

LIMITED LICENSE LEGAL TECHNICIAN (LLLT) BOARD
Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2017

Washington State Bar Association
1325 Fourth Avenue – Suite 600
Seattle, Washington 98101
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attending in person: Christy Carpenter (LLLT #113), Greg Dallaire (LLLT Board Acting Chair), Nancy Ivarinen, Andrea Jarmon, Genevieve Mann, Jennifer Ortega (LLLT#118), Jennifer Petersen, Geoff Revelle (ATJ Board Liaison), and Amy Riedel.

Attending remotely: Daniel Clark (BOG Liaison), Brenda Cothary, Kendra Hodgson (Ex Officio Member), and Andrea Jarmon.

WSBA Liaison and Staff in Attendance: Renata de Carvalho Garcia, Innovative Licensing Programs Manager and Robert Henry, Associate Director of Regulatory Services.

Call to Order/Preliminary Matters

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm

- **Outreach Update**

Outreach updates were provided. Robert Henry brought up the fact that LLLTs are now in the wsba.org Legal Directory.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Board member Genevieve Mann moved to approve the October 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

New Practice Area – Immigration Subcommittee Report

New Practice Area Committee Chair Greg Dallaire provided a summary of the recent phone conversation with representatives from DOJ and DHS. Greg explained that one of the strong points made during the phone call was the fact that it is easier to become an accredited representative than to become a LLLT. Also, based on the new regulation that went into effect in January 2017, the process to become an accredited organization is clearer and therefore more organizations could become approved. It was also established that while there is a common goal between the Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP) and the LLLT Board, the



federal preemption continues to be an issue because LLLTs are “restricted.” Another point made during the discussion is that it would be easier and better for the LLLT Board to encourage individuals to become accredited representatives (even opening non-profits staffed by one or two individuals) rather than licensing LLLTs to practice immigration law which would require a change in the federal regulations.

Greg Dallaire then provided a report on the November 9, 2017 immigration discussion. The subcommittee focused on naturalization process and reached a consensus that the risks associated with having a LLLT provide naturalization representation may outweigh the benefits associated with increasing access to immigration legal services.

The next step is to look at family based petitions.

New Practice Area - Personal Services Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee Chair Nancy Ivarinen provided a report on the November 9, 2017 personal services discussion. The subcommittee discussed a potential practice area identified as “consumer protection, money and debt.” One of the issues discussed was whether it would be appropriate and possible to prohibit LLLTs from working for collection agencies. The subcommittee would like the Chief Regulatory Services Counsel to provide legal advice on this issue. The subcommittee is also looking at guardianships and bankruptcy as potential practice areas. Geoff Revelle recommended that someone talk with bankruptcy Judge Frederick P. Corbit who is also a member of the ATJ Board.

The Board then discussed the timeline for submitting a proposal to the Supreme Court.

LLLT RPC Discussion

Renata de Carvalho Garcia and Robert Henry provided an update on staff’s review and revision of the LLLT and Lawyer RPCs. The Board will review the proposed amendments for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

Nominations Committee Report:

Greg Dallaire announced Tierra Busby’s resignation. Nancy Ivarinen provided a report on the Nominations Committee call and recommended that the LLLT Board nominate LLLT Sara Bove for the legal professional opening.

The Board moved to consider those who have already applied rather than re-posting the position. Nancy Ivarinen moved to recommend LLLT Sara Bove to the LLLT Board. The motion was approved.

The Board is still actively seeking to fill the public member position.



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The Board discussed the size of the Board as well as Board member participation. One of the concerns that were brought up is the fact that Board members have not been as active in the New Practice Areas discussions.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm. The next meeting will be held on December 14 at 1:30 pm.

