

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Court Rules and Procedures Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021

Members Present: Chair Isham Reavis, Magda Baker, Kristin Ballinger, Paul Crisalli, Stephanie Dikeakos, Brian Esler, Duffy Graham, Richard Greene, John Ledford, Eric Lindberg, Sara Mooney, Sarah Nagy, Ashton Rezayat, Kathleen Shircliff, James Smith, and Ann Summers.

Members Excused: Claire Carden, Jody Cloutier, Tony DiTommaso, Ofelia Granados, Karen Knutsen, Margaret Macrae, Tim Moran, Rachel Reynolds, Jeff Sbaih, Mara Snyder, Emory Wogenstahl, Jon Zimmerman, and Gov. Lauren Boyd (BOG Liaison).

Also Attending: Judge Blaine Gibson, Judge Bradley Maxa, Shannon Hinchcliffe (AOC Liaison), Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal), Nicole Gustine (WSBA Assistant General Counsel), and President-Elect Judge Brian Tollefson (ret.).

Chair Isham Reavis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The January 11, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Subcommittee Reports

a. RAP Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Brian Esler gave a report on the RAP Subcommittee. The subcommittee has split into subgroups to look further into the following potential issues: (1) RAP 18.14; (2) RAP 2.2(c); (3) if rules need to be clarified in light of a recent [Supreme Court decision](#); and (4) e-filing and e-service.

b. RALJ Subcommittee

The RALJ Subcommittee hopes to have rule proposals to present to the Committee at the March meeting.

c. Subcommittee X

Subcommittee X has been working on updating the District Court Civil Rules' language to be gender neutral as the Superior Court Civil Rules did in the past. The subcommittee hopes to have rules to present to the Committee in April.

3. Equity and Disparity Workgroup Update

Chair Isham Reavis gave a report on the work of the Equity and Disparity Workgroup on behalf of the Committee's delegate, former Chair Jefferson Coulter.

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4. Other Business

A member suggested that the Committee submit a comment for [CrR 3.2](#) and [CrRLJ 3.2](#). The Committee discussed that they likely cannot comment as a BOG Committee, independent of the BOG; and discussed the difficult time limitations for submitting a comment by the deadline. Historically, the Committee has vetted rule change proposals for the Court. RAP Subcommittee Chair Brian Esler and President-Elect Brian Tollefson offered to discuss these topics with WSBA President Sciuchetti. Committee members were encouraged to comment on rules in their individual capacity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.