaret Morgan, Sara Niegowski, Emily White, Connor Smith

- Roll call
- Editor's Report
  - a) No June magazine. Full coverage of character and fitness process has caused delay, so what should have been the June issue will now be the July issue, and instead of a combined July/August issue, there will be a separate August issue, so there will still be nine issues in 2018.
- Sara gave an overview about the delay
  - a) Washington Supreme Court issued its opinion in *In re Simmons* in April. Supreme Court has not written an opinion on character & fitness appeal in 30 years. Leaders within WBSA wanted to look at the opinion to see what we can learn from the opinion.
  - b) We also wanted to get Ms. Simmons' commentary to include in the issue.
- "Beyond the Bar Number" recruitment - Always need more for this. First member of the Tulalip Tribes recently became a WSBA member; possible story idea.
- Review of pitches & story ideas from April & May meetings
  - a) Personal anecdotes from attorneys on "what they wish they had known when first starting out in practice." Provide questions as prompts to avoid general open ended anecdotes? Potentially include in June/July issue. Will put out the call in TakeNote.
  - b) Getting prosecutors perspectives in magazine.
  - c) Lawyers as Public Servants
- Other story ideas
  - a) Trade Story – Renee McFarland looking into contact she has for potato trade.
  - b) K-12 changes - Are charter schools constitutional?

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- c) Union cases coming down, US Supreme Court will be deciding *Janus*.
- d) Profiles of retired judges?
- e) Housing story: This House Market is on Fire – The expense for office space and difficulty to secure it. Issues coming up in real estate law and using it in unethical ways by taking advantage of how overpriced everything is. Lots of things happening in Yakima, lots of code violations, predatory practices for landlords taking advantage of non-English speaking communities or migrant communities.
- f) Construction Law Section – With all this building going on, collectively put together three contracts for residential, businesses. Anyone caught up in building boom to consider these contract resources.

- Upcoming meeting dates (noon to 1 p.m.):

7/18/18, 8/15/18, 9/12/18, 10/17/18