

Construction Law Section
Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2011

Attendees:

Tom Wolfendale, Chairman

Ron English

Rob Crick

Alicia Berry

Amber Hardwick

John Evans

Helaine Honig

Karl Hausmann

Tom Larkin

Bob Olson

Annmarie Petrich

Guests: Kerry Lawrence

Discussion

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Finances: Annmarie reported that we have over \$23,000 in the bank. We have 567 members. Scott Sleight will be submitting an invoice for preparation of the model contract.

WYLD Report: Amber reported on a proposal for the section to provide mentorship opportunities, seeking volunteers to foster business development. Discussion was held on how to accomplish this, with concerns raised about addressing conflicts.

Newsletter: No report. Rob will get an update from Larry Vance.

Recent Court Decisions: None reported

WSBA Activity: The website is under development and should have new content by the end of the year. It will contain links to the bylaws, budget, and the newsletter (with a password for section members).

Residential Contracts: No report. Defer to December.

Design Build contracts: Scott reported comments have been made by Helaine and Karl, which will be incorporated.

Jury Instructions: Scott will provide an outline of the steps to achieve completion for the December meeting.

Legislative Activity: Helaine reported that CPARB will propose an expansion to authority for Job Order Contracting, and Design-Build-Operate and Maintain (DBOM) for high performing schools. Kerry Lawrence reported that a website is being set up to obtain public comment on proposed changes to the lien law.

Tri-Cities Spring Forum: We are still looking for a webinar location, possibly the UnitedWay Building in Kennewick. There will be a wine reception at Market Vineyards. It will be on April 20 and focus on liens, drafting contracts and insurance issues. Kerry Lawrence will ask the ABA Forum for permission to use their lien law materials, adding Washington-specific slides. Members discussed whether to pay a per diem for speakers or council members, but did not reach a resolution.

Mid-Year Meeting: It will focus on Insurance/Indemnity issues, performance and payment and bid bonds. Ethics speakers suggested were Chris Soelling or Tom Harrison.

February Forum: Tom Wolfendale will explore asking Dick Prentke to make a presentation on the document system used for a big arbitration case.

New Business: None.