

Washington State Bar Association
Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting of September 18, 2012

Approved EC meeting October 16, 2012

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

1. Chair's Report: The recommended changes to the APR regarding approval of "Transition to Retirement" as an approved CLE topic have been submitted by the APR Task Force to the Board of Governors for its action.

2. The Minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting, as previously circulated to the members, were unanimously approved.

3. The Chair, in the Treasurer's absence, reported that the 2012-2013 Budget was submitted and approved. Section dues have been increased to \$25.00. This will net the Section very little additional income due to the increased per member charge calculation. The Chair reported that currently there remains a current bank balance of between two to three thousand dollars.

4. Retreat Follow Up: Subcommittee Report – Gene Annis

At the retreat Gene agreed to chair a committee including Phil Ginsberg and Fred Frederickson to address the issue of what the Section can do to assist lawyers' pre and post retirement transition. As the committee continues to meet, he will report on the committee's position.

5. 2013 Annual CLE.

a. Date and Location: The CLE is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Airport Marriott.

b. Topics and Speakers: Gene Annis expressed concern about the Executive Committee getting into pro bono activities. Too much detailed supervision is required. Dudley Panchot agreed that pro bono work is now too wrapped up in bureaucracy.

Gene asked whether we want to do more on transition to retirement other than our efforts to secure CLE credit for the topic. Carole Grayson indicated that we should get together with Paris Seabrook to see what other states are doing in this regard.

Fred Frederickson suggested Jack Nevin as a speaker. He is a Vietnam War

veteran who serves as a District Court Judge in Tacoma. He became a General in the reserves. Fred suggested we should create a topic for him. Brian Comstock suggested retired U.S. District Court Judge Wally McGovern. Al Armstrong suggested a session on e-filing to remove the mystery for senior lawyers. Steve DeForest suggested a panel on police conduct review. He suggested Kathryn Olson and Constantine Rice as potential panel members. Rice has been involved in the monitoring of Justice Department reviews. Carole Grayson suggested "International Adoptions" as a possible topic of discussion. Someone else suggested securing a State Supreme Court Justice as a speaker, perhaps Steven Gonzalez. Michael Badger, the director of the Lawyers Assistance Program, was also suggested. Carole suggested the Honorable Richard C. Tallman of the 9th Circuit. Steve mentioned Jenny Durkan, who had a conflict that prevented her from speaking in 2012; he also put forth the name of Chris Desault, a California attorney active in the gay marriage movement. Gene Annis suggested a Spokane judge now involved in hearing a death penalty case. He will report at the October meeting. Someone else suggested we try to get the winner of Governor's and/or the Attorney General race.

Union Bank, this year's primary sponsor, has volunteered to bring a speaker up from California to speak on post retirement planning. Fred also suggested Professor Domke, head of the Department of Communications at the U.W. Fred has been attending a lecture series Domke is presenting which includes the dynamics of the 2012 presidential election. He's a great speaker who would boost attendance with a most timely topic.

6. *Life Begins* Carole Grayson reported that it is on target for its next issue.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:55. The next meeting will be at the same venue on October 16, 2012 commencing at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Bergmann,
Secretary

