

WSBA Legislative Committee
Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2016

Members present (in person): Kyle Sciuchetti (Chair), Edwin Norton, Brian Considine, Christina Schuck, Tim Spellman, John Yip, Geoffrey Revelle, Claudia Gowan, Twyla Carter, and Connie Wan

Members present (via teleconference): Taud Hume (Vice Chair)

Guests present (in person): Michael Carrico (Real Property, Probate, & Trust Section Representative)

Staff present: Alison Grazzini Phelan, Clark McIsaac

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
WSBA Legislative Committee September 19, 2016 meeting minutes.	N/A	Approve the WSBA Legislative Committee September 19, 2016 meeting minutes.	No objections; passed unanimously Moved: Edwin Norton Seconded: John Yip
Does the Washington Trust Decanting Statute meet GR12.1 requirements?	N/A	The Washington Trust Decanting Statute meets GR12.1 requirements.	No objections; passed unanimously Moved: Twyla Carter Seconded: Geoffrey Revelle
The proposed language for conditional sponsorship of the Washington Trust Decanting Statute.	N/A	Adopt the proposed language for conditional sponsorship of the Washington Trust Decanting Statute.	No objections; passed unanimously Moved: Twyla Carter Seconded: Geoffrey Revelle

Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Kyle Sciuchetti called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Edwin Norton moved to approve the September 19, 2016 meeting minutes with no revisions. John Yip seconded; no objections.

Committee Housekeeping

- WSBA Legislative Affairs Manager Alison Grazzini Phelan led Committee members in a discussion regarding request bill processes before and during the legislation session as well as responded to relative questions.

Roundtable Discussion: Future Role of the Committee

- WSBA Legislative Committee Chair Kyle Sciuchetti continued the discussion regarding WSBA Legislative Committee's future role, previously started by President Robin Haynes during the September 19, 2016 meeting. The following points were highlighted during this discussion:
 - Historical changes made to the WSBA Legislative Committee and the Board of Governors in relation to GR 12 and the Keller ruling;
 - The potential benefits and detriments to WSBA's ability to fulfil its mission if the WSBA Legislative Committee were to sunset. Potential benefits to sunseting that were discussed include (but are not limited to) cost savings, the Committee's contributions in their current form are less efficient and valuable for Bar legislative activities and a reallocation of staff time to other projects due to budgetary constraints. Potential detriments to sunseting that were discussed include (but are not limited to) a heightened workload for the Board of Governors (BOG) if the Committee no longer exists and limiting the internal Bar legislative vetting process before the BOG takes action each November. Potential adaptations to the Committee, its functions, and its policies in response to the Committee continuing its work were also discussed. Potential adaptations include (but are not limited to) changing the majority of the Committee's function to a digital medium, acting as an intermediary between the BOG and WSBA Sections, and identifying issues in the community to the BOG; and
 - A general overview of the 2017 bar-request bills for consideration by the BOG at their November meeting.

BREAK at 2:31 p.m.

RECONVENE at 2:39 p.m.

WSBA-Request Bill Proposal: Real Property, Probate & Trust (RPPT) Section

- Guest Michael Carrico, Representative for the Real Property, Probate & Trust Section, led Committee members in an overview of WSBA's potential request bill, the Washington Trust Decanting Statute. Committee members engaged in dialogue regarding the Washington Trust Decanting Statute during and after Michael Carrico's overview.
- Twyla Carter moved to accept that the Washington Trust Decanting Statute meets GR 12.1. Geoffrey Revelle seconded; no objections.
- Twyla Carter moved to accept the proposed language for the conditional sponsoring of the Washington Trust Decanting Statute. Geoffrey Revelle seconded; no objections.

Next Steps & Adjournment

- Kyle Sciuchetti led Committee members in a brief discussion regarding the upcoming WSBA Legislative Committee and Stakeholder Roundtable meetings scheduled for November 4, 2016.

Adjournment

Chair Kyle Sciuchetti adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.