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**BOG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

*January 12, 2018*

**Members present:** President Brad Furlong, Chris Meserve, James Doane, Kim Risenmay, Dan Clark, Paul Swegle, Kyle Sciuchetti

**Staff present:** Sanjay Walvekar, Paula Littlewood, Kevin Bank, Sean Davis, Sara Niegowski, & Camille Still

**Guests present:** Karen Boxx (Elder Law) and Rhea Rolfe (Family Law)



**SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN**

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
January 5, 2018 meeting minutes	N/A	Approve the Board of Governors Legislative Committee January 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes with correction.	No objections  Moved: Gov. Swegle  Seconded: Doane
Concerning the right to control disposition of the remains of a deceased minor child.	HB 2253	Authorize the Family Law Section to submit a letter with concerns regarding HB 2253 on behalf of the Family Law Section with a change in regard to contact information in the last paragraph.	Moved: Gov. Swegle  Seconded: Gov. Doane  Passed  Vote aye: Gov. Meserve Gov. Sciuchetti Gov. Clark Gov. Doane Gov. Risenmay  Abstain: Pres. Furlong
Implementing child support pass-through payments.	HB 2371	Authorize the Family Law Section to submit a letter of support regarding HB 2371 on behalf of the Family Law Section with a change in	Moved: Gov. Swegle  Seconded: Gov. Risenmay  Passed

		regard to contact information in the last paragraph.	<p>Vote aye: Gov. Meserve Gov. Sciuchetti Gov. Clark Gov. Doane Gov. Risenmay</p> <p>Abstain: Pres. Furlong</p>
Granting relatives, including but not limited to grandparents, the right to seek visitation with a child through the courts.	SB 5598	Oppose the Family Law Section submitting a letter of support regarding HB 5598 on behalf of the Family Law Section.	<p>Moved: Gov. Swegle</p> <p>Seconded: Gov. Risenmay</p> <p>Passed</p> <p>Vote aye: Gov. Meserve Gov. Swegle Gov. Risenmay Gov. Clark</p> <p>Vote nay: Pres. Furlong</p> <p>Abstain: Gov. Sciuchetti Gov. Doane</p>

**Welcome**

- WSBA Board of Governors Legislative Committee (BLC) Chair Chris Meserve began the January 12, 2018 meeting at 3:04pm.

**Report on Executive Session**

- **Conferred with Counsel on letters**

**ACTION: Approve Meeting Minutes**

- Gov. Swegle made a motion to approve the January 5, 2018 BLC meeting minutes with corrections; seconded by Gov. Doane; passed with no objections.

**Update: Bar Request Bill (SB 6040)**

- WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager Sanjay Walvekar led BLC members in an update on the Bar Request Bill SB 6040. The bill is scheduled for executive session in the Senate Law & Justice Committee on January 18.

### **Session Report**

- WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager Sanjay Walvekar led BLC members in an update on the first week of legislative session. Over 400 bills have been introduced, 98 bills have been referred to sections, and sections would like to take action on 13 new bills.

### **ACTION: Authorizing Letter on HB 2253**

- Gov. Meserve addressed the Family Law Section letter regarding HB 2253. BLC members and guests present engaged in a discussion regarding the letter.
- Gov. Swegle made a motion to approve the Family Law Section's letter regarding HB 2253; seconded by Gov. Doane; passed with no objections and one abstention.
  - Replace contact information with WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager.

### **ACTION: Authorizing Letter on HB 2371**

- Gov. Meserve addressed the Family Law Section letter regarding HB 2371. BLC members and guests present engaged in a discussion regarding the letter.
- Gov. Swegle made a motion to approve the Family Law Section's letter regarding HB 2371; seconded by Gov. Risenmay; passed with no objections and one abstention.
  - Replace contact information with WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager.

### **ACTION: Authorizing Letter on HB 5598**

- Gov. Meserve addressed the Family Law Section letter regarding HB 5598. BLC members and guests present engaged in a discussion regarding the letter.
- Gov. Swegle made a motion to oppose the Family Law Section's letter regarding HB 5598; seconded by Gov. Risenmay; passed with one objection and two abstentions.
  - Replace contact information with WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager.

**Meeting adjourned by Gov. Meserve at 4:45 PM on Friday, January 12, 2018.**