

# **WSBA Professionalism Committee Meeting Minutes**

# March 8, 2013

#### **Present**

Hunter Abell, Chair
Gretchen Leanderson
Mark Arthur
Jackson Bennett
Jacob DeGraaff
Linda Frischmeyer
Raphael Nwokike
Erin Fairley
Tina Mares
James Yand
Allen Unzelman
Ramina Dehkhoda-Steele
Dan Ballbach
Pam Inglesby, staff liaison
Marya Purrington, staff liaison

#### Absent

Debra Carnes, staff liaison David Gardner Paul Bastine, BOG liaison Erin Jacobson Christine Palmer Sean Gamble Sarah lee

Chair Hunter Abell called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the February 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

# **New Business**

## **Sub-Committees Updates**

#### Member Outreach

- The sub-committee narrowed down the renaming of the RAP award to three finalists: Paragons of Professionalism, Standing Ovation, Professionalism in Practice.
- Committee discussed award names and decided on "Professionalism in Practice" because it mentioned both professionalism and practice and was a concrete name.
- Motion to adopt renaming was passed.
- Committee then discussed an object to give to award winners such as a pen, a mug, etc.
- The committee wants to look into how much the objects would cost and where the money would come from.

## Law School Outreach

- Gretchen said she was receiving recommendations on how to better the Prezi used by the committee.
- Gonzaga's outreach Prezi is done, and the committee is still in talks with UW for the spring quarter.

# Public Outreach

- Ramina updated the committee on her meeting with Doug Ende about the committee becoming involved with the Disciplinary Counsel. The options included voluntary, peer civility counsel and 1-on-1 mentoring that would lead to better professionalism.
- Ramina also talked about the option of the committee being involved with WSBA's Ethics School, perhaps giving a one hour presentation.
- The committee discussed the importance of not having disciplined lawyers come to actual professionalism committee meetings.
- The committee had a long discussion on the committee's role with discipline and Ramina decided she would meet again with Doug Ende and the committee will continue this discussion over email and into the next meeting.
- Hunter mentioned an article he wrote for his hometown newspaper about Lincoln and the law.

#### Announcements

- Hunter encourages attendance at the meetings and says he will reach out in the next month to those members who have not been attending.
- Pam talked about the WSBA awards and suggested the committee nominate a lawyer for the professionalism award.

#### **Meeting Schedule**

The group will meet again on April 12, 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Marya Purrington