

PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID COMMITTEE Thursday, October 10, 2013 – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Minutes

<u>In attendance</u>: Chair Rachel Rappaport Governor Dan Ford, Lew Zieske, Will Ross, Stan Kehl, Todd Nunn, Esther Park, Rory O'Sullivan, Katie Bove, Sara MacDuff, John Vanek, Megan McNally, Governor Paul Bastine, President Patrick Palace and Ana Selvidge (WSBA Staff Liaison)

Attending via telephone: Catherine Brown and Richard Ricketts

<u>Unable to attend</u>: Thomas Brixius, Joanna Otero, Carla Reyes, Todd Nunn, and Angeline Thomas, Sunil Mootien-Pillay and Geoff Arnold,

Welcome and Introductions - Committee Chair Rachel Rappaport

Pro Bono & Legal Aid Committee History, Overview and Direction – President Palace, Governor Bastine and Director of Advancement & Chief Development Officer Megan McNally

Governor Bastine provided and overview of the Committee on Performance and Review. The charge of this committee is to examine all of the Board of Governors' committees to assure the work of each committee is align to the strategic goals and mission of the organization. This review process is an opportunity to annually evaluate progress and redirect efforts when it is needed.

Megan McNally commented on the meaningful work this committee can play on how WSBA can get more, new and different lawyers involved in giving back.

President Palace provided his insight on the importance this committee plays in understanding how WSBA can use Long Distance Lawyering (LDL) and Unbundled Legal Service (ULS) to increase lawyer's participation in pro bono and public service. He further stated that a committee's energy is what builds our bar and he invited the committee to join the BOG on these priorities. This committee should not be equated to the work of the Access to Justice Board, as it is an entirely different entity and we should not duplicate effort.

There was a question on how unbundled legal services connect to pro bono efforts. President Palace commented that lawyers are not making the pay anymore, the economy is changing and we need to embrace new technologies and new models like ULS. If we can integrate this into our bar and have more members utilizing ULS, the more likely our members will engage in finite pro bono opportunities.

Staff Liaison, Ana Selvidge shared information on the ABA's most recent study called <u>Supporting Justice</u> <u>III</u>, and how the results indicate member's willingness to do more pro bono if it were in a limited scope, (see page 26 & 30 of report).

Committee Logistics, Policies and Procedure - Ana Selvidge, Staff Liaison

Overview of documents in the orientation packet:

Information for Members and Chairs of WSBA Committees, Boards, Councils, Panels, and Task Forces For Chairs - <u>Duties of Chairs, Staff Liaisons</u>, and <u>Board of Governors Liaisons</u> & <u>WSBA</u> Committees and Boards Policy

Understanding the Big Picture - WSBA Entities & Member Demographic Report

Forms - WSBA expense report form

Sub-committees

The committee took the last few minutes of the meeting to split into two groups that will focus on the two priority areas for the year. Sub-committee meetings will occur in between the larger committee meetings.

Long-Distance Lawyering Sub-committee Joanna Otero, Stan Kehl, Todd Nunn, Will Ross, and Lew Zeiske

Unbundled Legal Services Esther Park, Governor Ford, John Vanek, Katie Bove, and Rory O'Sullivan