



Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

Members Present: Chair Michael Cherry, Lesli Ashley, Sarah Bove, Jeremy Burke, Dr. June Darling, Pearl Gipson-Collier, Prof. Drew Simshaw, Mir Tariq, and Michael Terasaki.

Members Excused: Brooks Goode, Kristina Larry, and Dr. David Sattler.

Also Attending: Governor Jordan Couch (BOG Liaison), Thea Jennings (WSBA Assistant General Counsel), and Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal).

PUBLIC SESSION

Chair Michael Cherry called the meeting to order once a quorum was established at 9:00 a.m.

1. Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2022, meeting. The motion passed by consensus.

2. Updates

a. TAXICAB

Chair Cherry gave an update on the current administration policy from TAXICAB. The draft is semi-final and likely to be finalized around June or July.

b. Recruitment

i. Applications for Review

The application period for FY 2023 recruitment has been extended to June 3, 2023. Kyla Jones will continue to upload applications to Box as they come in. Chair Cherry requested members review the applications and the Board will review them at the June POLB meeting. Once the Board nominates applicants, they will be reviewed by the BOG Nominations Committee, and then go to the Supreme Court for appointment.

ii. Volunteer Position Descriptions

Chair Cherry has drafted volunteer position descriptions. Members were requested to review these to ensure that it accurately describes the role. Chair Cherry is going to make technical changes to update “job description” to “volunteer position description” and distribute via Box. Chair Cherry introduced the idea of creating a third position for a grant writer to recruit a volunteer with specific experience.

c. Upcoming UPL Summit with County Prosecutors and Attorney General’s Office

i. Proposed Agenda

Chair Cherry and Kyla Jones sent an e-mail invitation to each county prosecutor’s office and the Attorney General’s Office with a proposed agenda. The Board reviewed the

proposed agenda items. Kyla Jones reported that there has been about a 25% response rate. A follow-up invitation will be sent later this month. This will be a large agenda item at the May meeting to prepare for this summit. Invitations will also be sent to the WSBA BOG and the Court.

3. Operations

a. Legal Regulatory Lab Proposal

Chair Cherry and WSBA Advancement Director Kevin Plachy are working on a budget analysis. The costs are likely to look like the costs similar to the POLB's. The July BOG meeting is the earliest the proposal with budget analysis could be presented to the BOG for a vote.

b. Legal Checkup

Work is being done to trademark the new logo. Chair Cherry requested members to look at the Legal Checkup documents one final time to catch any final edits. The POLB has asked WSBA if they want to co-publish these. Work is being done to draft a disclaimer to be included on the Legal Checkup.

c. Social Media Presence

Sarah Bove and Lesli Ashley are working to establish a POLB presence on LinkedIn. The Legal Checkup would be posted on LinkedIn. The Board discussed relevant articles that the Board could share along with new information. The volunteer position descriptions could be posted on here and LinkedIn could be used as a recruitment tool.

d. Proposed Amendments to General Rule 25

Kyla Jones and Thea Jennings have begun work on a redline of GR 25. The purpose of the rule change is to create a chair-elect position, 2-year chair term, and past-chair position.

e. Remote and Virtual practice Draft Advisory Opinion

The POLB was asked to provide feedback and comments on a draft advisory opinion update on remote and virtual practice. The Board discussed and reviewed this draft. The Board had no major comments.

f. MCLE Board

The MCLE Board is considering an amendment to APR 11(e)(6), which would allow tutors in the WSBA Law Clerk Program to receive MCLE teaching credit for their "personal supervision" of law clerks. A motion was made and seconded to submit general feedback supporting this APR amendment. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Cherry will submit the feedback accordingly.

g. LLLT Board meeting

Chair Cherry presented at the last LLLT Board meeting. During the discussion, LLLT Board Chair Nancy Ivarinen discussed recent RCW changes that may impact GR 24(b)(6) regarding protection orders. Chair Cherry, Kyla Jones, and Thea Jennings will review the relevant legal authority and determine if this requires a proposed amendment to GR 24. There will be an update on this topic at the May POLB meeting.

h. May meeting

Chair Cherry announced he will be unavailable to Chair the May POLB meeting. Michael Terasaki volunteered the Chair the meeting. Sarah Bove will assist. Governor Couch volunteered to assist

in chairing meetings if he is able. Thea Jennings will research if anything prohibits a BOG liaison from chairing a Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.