

Washington State Bar Association
Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting of March 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Steve DeForest, the Chair. Present were members Gene Annis, Al Armstrong, John Bergmann, Gerald Curtis, Linda Eide, Fred Frederickson, Phil Ginsberg, Jerry Jager, Dudley Panchot, and Tom Wampold. Paris Seabrook, WSBA Section Leaders Liaison to our Section, was also in attendance.

1. The Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting, as previously circulated to the members, were unanimously approved.

2. The Treasurer was unable to attend. In his absence the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

3. 2012 Annual CLE.

a. Promotion

The CLE brochure for the May 11 Conference has been mailed to Section members, and selected other members of the bar. The president urged the Board members to promote attendance within their respective law firms and to fellow practitioners.

b. Sponsor:

Jerry Jager has secured a commitment of \$2,500 from Union Bank. Representatives of the Bank will be present at the seminar. The Chair strongly suggested that those of us in attendance at the CLE personally thank them for the Bank's sponsorship.

c. Book Contest

There will be a contest. Same rules as last year – get the most registrants and you win one of the President's most valued books!

d. CLE evaluation:

Fred Frederickson circulated a draft questionnaire designed to secure attendee's evaluation of the program. After considerable discussion and input from Paris Seabrook and several others, it was agreed that an evaluation questionnaire should be finalized for use at the CLE and include questions about Section membership.

4. Executive Committee Retreat

The Chair reported that the Sleeping Lady will require a 50% down

payment at this time for each attendee. An additional 40% is due on April 24. Megan Sommerville has agreed to act as Coordinator. There was considerable discussion about the format and topics for discussion. Paris Seabrook suggested that we create a work plan for the retreat that would include setting goals for next year, such as increasing membership, adding social networking from the Section Leader's Toolbox on the WSBA website. Other suggestions included discussion of the "Evaluations" of the CLE, identifying and reviewing our "mission" as a Section, discussion of a possible name change for the Section, changing the membership criteria to encourage a larger membership. Paris suggested inviting Catherine Brown of the WSBA to attend an Executive Committee meeting in the future; she would be able to inform the Committee of what the Bar has to offer to it.

5. Nominating Committee: Phil Ginsberg was asked to chair this committee. He suggested that it might be most productive to simply have the committee and its officers agree to serve another term, while encouraging new members to join the Board. Those in attendance were in agreement.

6. WSBA Education and Outreach Department Changes: Paris advised that there were structural changes in the Department in February. The end result, however, is that Paris Seabrook remains our section liaison.

7. Life Begins: Fred Frederickson reported that the next issue should be ready for publication and mailing shortly, perhaps within two weeks.

8. Section Website: Jerry Greenan was not able to attend the meeting; his report was therefore tabled to the next meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting will be April 17, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Bergmann,
Secretary