

Washington State Bar Association
Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting of October 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by John Bergmann, the Secretary. Present were members Gene Annis, Al Armstrong, John Bergmann, Brian Comstock, Fred Fredrickson, Carole Grayson, Jerry Greenan, and Dudley Panchot; due to traffic issues Chair, Steve DeForest, Jerry Jager and Phil Ginsberg joined the meeting at approximately 11:15.

1. The Chair's report was deferred.
2. The Minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting, as previously circulated to the members, were unanimously approved.
3. There was extensive discussion of the 2012 Annual CLE speakers and topics.
 - a. Dudley Panchot agreed to contact Sam Donaldson regarding a presentation updating recent developments in the law of Trusts and Estates.
 - b. Jerry Jager has contacted Art Swanson, who has agreed to speak on a topic to be selected. Jerry will ask Art to identify his topic as soon as possible.
 - c. Gene Annis suggested as a topic Analysis of the Constitutionality of the Health Care Act. Gene agreed to contact someone at the Gonzaga Law School as a potential speaker on this issue.
 - d. Justice Debra Stephens was suggested as a potential speaker. Jerry Jager agreed to contact her regarding availability and topic.
 - e. Possible topics suggested by Carole Grayson and others included the general issue of underfunding of the school system and the problems it is creating. Someone also suggested that we might ask Judge Coughenour to speak regarding the Constitutional issues associated with adequate school funding.
 - f. Another suggestion was to ask John McKay to discuss the constitutional ramifications of the current sit-in protests at Westlake Center and elsewhere.
 - g. The issue of the legalization of marijuana and possible conflicts with current Federal law was raised. Gene Annis suggested a pro and con discussion format. He will contact U. S. Assistant A.G. Michael Orsmy re his interest in participating. Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes was suggested as a possible speaker on the subject. .
 - h. Phil Ginsberg suggested two possible topics: 1. a presentation designed to facilitate the use of the Internet by senior lawyers; 2. asking Ted Buck, who often represents the Seattle P.D., to discuss an issue affecting police conduct, such as the

use of the tazer in crowd control. Phil also suggested Reiko Callner, Executive Director of the state's judicial commission as a potential speaker.

4. The location and timing of the proposed Executive Committee retreat was discussed. No decisions have been made. We will explore holding it at Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth some time after the LASD April conference in Chelan.

5. Treasurer, Roy Mocerri, was unable to attend. The Chair reported that the Section bank account balance is approximately \$10,000.

6. Jerry Greenan reported that the Section website appears to be up to date.

7. Editor Carole Grayson reported that Life Begins will go the publisher in mid-November, after WSBA's event honoring 50 year members has been held. The issue will contain a variety of interesting articles, some new and some reprinted.

8. Jerry Jager will substitute for Steve DeForest as a speaker at the 50 year Member Luncheon on November 9.

9. The next Meeting will be November 15, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Bergmann,
Secretary