



WSBA

PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 10, 2014 – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Chair Rachel Rappaport, Governor Dan Ford, Lew Zieske, Rory O'Sullivan, Todd Nunn, Joanna Otero, Angeline Thomas, and Ana Selvidge (WSBA Staff Liaison)

Attending via telephone: Katie Bove, Sara MacDuff, John Vanek, Catherine Brown Geoff Arnold and Richard Ricketts

Unable to attend: Thomas Brixius, Esther Park, Sunil Mootien-Pillay and Stan Kehl

Minutes – June minutes approved

Sub-committee Reports

- Long-Distance Lawyer Project: on hold since much of the effort is focused on WA Web Lawyer
- Unbundled Legal Services: the sub-committee has finalized the document and has also developed a list of ways to distribute information and provide education to members.
- WAWebLawyer: Rachel Rappaport provided an update on the meeting with Beth Leonard and Terra Nevitt to develop the July 21st demonstration. Rachel also updated committee on a meeting with Skagit County VLP to address their concerns and questions. Discussion ensued on the questions and concerns of this VLP. While most of these are addressed in the Q&A document a few stand out and are more appropriate for the alliance community to discuss as a whole. The main questions were around how a local VLP could guarantee statewide access, quality and representation. The committee believes much of this will be addressed in the July 21st demo.

Next Committee Year

Ana Selvidge provided an update on the incoming committee members and announced Angeline Thomas as the nominated committee chair for next year.

Name and Purpose Statement Discussion

Rachel and Dan Ford provided an overview of the Committee of name and purpose statement. Discussion ensued regarding how to adopt a name and purpose statement change. There were members who felt it important to take out public service from the proposed name and purpose statement. The view was that public service while important was not as needed as pro bono services is to the public. Some members were concerned that public service was too broad and could include volunteering at a local food bank or PTA, etc. Dan stated that the committee has a broader constituency and the committee should focus on encouraging pro bono services to all its members. Sara MacDuff reminded the committee that public service is valuable to the profession and the public, such as the work they do on this committee. The committee did not settle on a new name or purpose statement. Ana will send out an email to get an online conversation/brainstorm started.

Pro Bono and WSBA Moderate Means Orientation CLEs

Ana provided an overview of these two orientation CLEs and asked committee members for help developing the next orientation.