

Washington State Bar Association
Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting of April 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Steve DeForest, the Chair. Present were members Al Armstrong, John Bergmann, Brian Comstock, Linda Eide, Fred Frederickson, Phil Ginsberg, Carole Grayson, Jerry Greenan, Jerry Jager, Dudley Panchot, and Tom Wampold. Roy Mocerri, Jerry Curtis and Gene Annis were not able to attend.

1. Chair's Report

The Chair reported that currently the Section has 279 members. Stacy Holmes is the WSBA Senior Lawyers Section liaison. She works with the Sections management team of Paris Seabrook and Melina Lambuth.

2. The Minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting, as previously circulated to the members, were unanimously approved.

3. The Chair reported on behalf of the Treasurer a bank balance of \$8,832.00.

4. 2012 Annual CLE

a. Fred Frederickson presented a draft questionnaire for evaluation of the Seminar and Life Begins. The format was approved and will be further evaluated at the Section's Board retreat.

b. Promotion: The Chair advised that we need more attendees. He encouraged Board members to make personal contacts with potential attendees. The Chair reminded us that two of his most valued books will go as prizes to the top two who do the most to promote attendance at the seminar.

5. Executive Committee Retreat

The Chair had previously circulated a draft Retreat Work Plan outlining discussion topics, including the Section's Mission, Section Governance and Finance, the Annual CLE, and other topics. The retreat continues on schedule for June 1 – June 3 at the Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth. Committee members were encouraged to offer comments and suggestions on the Retreat Work Plan.

6. Nominating Committee

a. Phil Ginsberg circulated CV's of two potential new Committee members. A retired Supreme Court Justice was also mentioned as a potential candidate. A motion was made and seconded to defer this matter to the retreat. The motion carried.

b. Phil Ginsberg presented the following nominees to serve as officers of the Section beginning October 1, 2012: Chair: John Bergmann; Treasurer Roy Mocerri; Secretary: Linda Eide. The nominations were unanimously approved, and will be presented at the annual meeting on May 11 as the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

c. Jerry Greenan suggested that the topic of succession planning for Executive Committee members should be explored in some detail by the Committee.

7. WSBA ADR Section E-blast: The ADR section wants to send an e-blast to our members. A motion to authorize the request was unanimously approved.

8. Life Begins: The Spring edition is ready for mailing.

9. Section Website: Jerry Greenan reported that it appears to be up to date.

10. Good of the Order: the WSBA President has sent an email regarding the effect of the decreased bar dues. One of his suggestions was that each attorney should not hesitate to lobby for his or her favorite projects. Subjects of interest to the Section were discussed including recognizing transition to retirement as a topic deserving CLE credit, recognizing some sort of part time status with perhaps reduced CLE requirements, and waiver of the requirement for live CLE credits.

Comments should be sent to your WSBA governor, WSBA President Steve Crossland, Board Liaison Bill Viall, and Paula Littlewood.

The meeting adjourned at noon. The next meeting will be June 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Bergmann,
Secretary