



Washington Young Lawyers Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2014 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Telephonic

Approved: June 6th, 2014

Present: Megan Card, Vincent Humphrey, Beth Bratton, Geoff Arnold, Tresa Cavanaugh, RaShelle Davis, Nicholas Fisher, Laura Hartless, Jeff Johnson, Russell Knight, Alicia Levy, Helen Ling, Stacy Marchesano, Jordan Miller, Megan Rue, Favian Valencia

Absent: Trent Latta, Robin Haynes

WSBA Staff: Paris Eriksen

Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes & Member Reports: *(Megan Card)*

New committee members Geoff Arnold and Nicholas Fisher were introduced. All committee members present voted to approve the February meeting minutes. Each committee member then provided a brief review of the events and activities happening in their districts. See Committee Member Report for more information.

Chair Report: *(Megan Card)*

A Veterans Will Clinic will be held in Tacoma in October. The First Responders Will Clinic is going to be its own non-profit in the near future.

Subcommittee Updates: *(All)*

Open Sections Night (Alicia): the next event will likely be held on Thursday, October 2nd at Spokane Club with a discount from the Spokane County Bar Association. We have a budget of \$1,100 from WSBA. The Spokane Young Lawyers Division has agreed to \$200 donation toward the purchase of alcohol and the Spokane County Bar Association will likely donate \$200-300 toward the purchase of alcohol. The Spokane legal community is excited about the opportunity to meet and learn about WSBA Sections.

Free Section Memberships (Helen): initiative from President Patrick Palace was a success. We were able to give out about 46 memberships and were able to match new lawyers to a section. WYLC would like to continue in the future and begin process early to provide a full bar year.

Future of the Profession Task Force (Helen): the Task Force has broken up in to several subcommittees. Helen is on the Ethical Subcommittee to bring to light ethical issues that the WSBA can help address.

Public Service Incentive Award (Alicia): Receive a lot of applications and selected 6 new recipients in March. The next deadline is in June.

Committee Nominations (Megan): no voting has happened, but Alicia has voiced her interest in serving as chair-elect and we're happy to have her. Input on current applicants is welcome.

Local Leader Award (RaShelle): subcommittee still needs to meet and talk about it and formalize the application process.

Young Lawyer Liaisons (Helen): most liaisons have submitted their second quarterly report. Met with Paris to discuss providing more structure to this relationship by educating the section leadership and giving the young lawyer liaisons a clearer way of participating. We have some time at the Spring Section Leaders meeting to speak with them to explain the program and answer questions. Another idea is to create a two-year term, to provide time for each new lawyer to have a meaningful experience and build trust with the section. We also talked about having the liaisons working on a clear project and some clarity about their roles. Also working on connecting individually with each liaison and the section leadership to get feedback.

New Lawyer Education (Stacy): Criminal law series is underway and there are two landlord tenant law programs coming up.

New Lawyer Web Content: (*Paris Eriksen*)

Work is being done to reorganize the new lawyer content on wsba.org. Paris recruited committee members to help provide feedback on the web and generate content. Alicia, Laura and Jeff agreed to help!

New Lawyers List Serve: (*Vincent Humphrey*)

The list serve is doing good. There is some interest in continuing discussion around a message board, going list serve 2.0 and adding functionality.

Memo from Committee Member Trent Latta: (*Megan Card*)

In advance of the meeting, Trent sent a memo to the WYLC regarding 1) seeking anyone interested in being featured in *NWLawyer* in a special 'Around Washington' and 2) the idea of starting a writing coach program. Feedback is crucial to get feedback on writing. The idea is to pair attorneys together who are interested in improving their writing. See Memorandum. Alicia brought up client confidentiality and the ethics of that. There was a question of clarity: is it on *NWLawyer* writing or legal writing? Megan will follow-up with Trent. He is seeking general support and promotional help.

Updates: (*Megan Card*)

ABA YLD District Representative is something Washington alternates with Oregon, now it's our turn. We received two applicants. Jacob Brennan from Spokane was selected.

Young Lawyer Award is still open.

Remember to reach out to your regions new lawyers quarterly.

Great that committee members are planning these events. There is some budget allocated to support these events.

Other Announcements: (*All*)

We will be having lunch with the BOG followed by our committee in June – looking forward to it.

Meeting in August in Spokane, committee members will need to contact the Red Lion Hotel – At the Park to reserve a room under the name 'Washington Young Lawyers Committee.'

The newest BOG member, Jill Karmy is a Young Lawyer.

The Low Bono Section has been approved. Try to figure out ways to connect with YLC.