

**WSBA CRIMINAL LAW SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2011- 13 COINS (SEATAC)**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Rosemary Kaholokula, James Hershey, Hugh Birgenheier, Jeri Bonkoski, Jimmy Hung, Jennifer Grant, Kim Hunter, aaron Wolff, Chris Maryatt

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Grant.

**INTRODUCTION OF ROSEMARY KAHOLOKULA**

Jennifer Grant introduced Rosemary Kaholokula, who was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board on the prosecution side. The other board members in turn introduced themselves to Rosemary.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Hugh Birgenheier moved to approve the minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, which had been drawn up by Aaron Wolff in Chris Maryatt's absence. Kim Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention after no discussion. Hugh moved to approve the minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kim seconded the motion. Kim moved to amend the minutes. The amendment was accepted as friendly. Approval of the minutes was unanimous.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Jennifer Grant indicated that a new report required on section activity and goals was due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer also indicated that the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) had put in place lots of new procedures for chairs and chairs-elect to learn. She further reported that we had put forth the budget and the bar association approved it.

**CHAIR-ELECT'S REPORT**

Chair-Elect Aaron Wolff indicated that he had nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary-Treasurer Chris Maryatt indicated that the Executive Board roster was now up-to-date after Jennifer Grant added Rosemary Kaholokula. He also explained the budget for the coming year, which was based on actuals for the current and previous fiscal years. All the board members had packets containing the budget materials.

**LEGISLATION**

Committee Co-Chair Jimmy Hung indicated that there was no report for the Legislation Committee.

**CJI**

Committee Co-Chair Hugh Birginheier reported for the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)

Committee. He indicated that the CJI, held a previously the same month, went really well despite a couple of unforeseen issues. A speaker on immigration issues had to cancel due to approval from his office; however, the committee was able to break up two previously scheduled concurrent sessions to fill the gap. The media Continuing Legal Education (CLE) also went really well. In that session, although the original speaker also canceled, the committee was able to find a replacement from KIRO with help from the Sheriff's Office. A segment called the "If Project," which dealt with female prison inmates answering questions as to what could have happened to change the course of their life away from crime, was great. All together, every panel went very well. Hugh and Kim Hunter volunteered to do the committee next year.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Committee Chair Chris Maryatt indicated a need for one more article before we can publish. Chris had two articles solicited by Hugh Birginheier and Jennifer Grant, both by government actors, and asked to have a defense piece. John Strait had been working on one on ethics, but had not finished it as of yet. Chris said that he would ask John again before the next meeting about the article. Jennifer offered to solicit a piece on mental health court from a public defender with whom she works.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Aaron Wolff offered to organize the member benefit CLE and tentatively suggested at date of January 28, 2012. Aaron, Jeri Bonkoski, Kim Hunter all offered to serve as faculty. Wade Samuelson was suggested as a fourth speaker, as he had previously prepared material for a CLE which we had previously (unsuccessfully) collaborated with the Washington Young Lawyer's Division (WYLD). The topics will be the same ones which we had discussed for the WYLD CLE.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jennifer Grant announced that nominations for the new year's Executive Board were coming up. Aaron Wolff will be the new Chair; Jennifer Grant will be the new Immediate Past Chair; and Aaron and Jennifer asked Hugh Birginheier and Kim Hunter to serve as Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. A nominating committee headed by Jimmy Hung and Jeri Bonkoski will take applications for the vacancies on both the defense and prosecution sides that will arise from moving Hugh and Kim to the leadership.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jennifer Grant announced that Seattle Municipal Court now has a Veterans' Court, following a Drug Court model. Domestic Violence (DV) offenses are ineligible, she said. Some of the board members from other jurisdictions had some questions.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned.