***Bar News*** **Editorial Advisory Committee Meeting**

June 17, 2020 ● 12 - 1 p.m. ● Via Zoom videoconferencing (virtual only)

**AGENDA**

* **Roll call**

Staff: Kirsten Abel, Colin Rigley, Jessica Randklev, Margaret Morgan, Connor Smith, Sara Niegowski.

EAC Members: Ralph Flick, Maris Grigalunas, Marc Lampson, Brittany Dowd, Zachary Ashby, Karrin Klotz, Shanna Lisberg, Heidi Urness.

* **EAC Liaison Report –** The magazine is up for a local Public Relations Society of America (PRSA, Puget Sound Chapter) award, either a certificate of excellence or a totem award, and we will know more on June 23.

**June Board of Governors Meeting Presentation –** The EAC is set to present at the June 26 Board of Governors meeting at 10 a.m. We will be explaining what goes in the magazine (solicited and unsolicited contributions), type of content (features and substantive/technical legal content), and the selection and editing process. We will also be answering questions and letting the board know about our PRSA award. The meeting will be virtual-only. All committee members are encouraged to log in and listen to the presentation.

* + - Meeting materials (*Bar News* stats)
* **Editor’s Report:** Review six-issue editorial calendar
	+ “Meet the EAC” feature in September—questionnaire and bios sent to committee members to fill out for the feature, which will educate the membership about the volunteer members who serve as advisors to the magazine. Potential intro from EAC Chair Ralph Flick for this feature.
	+ Potential future coverage of: protests, police, systemic racism—we will be seeking guidance from WSBA’s General Counsel on covering these topics in the magazine within the framework of GR 12.2. These topics are important and should be run in the magazine and we would love EAC input on how to go about addressing and opening a dialogue with members about these important topics that affect the administration of justice.
	+ Certain time limitations impact publishing these stories in a timely and relevant fashion.
	+ Ideas:
		- Legal analysis of local, state, and national approaches and how they intersect (re changes to policing).
		- Defunding movement from a legal perspective, what are the consequences of large structural change to law enforcement, what degree of authority do local and state municipalities have about this?
		- Right to assemble as affected by stay-at-home orders?
		- Concept of systemic racism vs. implicit bias.
		- Best resources to learn about these topics: movies, books, etc.
		- Stories from pro bono attorneys advising/representing protestors—
* Story ideas (each member should come with at least one story idea to share with the group, **as well as an update on any progress on prior story ideas**)
* What is going on with the courts and COVID-19? Will trials keep getting delayed?
* Litigating during this time of disruption.
* Thoughts about diploma privilege, and potential permanent major shifts to the structure of the bar exam.
* Is the bar exam a good indicator, in general, of someone’s preparedness to practice law?
	+ Link to Google Docs spreadsheet for tracking story ideas:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Zr0Qj7GTO8ZSl7YsECTsEQXF3ZMlgAuLFz4S3SVmYU8/edit?usp=sharing>

* Beyond the Bar Number solicitations **(only 2 in reserve)**
	+ Sunitha’s connection, Ariella Shuster, will appear in July/Aug!
	+ Always need more!
* Questions/Good of the order/Announcements
	+ We occasionally get letters to the editor that do not respond to content in the magazine and, per our letters policy, do not print them. Is there a way we can include these letters while still adhering to our letters policy?.
	+ One option would be a “Voices of the Members” column or forum.
	+ At this moment in our history, thoughts from members should be shared in the magazine while still complying with GR 12 and our editorial policies.
* Upcoming meeting dates: July 15, August 19