

Washington State Bar Association
Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting of November 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Steve DeForest, the Chair. Present were members Gene Annis, John Bergmann, Brian Comstock, Fred Fredrickson, Carole Grayson, Jerry Curtis, Dudley Panchot; Jerry Jager, Phil Ginsberg and Roy Mocerri.

1. The Chair reported that Bill Viall is the new WSBA liaison to the Section.
2. The Minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting, as previously circulated to the members, were unanimously approved.
3. The Treasurer reported an August bank balance of \$10,443.00. There has been no significant change since that time. The 2011 CLE netted a profit of \$2,819.00.
4. There was extensive discussion of the 2012 Annual CLE speakers and topics.
 - a. Dudley Panchot is continuing efforts to contact Sam Donaldson regarding a presentation updating recent developments in the law of Trusts and Estates.
 - b. Jerry Jager reported that Art Swanson has agreed to speak. Art has not identified the topic but will be sure to prepare a presentation on a topic and in a format acceptable to WSBA CLE requirements. Jerry will ask Art to identify his topic as soon as possible.
 - c. Justice Debra Stephens has committed to speak on a topic to be determined.
 - d. Gene Annis confirmed that he has secured the agreement of Vicki Williams, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at Gonzaga Law School to speak on the Health Care Act and its constitutionality. Roy Mocerri suggested that, since this issue will be argued before the Supreme Court in April before our CLE, that Professor Williams comment on the merits of both arguments, her feelings on who might be the swing justice on this issue, and other areas she feels are important.
 - e. There was also discussion on presenting the pros and cons on the legalization of marijuana. Several speakers were suggested.
 - f. Another topic for consideration was the funding of education. Judge Erlick has authored an extensive opinion on the mandate for the state to fund education. There was a report that a case has been filed in Spokane on the issue of the adequacy of Court Funding. Hugh Spitzer was suggested as a possible speaker on this issue.
 - g. The committee agreed to table discussion on whether to present an update on any new developments on the issue of police misconduct.

h. Other possible issues discussed included the general topic of transition from the practice to retirement, succession planning and the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct.

5. The location and timing of the proposed Executive Committee retreat was discussed. The committee agreed that it should follow the CLE, preferably a Friday/Saturday meeting in late May or early June at the Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth. Jerry Jager is to check on the availability of the facility.

6. In the absence of Jerry Greenan a report on the Section website was tabled.

7. Editor Carole Grayson reported that she has about three quarters of the article for Life Begins in hand. She suggested an ad of some kind encouraging colleagues to join the section and renewal by existing members.

8. The next Meeting will be January 17, 2012 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