

Construction Law Section
Meeting Minutes

K&L Gates, Seattle
May 9, 2012

Attendees:

Tom Wolfendale, Chairman
Rob Crick
Ron English
Marissa Bavand
Annmarie Petrich
Karl Hausman
Joe Scuderi
Scott Sleight
Tom Larkin
Bob Olson
Paris Seabrook, WSBA
Stacy Holmes, WSBA

Discussion

Minutes of previous meeting: approved

Finances: AnnMarie reported that we had about \$22,000 in the bank at the end of March. We have 534 members, below the budget estimate of 550 members.

WYLD Report: No report.

Newsletter: Tom Wolfendale reported (from John Guin) that the next newsletter was finalized for publication, to go out next week.

Recent Court Decisions: Larry will generate a list of cases for the next newsletter.

WSBA Activity: Paris introduced Stacy Holmes, WSBA Section Leader Liaison.

There was a discussion of dues, which are currently \$25 annually. Of this amount, \$13.25 is kept by WSBA to cover their expenses. The Board of Governors has removed the 25% subsidy provided to sections. This will increase costs by \$5.50 to \$6.50. Sections have a choice to increase dues or re-evaluate their budget. There will be a briefing on May 30 at WSBA for all sections.

The council then discussed cuts that might be considered in lieu of raising dues, such as e-mailing the newsletter, deleting special projects, lowering the reimbursement for east-side members. Joe and Annmarie will prepare an email to the section soliciting comments. WSBA will be asked to provide a summary of the support provided through the dues payments.

There was also discussion of the procedure for raising the dues.

Design Build contracts: No report.

Jury Instructions: Ron reported a meeting will be held May 17.

Legislative Activity: No report.

Mid-Year Meeting: The brochure was handed out. It was agreed that the monthly meeting will be held during lunch at the WSBA offices.

New Business: Joe Scuderi reported that three names will be put into nomination: Jason Piskel, Randy Thiel and Ryan Yahne. Scott Sleight was selected to stand for election as Vice Chair.