



WSBA World Peace through Law Section

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"If you want
to make peace
with your
enemy,
you have to
work with
your enemy.

Then he
becomes
your partner."

-Nelson
Mandela

From Needs to Rights: *The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* **Tuesday, January 25, 2010**

The Section's meeting on Tuesday, January 25, noon – 1 p.m., features Professor Upendra Acharya of Gonzaga University School of Law speaking on *From Needs to Rights: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in South Asia*. Following the recent approval of a resolution by the WSBA Board of Governors in support of the CRC, Professor Acharya will analyze the actual experiences of South Asian states with implementation of the CRC.

CLE Credit: Approved for 1 general CLE credit.

Cost: Free for Section members and law students; \$25 for others.

Please Note the Date (Tuesday) and Location: 1111 Third Ave. Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Seattle. Thanks to the Foster Pepper firm and WPTL member Kelly Angell for the generous offer of this space.

This is a reschedule of our November 2010 program, which was snowed out. Register now! *We hope to see you there.*

2011 Section Election Results

The Section thanks WSBA staff members Paris Seabrook and Joy Eckwood for counting the ballots.

Ballots mailed: 198

Ballots received: 11

Election Results – Elected (note: single candidate for each position):

- Patricia Paul, Chair-elect
- Paul A. Schlossman, Secretary/Treasurer
- Lisa von Trotha, At Large Executive Committee Member

No write-in candidates submitted.

Renew Your Section Membership!

More great programs are coming your way throughout 2011, and now is the time to renew Section membership at <http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/worldpeace> (click on the "Join the Section link on the right side of the page), or by calling the WSBA Service Center at 800-945-9722 or 206-443-9722. Join us and invite a friend — there's a lot happening!

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Section Annual Report for 2010

1. Section highlights and accomplishments in 2010

- a. From January-July proposed and lobbied BOG to approve a resolution supporting ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), originally adopted by Section in 12/09; received support from International Practice and Juvenile Law Sections, family law practitioner Rita Bender and National Lawyers Guild, Seattle Chapter.
- b. Offered mini CLEs with highly qualified and engaging speakers on a range of human rights, environmental and disarmament issues, in January, March, April, May, September and October.
- c. Held two meetings to discuss international law issues of Gaza Flotilla Incident of 5/31/10 in context of Israel-Palestine conflict and Middle East peace.
- d. Cooperated with community groups concerned with international rule of law and nuclear disarmament: worked with two NGOs to co-sponsor a forum and to bring an expert to speak (League of Women Voters and Peace Action).
- e. Increased number of members.
- f. Increased member participation in activities, appealed to new and young members; continued building more diverse leadership; participated in WYLD Sections Night.
- g. Completed Bylaws Restatement and Amendments (started in 2008) for submission to BOG.
- h. Published monthly newsletters and used newsletters to amplify topics of mini CLEs.
- i. Developed and conducted a survey of members; held meetings on Section's mission and Section's use of electronic communications.
- j. Initiated new working relationships with faculty at all WA law schools on CRC Resolution.

2. Priorities for upcoming membership year 2011

- a. Continue mini CLEs on a frequent basis, at least 6/year.
- b. Analyze results from member survey (done December 2010) and make needed changes.
- c. Continue activities, relationship building with Washington law schools and other organizations to promote the 7/10 WSBA resolution on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- d. Hold informal meetings on public international law issues of interest to members.
- e. Expand membership, increase membership participation, recruit and develop WPTL leadership.
- f. Develop relationship with WYLD through newly assigned WYLD liaison to WPTL and increase cooperation with other WSBA sections and legal organizations.

3. Current benefits for Section members

- a. Free mini CLEs and public international law issue sessions.
- b. Monthly newsletter.
- c. List serve.
- d. Website.
- e. Networking opportunities with Section members.

4. Section interactions with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors

The two section liaisons have provided prompt, high-quality and courteous service. BOG liaison Moore has been very accessible, capable and rendered important assistance, as did Governors Silverman, Kerr, Etengoff and Leishman, in the processing of the Section's CRC resolution.

The withdrawal of the ability to use WSBA offices for mini CLEs has adversely affected the WPTL.

— 2010 Section Chair Martha Schmidt

Section Leadership

Chair

Jana Heyd

Chair-Elect

Patricia Paul

Immediate Past Chair

Martha Schmidt

Secretary-Treasurer

Paul Schlossman

Executive Committee

Lisa von Trotha

Julian Saucedo-

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