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Annual Membership Meeting to Be Held on January 30, 2016

The annual membership meeting of the Criminal Law Section will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Seattle University School of Law, located at 1215 Columbia St., in Seattle. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting, which will include a two-credit “mini-CLE” for members from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The membership meeting will follow the CLE.

The membership meeting is an opportunity for members of the Criminal Law Section to receive updates on the section budget, spending, and activities from 2015, and to learn about the Section’s plans for 2016. The Executive Committee elections will also be held at the annual meeting. In past years, the membership meeting has had a good turnout of members, and we hope to see the same this year.

Elections for three executive committee members will be held, two defense positions and one prosecution position. In addition, the new officers of the executive committee will begin their year-long tenure following the meeting.

If you have questions about the annual membership meeting, please contact any member of the executive committee. Names and contact information can be found on page three of the newsletter, or at the Criminal Law Section website found at:

<http://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Sections/Criminal-Law-Section/Criminal-Law-Section-Exec-Committee>.

2015 In Review

- First Eastern Washington meeting and member benefit CLE, held at Gonzaga Law School in Spokane;
- Member benefit mini-CLE held at Seattle University School of Law;
- 22nd Annual Criminal Justice Institute CLE held at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center in Burien, offering 14 CLE credits over two days;
- Law school student recruiting events held at Gonzaga and Seattle University;
- Executive committee members sponsored a table at the Key To Hope luncheon for Plymouth Housing Group, a transitional, low-income housing non-profit;
- \$3,000.00 in scholarships awarded for the Criminal Justice Institute for new and public-interest lawyers to attend free of charge;
- Executive committee members attended Open Section Night events and held outreach events to recruit new members and keep in touch with current members.

To view a copy of the Criminal Law Section annual report, visit: <http://www.wsba.org/~media/Files/Legal%20Community/Sections/Annual%20Reports/2014-2015%20Annual%20Report%20-%20Criminal%20Law.ashx>

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

If you have not already renewed your membership in the Criminal Law Section, please remember to do so when you submit your online WSBA license renewal this year. Member dues are \$30.00 per year and include two or more member benefit CLEs per year, access to the member listserv, networking and fellowship events, and many more benefits announced throughout the year. For more information, contact any member of the executive committee, or see our section pages at the WSBA website..

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MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meets quarterly to discuss and vote on Section business and to plan for future business. In past years, meetings have been held exclusively in the Seattle area, but meetings are now held at least once per year in another city on the eastern side of the state.

Meetings are usually tentatively scheduled at the prior meeting and may be adjusted pending member availability. Executive Committee members are elected to three-year terms by ballots sent to Section members.

If you would be interested in submitting items for publication in future Criminal Law Section newsletters, please contact the newsletter editor, Dale Slack, at cdslack@wapa-sep.wa.gov.