



Washington Young Lawyers Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2013 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | WSBA Offices

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Present: Megan Card, Laura Hartless, Jeff Johnson, Russell Knight, Trent Latta, Alicia Levy, Helen Ling, Stacy Marchesano, Crystal McDonald, Megan Rue, Favian Valencia, and Governor Robin Haynes (BOG Liaison) Present via phone: Beth Bratton, Tresa Cavanaugh, Vincent Humphrey, Kendra Long, RaShelle Davis, and Jordan Miller

Absent: Diana Bob

Guests: Brenda Wood (WYLC Young Lawyer Liaison to the Solo and Small Practice Section)

WSBA Staff: Paris Eriksen and Mikaron Fortier Gruenberg

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

A congratulations to Vincent Humphrey for being appointed as chair-elect.

All committee members present voted to approve the October 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.

Governor Robin Haynes provided an update of the November BOG meeting.

The committee discussed and agreed upon the revised meeting schedule. The committee will meet with the BOG during the lunch hour of the June BOG meeting. The August meeting will likely be outside of King county, but final location has not been decided.

Subcommittee Updates: (All)

Committee Structure Subcommittee (Megan Card): shared that applications for next year open up in January and that all out-going committee members are eligible to apply for a second term. The nominating committee will meet in April to make recommendations to the BOG for appointment in June. The structure conversation was tabled for later in the meeting.

Open Sections Night Planning Subcommittee (RaShelle Davis): Event will be January 16th WSBA Conference Center. Planning is going smoothly. Brenda Wood asked if the WYLC felt it a good idea to have post-OSN event –sponsored by the SSP section. Committee members voiced their support of the idea. A separate subcommittee will be work to organize an event in Spokane.

Public Service Incentive Award Subcommittee (Alicia Levy): The award summary and application have been posted online. Applicants are rolling; there is one year to redeem the CLE award. Awards will be awarded quarterly.

Local Leader Award Subcommittee (RaShelle Davis): has been working with Paris Eriksen, WSBA Staff Liaison to determine the goal and criteria of the award and also how best to highlight the award recipients. RaShelle will work to have a proposal for the committee to review at the next meeting. Stacy Marchesano and Trent Latta volunteered to join this subcommittee.

Young Lawyer Liaisons Subcommittee (Helen Ling): an orientation was held on Oct. 31st for the liaisons. Helen has provided the young lawyer liaisons with two requirements; attend open sections night and submit periodic reports.

New Lawyer Education in 2014: (Mikaron Fortier Gruenberg & Paris Eriksen)

WSBA Program Development Specialist attend the meeting to discuss New Lawyer Education and the upcoming topics for future program development and focus group discussion. The new NLE subcommittee is Stacy Marchesano, Favian Valencia, Russell Knight and Laura Hartless.

Section Membership Initiative by Patrick Palace: (Megan Card)

President Patrick Palace would like to offer two free memberships per section to new and young lawyers. The WYLC has been asked to help develop a mechanism to deliver this opportunity to new and young lawyers. The subcommittee to work on this is: Helen Ling (chair), Alicia Levy, Laura Hartless and Megan Card.

Mentorship Work Group Update: (Beth Bratton)

The workgroup is meeting to determine the role of WSBA around mentoring. There are three subcommittees of this group focusing on what is already happening within the state, what is happening around the nation and what could MCLE credit look like for mentorship programming. Beth is on the MCLE subcommittee. The Work group is meeting in January.

New & Young Lawyer Outreach: (Megan Card)

The committee was reminded to reach out to their districts on a quarterly basis and encourage to hold networking events in their areas. Committee members were also reminded of the WYLC Facebook page. Instead of a call-a-thon, the committee agreed to do an e-mail to new admittees.

Washington Veterans Will Clinic: (Megan Card)

The clinic is now an LLC with a Board. Governor Robin Haynes is highly involved. Thurston County Bar Association is working with Angela Traina from ARMY OneSource to host a clinic in October 2014. The committee discussed how the WYLC can get involved. Megan and Robin encouraged committee members to get involved with this program. www.wavetsclinic.com

Continued Discussion – Committee Structure: (Megan Card)

The committee was reminded that the Chair, still represents their districts. Megan shared a document with committee members that shared various structure options. Some concerns are that the committee districts do not align with the BOG district and that the current structure does not account for officer position(s). The committee discussed the pros and cons of aligning with the BOG structure (congressional districts). Megan Rue agreed to step-in to fill Megan's Greater Olympia District responsibilities. Subcommittee members focusing on this issue are: Megan Card, Vincent Humphrey, Beth Bratton, Russell Knight and Jordan Miller. Governor Robin Haynes will be informed about the subcommittee discussions and recommendations.

