

## Access to Justice Board Meeting Agenda January 11, 2019 – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Washington State Bar Association, 1325 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, #600, Seattle 1-866-577-9294; Access: 52140#

Recognizing that access to the civil justice system is a fundamental right, the Access to Justice Board works to achieve equal access for those facing economic and other significant barriers.

4 min	Welcome and Introductions	Sal Mungia	
1 min	December Board Meeting Minutes	Sal Mungia	Action pp 3-4
5 min	Chair's Report	Sal Mungia	Report
5 min	Staff Report	Diana Singleton	Report
10 min	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project Update	Jorge Barón	Report
15 min	Council on Public Defense Update	Nick Allen	Report
15 min	Center for Children and Youth Justice Report	Laurel Simonsen	Report
5 min	ATJ Board Rules Committee Report	Judge David Keenan	Action
5 min	Liaison Updates		Report
20 min	Funding Reports:	César Torres Jim Bamberger Caitlin Davis	Report
1 min	Other Updates, Upcoming Events	All	Report
	<ul> <li>Equal Justice Coalition's Biannual Stakeholder <u>Meeting</u> immediately following today's meeting</li> </ul>		

- KBCA Martin Luther King Jr. **Luncheon** on 1/18
- Legal Foundation of WA's Goldmark Luncheon on 2/15
- Equal Justice Coalition's **Lobby Day** on 2/21
- Seattle University Public Interest Law Foundation's Auction on 3/9/19

The next ATJ Board meeting is on February 15, 2019 from 10:00 to 11:30 at WSBA.



## Access to Justice Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

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**Present:** Sal Mungia (chair), Esperanza Borboa, Judge Laura Bradley, Francis Adewale, Hon. Fred Corbit, Hon. David Keenan, Michelle Lucas, and Terry Price

WSBA Staff: Diana Singleton, Bonnie Sterken, Paige Hardy

**Guests:** Sart Rowe, Catherine Brown, Cesar Torres, Caitlin Davis, Jerry Kroon, Jorge Baron, Jill Mullins, Will Livesley-O'Neill, Merf Ehman, Cindy Young, Huy Nguyen, Paula Littlewood.

**Chair's Report**: Sal reported on a few activities in the past month:

- Sal sent letters to new admittees to the Piece County bar, welcoming them and encouraging them to give back through donations to the Campaign for Equal Justice and to do pro bono work.
- Letters were sent out to all the entities to which the Board sends a liaison, introducing the Board liaison and welcoming collaboration.
- A letter from the ATJ Board was given to Pat Palace endorsing the proposed amendment to RCW 51.52.120 as voted on by the Board at the November meeting.
- The Washington Supreme Court approved the Board's proposal for how it will use the FY19 funds from the Court.

**Staff Report**: Diana reported that the ATJ Conference is taking place on June 14-16, 2019, and the theme is Amplifying the Power of Community. The deadline for proposals is January 4. The planning committee is prioritizing community voices in the call for proposals. Diana also reported that we have a big goal for sponsorships to cover scholarships and asked for input on asking for sponsorships.

Pattern Forms Committee Presentation: Jill Mullins presented in her capacity as member of the Pattern Forms Committee. She gave an overview of the Committee and specifically discussed sex, gender, and sexual orientation and Issues and potential issues with Pattern Forms. Jill addressed questions. Jill recommended that the Board launch and/or participate in a workgroup with other stakeholders to look at identity markers on court forms and recommend revisions as needed. Jill's PowerPoint will be made available to the Board.

ATJ Technology Principles Update: Sart reported that the Technology Committee is proposing that the Board communicate to the Court that it would like to retract the rules proposal and submit the updated version as principles only. The Committee is continuing to gather more stakeholder feedback before submitting the principles. They plan to send the updated principles to the Court by early March incorporating any additional feedback. The Committee wants to eventually transition the principles into rules but anticipates a longer process of working with stakeholders to use the principles and become more

receptive to them as rules. The Committee is also planning to host a 1.5 hour webinar to gather feedback. The Board approved this plan.

**WSBA Organizational Structure**: Paula Littlewood gave a presentation on national trends and court cases that may potentially have an impact on mandatory bar associations. She shared how the WSBA is trying to take proactive steps to be prepared for potential changes. The Court is also launching a workgroup to review the structure of the bar and determine if any changes are needed.

**NWLawyer Magazine October Issue**: Lynn reported that the October issue of NWLawyer was dedicated to celebrating the last 50 years of civil legal aid in Washington. She shared that providing content for the issue was a collaborative effort between the Communications Committee, staff from legal aid organizations and other Alliance leaders.

Sal then presented Lynn with a Flame of Justice award thanking her for her service on the Board. He read remarks sent in from Joan Fairbanks about Lynn's commitment to access to justice.

**Equal Justice Coalition**: Will Livesley-O'Neill introduced himself as the new Director of the EJC. He noted that the legislative session is about to start and the EJC is aligned with OCLA's budget request. He also reported that Equal Justice Lobby Day will take place February 21 and they are opening registration on January 3. He asked everyone to attend and spread the word throughout their networks. Will will send out the one pager on the budget request talking point.

## **ATJ Board Liaison updates:**

- Laura reported on the Interpreter Commission, which proposed amendments to GR 11 to the
  Court. The Court adopted the amendments without comment and they will be effective later in
  2019. The broad scope of amendments are to enforce a code of conduct for interpreters. The
  Commission is getting the word out and providing trainings. They are also asking for more money to
  pay for interpreters.
- Espy reported on the Minority and Justice Commission. They are preparing for the annual symposium of the Court, which will focus on AI and the issues of race and use of data. She reported that an LFO grant that ends next year in September resulted in the creation of an LFO calculator. The Alliance would like to see it used more and distributed to the Alliance.
- Michelle reported that the Practice of Law Board is determine what their next project will be and invited anyone to send her feedback to pass along.
- Fred reported that the LLLT Board is working on how court rules apply to LLLT practitioners, which
  is an ongoing discussion. Sal and Diana made a presentation at the last OCLA Oversight Committee
  meeting about the ATJ Board.

**NWIRP Update**: Jorge reported that NWIRP had an important hearing with the ACLU and other national partners at the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit regarding the issue of the right to counsel for children in deportation hearings. There were clear divisions in the court but they are waiting to hear the ruling. NWIRP has also been doing advocacy around unaccompanied minors at the border and family reunification.

**Other Updates**: Sal reported that the Lavender Rights Project art auction is tonight and directed everyone to the other events in the agenda. Espy added that the Duwamish Long House and Daybreak Star are having a gift fare this weekend.

Adjourned at 11:59am