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**PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, May 12th, 2016, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
WSBA Office, 1325 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 600, Seattle, WA  
**MINUTES**

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**In Attendance:** Kevin McGuire, Judy Lin

**Staff Liaisons:** Lynda Foster, Jamie Aten, Jennifer Small, Ana Selvidge (by phone)

**Attend by Phone:** Christopher Lybeck, Pamela Feinstein, Adam Yeaton, Leslie Blankman, Jordann Hallstrom, Alyssa Melter, Bruce Conklin, and Sara MacDuff.

**Unable to Attend:** Governor Forde, Beth Leonard, Kristina Ralls, Emily Nelson, Amanda Williamson, Angeline Thomas, and Charlotte Smith.

**1. March Minutes Approved**

**2. Update on FY 17 Committee nominations & Co-Chair Process** - Communications and Outreach Specialist, Lynda Foster. Kevin McGuire encouraged members to apply to become co-chair for 2016-17. New Members are invited to attend the September 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Additionally, there will be an orientation meeting in September their first official meeting for this committee is October.

**3. Staff update** - Programs Manager, Lynda Foster  
Programs Coordinator, Dana Barnett, has moved to another position at WSBA. Jamie Aten will be our temporary coordinator.

**4. Subcommittee Overview - including FY 16 Accomplishments**

**Moderate Means Outreach** Chris Lybeck

- Chris: Blog posts and a NWLawyer article are in process, ideally finished by early June.
- Adam: Requested examples to have a unified style for articles. Examples can be found on the blog - <https://nwsidebar.wsba.org/>

**Bar Exam Question RPC 6.1** Judy Lin

- Board of Bar Examiners agreed to create question(s) for the Washington Law Component. Beth Leonard will be the liaison to the BBE. Goal has been accomplished. Subcommittee members have joined other subcommittees.
- Ana, Beth and Lynda will work to promote the RPC 6.1 Bar Exam Question to the Access to Justice community and our Washington law schools.

**Pro Bono WA** Kevin McGuire

- Subcommittee meeting with the probono.net representatives discussed various web page possibilities and timelines. Generally the goal is to update the database and display organizations/opportunities in a user-friendly way. We also need to determine how the

WSBA can maintain the database in a cost-effective manner. Ana stated that adding a calendar of events such as programs and CLEs, and adding resources can be done quickly.

**Barriers Research/Workshop** Sara MacDuff

- The fee waiver proposal for Emeritus/Pro bono status attorneys will be reviewed by Budget & Audit on June 15. Ana will provide a report following the meeting.
- Goal is to make the October 25<sup>th</sup> Legal Lunchbox (1.5 hour online only CLE) focused on pro bono work. The author of “The Happy Lawyer,” and “The Good Lawyer,” Nancy Levit, will present. Alyssa volunteered to work on the CLE. Jen will contact the WSBA CLE staff to get a conference call scheduled.

**5. Goals for FY 17 - Committee Co-Chairs, Sara MacDuff & Kevin McGuire**

- Goals proposed:
  1. Develop and execute a plan to promote Emeritus Pro Bono status
  2. Usher in the implementation of Pro Bono WA changes.
  3. Develop a course to promote volunteerism - present at ATJ or Goldmark conferences
  4. Compile Model Pro Bono policies for firms/corporations/government/etc.
  5. Develop and execute a plan to promote the new MCLE pro bono credits
  6. Continue to research barriers for attorneys who wish to provide pro bono services but encounter difficulties such as logistical problems, the lack of malpractice insurance for government, corporate, and NGO attorneys.
  7. Continue to investigate avenues to promote and increase participation in existing WSBA Public Service Programs. In particular, the committee will work with staff to conduct outreach for WSBA Moderate Means Program in rural areas.
  8. Update the 2012-2013 outreach survey to QLSPs
- Committee narrowed down to 5 goals:
  1. Promote and communicate the emeritus/pro bono status, the Moderate Means Program, and the MCLE Pro Bono Credit Rule.
  2. Implement recommended changes identified for probonowa.org.
  3. Continue to research barriers for attorneys who wish to provide pro bono services but encounter difficulties such as logistical problems, the lack of malpractice insurance for government, corporate, and NGO attorneys.
  4. Compile Model Pro Bono policies for firms/ corporations/ government etc.
  5. Continue to research feasibility of hosting a breakout session at the Access to Justice Conference or Goldmark Luncheon. The workshop would identify best practices and common issues.

**6. Announcements**

September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a celebration of the Committee’s accomplishments and introduce the new Committee members. Everyone is encouraged to attend in-person. We will invite past & future members.

1:29 – Kevin moves to adjourn, Sara seconds.

**2015-16 Meeting Dates | All meetings @ WSBA, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

<del>November 12th</del>	<del>March 10th</del>	July 14th
January 14th	<del>May 12<sup>th</sup></del>	September 8th