

Construction Law Section
Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2011

Attendees:

Tom Wolfendale, Chairman
Ron English
Marissa Bavand
Karl Hausmann
Helaine Honig
Amber Hardwick
Bill Linton
Rob Crick
Scott Sleight
John Evans
Annmarie Petrich
Joe Scuderi
Paris Seabrook, WSBA
Bob Olson
Alicia Berry

Discussion

Minutes of previous meeting were not available

Finances: Annmarie reported that we have about \$20,000 in the bank. We need to prepare a budget for the Tri-cities Forum.

WYLD Report: Amber reported that an open section night will be held by WYLD on January 31, from 530 to 730, and requested the section contribute \$100 to the costs. Approved. Annmarie and Tom Wolfendale will staff a table for the section. Amber reported that five individuals had offered to provide mentoring, and that the YLD's standard program should be used.

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

Recent Court Decisions: None reported

WSBA Activity: Paris reported that work is continuing on the website.

Residential Contracts: No report.

Design Build contracts: Robin _____, who is active with the Design-Build Institute, will be added to the effort to work with Scott.

Jury Instructions: Helaine, Ron and John Evans will be asked to provide comments from an owner's perspective.

Legislative Activity: Helaine reported that CPARB will propose an expansion to authority for Job Order Contracting, reauthorization of Chapter 39.10 RCW and exempting contracts below \$5,000 from bonding and retaining requirements.

Tri-Cities Spring Forum: Kerry Lawrence is getting speakers. The location will be the United Way Building in Kennewick. A block of rooms is reserved at the Hilton Garden for \$109/night. There will be a winery party at Market Vineyards in the afternoon. Paris raised the issue of the role of WSBA, as Legal Aid is sponsoring the seminar.

After discussion of reimbursement questions, a motion was approved unanimously to reimburse for four speakers up to \$300 each for expenses, with no reimbursement to council members.

Further discussion was had to reimburse council members from the east side of the mountains for travel to meetings, but no resolution was reached. If meetings are held at the WSBA offices, it is possible to stream the meetings live.

Mid-Year Meeting: It will focus on Insurance/Indemnity issues, possibly bonds. Steve Goldblatt and Paul Cressman are committed for their usual presentations. Chris Soelling will make an ethics presentation. Speakers may include Larry Vance, Rick Beal, Gale Kingman, Tod Hayes, Greg Harper and Richard Dykstra.

February Forum: No action. Tom Wolfendale checking with Dick Prentke.