

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2019

Members Present:

Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair, Trena Berton, Michele Carney, Prof. George Critchlow (by phone), Brooks Goode (by phone), Andre Lang, Amber Rush (by phone), Gary Swearingen, Doug Walsh, and Joseph Williams (by phone).

Members Excused:

Sarah Sumadi, and Jennifer Unger.

Also Attending:

Julie Shankland (General Counsel/ Staff Liaison), Sonya Kraski (Snohomish County Clerk), Priscilla Selden (by phone) (LLLT Member), and Sherry Lindner (WSBA Paralegal).

MINUTES

The Board approved the March 21, 2019 minutes by consensus.

Legal Health Check-Up Update

Ms. Shankland reported that Chad Burton was not available to attend the April meeting due to conflict and will try to reschedule the for the May meeting. An issue has arisen that the program has too much content and questions. Mr. Burton is working on the user-interface and hopes to be able to give a demonstration soon.

POLB, ATJ Board and Microsoft Stakeholders Meeting

There will be a meeting held on May 29, 2019 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the WSBA offices to discuss the proposed amendments to GR 24 with stakeholders.

On April 4, 2019, the Court entered an order extending the comment period to August 30, 2019.

Board Recruitment

The Board will need to fill the two public members positions and will reach out to law schools.

Bar Structure Work Group

Andre Lang has replaced Dominique Jinhong. Mr. Lang reported that the Work Group is receiving a lot of information and good recommendations will come out. The Work Group is looking at Janus and Keller and its anti-trust implications. The Work Group is also looking at voluntary v. mandatory bars. Mr. Lang noted that the WSBA has done a good job pushing the Work Group's materials in real time.

All meetings are video recorded and available on the WSBA website.



Courthouse Facilitators Program

The Board invited Snohomish County Clerk Sonya Kraski and LLLT Member Priscilla Selden to discuss the courthouse facilitators program. The Board is interested in how the program runs, what training the facilitators would like to be able to continue performing their functions, and possibly expanding the program to other areas of the law.

Discussion further ensued about funding and how it varies county to county which might cause inconsistencies in services and access across the state.

The Board also discussed the importance of a stable funding source to creating a statewide training program. Ms. Kraski and Ms. Selden noted that good training is one thing the program really needs but currently lacks. The Board will continue this discussion.

Annual Meeting with the Court

The Board is scheduled to meeting with the Court on June 6 and will prepare its report for the Board to review at its May 29 meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of asking Sanjay Walvekar, WSBA Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager, to bring forth the Board's UPL as per se violation to the next legislation session.

The Board entered Executive Session to deliberate about the Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints

Executive Session

The Board voted to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.