



WSBA Board of Governors Meeting Recap March 9, 2017 Olympia

Honoring Local Heroes Anne Egeler and Cailen Wevodau

The WSBA presents its [Local Hero Award](#) to WSBA members and local community members who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. The Thurston County Bar Association selected **Anne Egeler** for the award, in recognition of her dedicated service to Thurston County's legal community. The Government Lawyers Bar Association selected **Cailen Wevodau**, in recognition of her commitment to survivors of domestic violence in Thurston County. WSBA President-elect Brad Furlong presented the awards at the luncheon during the BOG meeting in Olympia on March 9. As always, the turnout by the local bar and bench was outstanding!

Generative Discussion Topics – We Need MEMBER Input!

The Board discussed both the goals and topics of the generative discussions that have been incorporated into Board agendas since last year. Generative discussions focus on significant policy issues so that the BOG and WSBA can proactively and thoughtfully engage with developments of importance to the profession. Generative topics may represent the beginning of a continuing BOG and WSBA dialogue among members, stakeholders, and others. Suggestions from board members for possible topics included how to better connect with members, the future of LLLTs in the profession, and exploring regulatory reform per the current [strategic goals](#). **The Board would like to hear your ideas about potential topics for discussion! Please send your suggestions to questions@wsba.org.**

President Haynes and Executive Director Littlewood also sought topics for the Bar's new forum series for the general public and the legal community, *Decoding the Law*. This new series launched in March with the topic of the death penalty. Please help us grow this series by sending your topic ideas to questions@wsba.org!

Legislative Report

At-large Governor Mario Cava and Legislative Affairs Manager Alison Phelan described the bills being considered in the Legislature. [WSBA Legislative Affairs](#) has referred **655 bills** to relevant WSBA entities for review and potential action. Cava and Phelan also reported on the status of two Bar request legislation proposals: **Senate Bill 5011**, which amends the Business Corporations Act to make Washington more business-friendly through process efficiencies and the modernization of outdated statutory provisions; and **Senate Bill 5012**, which would create a

non-judicial process for amending or replacing irrevocable trust documents. The 2017 regular state legislative session began on January 9 and is scheduled to adjourn Sine Die on April 23. (See [Public Materials](#) beginning at page 16.)

Annual Meeting with Board and Supreme Court

On Friday morning the Board had its annual meeting with the Supreme Court. WSBA President Robin Haynes updated the Court on various WSBA initiatives, including an updated and more user friendly website for WSBA and process involved in implementing the updated Bylaws. The new wsba.org is scheduled to go live in August. The Court and Board also discussed the recent license fee petition; the Court confirmed that when it issued its Order that it was only related to the reasonableness of the license fee and not whether the BOG should hold the referendum vote. WSBA staff also presented the next iteration of a coordinated discipline system, the goal of which is to streamline and improve the current lawyer, LLLT, and LPO discipline systems.

Board Elections – Look for Your Ballot in Your Email! (for Districts 3, 6, 7-N, and 8 only)

Ballots for the election in your district (based on your residential address) will arrive in your email on March 15. Voting ends on April 3. If you don't receive a ballot, please contact questions@wsba.org. If you'd like more information on the candidates running, please view the videos from the [Candidate Forum](#) held on March 1 at the WSBA Conference Center. Candidate statements are also available at wsba.org/elections. Don't forget to vote!

Acknowledging Professional Excellence Awards – Nominations are Open Now for 2017!

Do you know someone deserving of a [WSBA APEX Award](#)? Each year, the WSBA honors more than a dozen legal luminaries at its annual awards dinner. Nominations are now open for categories such as the Award of Merit, WSBA's highest honor, as well as awards for Professionalism, Pro Bono and Public Service, Diversity, Outstanding Judge, Outstanding Young Lawyer, and more. Nominate a colleague today. The deadline to receive nominations is April 1. The **WSBA APEX Awards** will be held on September 28 in Seattle. Nominate a colleague today and join us for the celebration!