

MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The Practice of Law Board (PLB) met on October 18, 2018 at the offices of the Washington State Bar Association. PLB members attending were: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair, Michele Carney, Prof. George Critchlow, Brooks Goode, Dominique Jinhong, Amber Rush, and Doug Walsh. Julie Shankland, General Counsel, Michael Cherry, WSBA Governor-Elect, Sherry Lindner, OGC Paralegal II, and Ellen Reed, also attended portions of the meeting.

MINUTES

The Board approved the September 20, 2018 minutes by consensus with corrections.

UPDATES

The Board discussed applications received for the open position on the board and decided to contact Dr. Joseph Williams to explain the Board's mission and focus. If he is interested, his information will be forwarded to the Court for appointment.

The Board received an update about the Legal Health Check Up progress. Once the application is operational, the Board will work with the Communications and Outreach department to schedule a feedback session in Spokane.

The Board received updates on GR 24 and GR 25. The suggested amendments to GR 24 were submitted to the court. The Board discussed the possibility to the court might send GR 24 back for additional data. The board discussed possible ways to gather data to establish that public protection is needed for online document preparation services. Board members suggested surveying judges or clerk's offices for information about claims or problems related to documents prepared by online services, or obtaining information from the Sentinal data base. The board also discussed finding out what services legitimate online providers would offer if the rules and definitions of the practice of law were clearer.

The comment period ended on GR 25, but the court has not yet taken any action.

The Board briefly discussed the Court's letter indicating that the court will conduct a structural review of WSBA.

The Board briefly discussed other topics and project ideas. Board members and liaisons suggested helping hackathon project that are being created by programmers and lawyers. The Board also discussed offering to present at the judicial conference. The next meeting will be a brainstorming session to determine priorities and project going forward.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

