

**BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2016**

**Members present:** Anthony Gipe, Elijah Forde, Karen Denise Wilson, Keith Black, Phil Brady, Robin Haynes, Sean Davis

**Staff present:** Paula Littlewood, Jean McElroy, Debra Carnes, Alison Grazzini, Mike Shaw, Dana King



**SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN**

<b>Item Discussed</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Guardian ad Litem	HB 2300	Gov. Brady called a vote for Alison to sign-in pro on behalf of Family Law Section	No objections
Legal Service Contract Legislation (LSCL) -Legal Shield representatives asked for WSBA's support	SB 5412	Gov. Brady called a vote that LSCL does not meet GR 12.1 and recommended WSBA take no position.	No objections
GR 12.1 Analysis on Death Penalty	None	Gov. Brady called a vote to postpone GR 12.1 analysis until a bill number has been formally introduced.	No objections

**WSBA Request**

- WSBA Request bill assigned a number, (6205)  
Prime Sponsors: Senators Pedersen, O'Ban, Frockt and Fain

**Bill Watch List**

- Handful of bills that are labeled as high priority
- SSB 5029 ( authorize fiduciary access to digital assets); Sen. Pedersen prime sponsor  
-Assigned to Elder and RPPT; RPPT sent letter of support; Elder Law testified in support before Senate Law & Justice.

**Guardian ad Litem (HB 2300)**

- Family Law wants to publicly comment on this bill and is asking for permission to do so

- Asked for any objections on Alison signing in on their behalf when the bill is heard in House State Government —There were none
- BLC members voted; unanimous that Alison sign-in pro on behalf of the Family Law Section regarding HB 2300.

### **AG Request Bill**

- LAMP asking for support with the active duty military personnel/pro bono bill this session; will be discussed during the next BLC meeting after bill numbers have been assigned.

### **Legal Service Contract Legislation**

- Legal Shield representatives requested WSBA's support for SB 5412; Gov. Brady mentioned it does not meet GR 12.1 and recommended WSBA take no position.
- BLC members voted; unanimous that WSBA will not take a position regarding SB 5412.

### **Death Penalty bill**

- Gov. Gipe requested a GR 12.1 analysis regarding the issue of the death penalty. There was a consensus that the BLC refrain until a bill has been formally introduced.
- The Council on Public Defense may have publically commented regarding the death penalty in the past; Jean and Alison will locate past comments including a WSBA report from the mid-2000s.
- BLC members voted to postpone this issue with GR 12.1 analysis until a bill has been formally introduced; no objections.

\*Discussion to schedule next Monday's meeting possibly to next Tuesday given the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Gov. Brady and Alison will discuss this week and notify BLC members.

### **Committee Hearings**

- Senate Law & Justice: Department of Corrections: presentation regarding the computer issue and the early release of 3,000 offenders. There may be implications for the criminal justice system in the future.
- House General Government & Information Technology: Court funding: funding for judicial branch; juvenile court response

\*Alison stated that the response to the WSBA Legislative Agenda has been positive.

### **Additional Discussion**

SCJA issue

- Alison did not attend the Senate Law & Justice hearing to ensure it remains clear that the WSBA is not involved.
- Gov. Brady reminded BLC members that we are not taking a position and should be mindful of any comments made.

**Gov. Brady made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; no objections. Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:40PM on Monday, January 11, 2016.**