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MINUTES

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

January 24, 2014

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education was called to order by Chair Aaron S. Okrent at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the WSBA Conference Center in Seattle, Washington. Board members in attendance were:

Aaron S. Okrent, Chair
Andrew Benjamin (via teleconference)
Scott J. Bergstedt
Stacy A Bjordahl (via teleconference)
Daniel M. Lear
Rebecca Stewart-LeVon

Absent was member E. Lee Schlender.

Liaisons, Staff, and guests attending were:

Kathleen Todd	MCLE Board Executive Secretary
Robert Henry	Regulatory Services Department Associate Director
Adriana Castano-Agudelo	MCLE Analyst

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 4, 2013, meeting were approved by motion.

CLE AUDIT REPORT

An MCLE Board member gave an audit report to the Board on a collections CLE course taken since the last Board meeting. The faculty members for this course were knowledgeable and covered the materials as advertised. One presenter, however, focused only on Federal collections laws and was unable to provide answers to questions pertaining to Washington state collection law. In addition, specific examples of issues that frequently come up with Federal and state collections law would have been helpful. Most of the speakers were very good presenters and not tied to their written materials to give them the text for their presentations. The ethics presentation was particularly good and included many excellent examples of ethical issues to be aware of in a collections practice.

CLE AUDIT REPORT

Another Board member also gave an audit report, which was on an ethics CLE course taken since the last Board meeting. The course was engaging and very educational.

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Most of the speakers were knowledgeable in their respective fields and well-prepared. Each issue was presented in a way that was digestible, the ethical implications for lawyers were clear, and action to be taken was well laid out. A recommendation was given to one speaker to adapt the presentation to specific ethical issues that lawyers face or have faced and/or specific things that lawyers can do in light of the information provided by the speaker.

SPONSOR REQUEST

The Board considered a request for further clarification of Appendix APR 11 Regulation 102(f) from Margaret Morgan, the WSBA Associate Director for Publications. Morgan had presented two questions to the Board at the October 2013 meeting about the application of this regulation for which the Board resolved decisions by motion. At this meeting Morgan asked if the regulation allowed a sponsor to project brief information relevant to attendees on a screen during non-course-presentation periods in a room where the course is being held. The Board resolved by motion that a sponsor can project any information on a screen in the seminar room before the event starts, during breaks, and after the course ends.

MCLE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014-2015

The MCLE Board approved the Board meeting schedule for 2014-2015. It will be posted on the MCLE Board page of the WSBA web site.

BOARD PROCESS CHANGES

The Board considered a proposal from the Executive Secretary to change the meeting structure for the Board's Petition Committee from regularly scheduled meetings to on-call meetings when the Executive Secretary deems it necessary. The Board resolved by motion to implement this change.

The Board also considered a proposal to delegate (under Appendix APR 11 Regulation 106(b)(2)) requests from members for writing credit to the Executive Secretary if the requests meet defined criteria. The Board resolved by motion to implement this change. Both this change and the one above will bring increased efficiency to the Board administration process.

LAWYER PETITIONS

The Board reviewed and approved by motion 34 lawyer petition decisions made by the Executive Secretary since the previous Board meeting.

The Board also considered 14 lawyer petitions. Each of these petitions was considered and resolved by motion. No listing of these motions is attached to these minutes to protect the confidentiality of the members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the MCLE Board meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014.

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Respectfully submitted,	
Kathleen Todd MCLE Board Executive Secretary	