

**WSBA CRIMINAL LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011- 13 COINS (SEATAC)**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Rosemary Kaholokula, James Hershey, Hugh Birgenheier, Jeri Bonkoski, Jimmy Hung, Jennifer Grant, Aaron Wolff, Chris Maryatt, Paris Seabrook, Mark Vovos, Edwin Aralica, John Strait, Ron Hammett.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Grant.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Hugh Birgenheier moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. John Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WSBA REPORT

Section Liaison Paris Seabrook reported on changes to the Washington Bar Association. She indicated that there would now be three directors on outreach and education. New goals include strengthening the sections team, reevaluating allocation of resources (i.e., with respect to CLES). She indicated that the WSBA would email all members regarding important section information, such as elections, and newsletters. Members of sections can opt out of other emails, such as notifications about CLEs. She indicated that new section members would get a welcome letter welcoming them to the section. She indicated that she would take Chair-Elect Aaron Wolff's and Chair Jennifer Grant's input on the web page. Paris indicated that there would be an overhaul regarding WSBA web contact, and that the WSBA was seeking section input.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jennifer Grant indicated that she provided a report to the WSBA per the new guidelines, and that Chair-Elect Aaron Wolff, Secretary/Treasurer Chris Maryatt, and Hugh Birginheier provided feedback.

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 Section had just begun its new financial year, and that he had confirmed with Paris Seabrook that ballots and the newsletter would continue to go to all members for 2010-2011 until after the February bar renewal deadline.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Editor Chris Maryatt indicated that he was just about ready to proceed with the newsletter. Jennifer Grant indicated that she provided him with an article on Seattle's new mental health court. John Strait indicated that he was nearly ready with his article, and would

have it done by Monday, November 7, 2011.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chair Jimmy Hung spoke on behalf of both Jeri Bonkoski and himself. He indicated that Wade Samuelson was not seeking re-election to the defense position, and that with Hugh Birginheier stepping up to run for Chair-Elect, there would also be one vacant prosecution position. The board decided by consensus that the committee would solicit applications for the vacant prosecution position. Because Secretary-Treasurer Chris Maryatt was transitioning to defense work and leaving his post in the leadership, Jimmy suggested that he be a nominee for the open defense position. He inquired as to whether we should solicit other applications and have a contested election for the defense position. John Strait suggested that we have only one nominee, because Chris is a current member of the board and has served as Secretary-Treasurer and as the Newsletter Editor. Three other board members voiced concurrence with that position, and the board decided to leave Chris as the only nominee by consensus. Challengers could still apply for a contested election by following the procedures laid out in the bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Jennifer Grant indicated that the section should amend the bylaws before the next election to allow for electronic elections. She pointed out that January was the earliest date that could occur. John Strait offered to work with her on a proposal to that end for the WSBA.

Chair-Elect Aaron Wolff indicated that the member benefit CLE would be January 28, 2012, from 9 a.m – 5 p.m. He suggested that we have a half day CLE instead, from 9 a.m – 1 p.m., and change the model for the CLE away from the one previously adopted during prior discussions with the WYLD. He indicated that the room reserved for the CLE would hold 112 people. Jimmy agreed to speak for a ½ on DV issues; Aaron suggested an hour for Bar Discipline, 1.5 hours on Case Summaries, and an addition section on Tegland Evidence. He said that he would be ready with an announcement in two weeks.

Jennifer discussed a bill regarding creation of Veteran's Court modeled after Oregon. Both she and Aaron had discussed supporting the concept of a veteran's court, but agreed that the specifics of the Oregon bill should not be integrated into the Washington legislation. Jeri Bonkoski agreed to draft a response to the legislation with Jennifer.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be on January 28th at the member benefit CLE, details TBD.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The board discussed potential CLE ideas, including one on institutional racism. The lecture could make a great CJI component. Notably, Seattle is #1 in terms of cities and Washington is #1 in terms of states for a disproportionate number of incarcerated minorities.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned.