



Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

Members Present: Chair Lesli Ashley, John Dirgo Deweese, Melissa Kover, AJ Vanderpol, Murugeswari Subramanian, Rory Hardy, Michael Terasaki, Ellen Reed, Craig Shank

Members Excused: Sharon Hytten, Ronald Satterthwaite, Professor Drew Simshaw

Also Attending: Thea Jennings (WSBA Assistant General Counsel), Emily Crane (WSBA Paralegal), BOG Liaison Kristina Larry

Chair Ashley called the meeting to order once a quorum was established at 01:00pm.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Introduction: member introductions were made due to this being the first meeting of the fiscal year.
 - September 18, 2024: a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Craig Shank abstained due to being absent at the September meeting. The motion passed.
2. Action Items:
 - Kudoboard for Chair Emeritus Michael Cherry: a link to the Kudoboard was emailed to Board members last week. The deadline for contributions is Friday, October 18, 2024.
3. Updates:
 - Administration:
 - Suggested Amendments to GR 24(b)(6): Staff Liaison Thea Jennings gave an update and general overview of the process. The materials packet has been sent to the Court for consideration.
 - Review volunteer policy and meeting attendance: Chair Ashley discussed the importance of attendance for quorum purposes. Additional discussion was around formalizing written procedures regarding whether the Board would like to create a formal attendance policy.
 - Innovation:
 - Entity Regulation Pilot Project Update: Staff Liaison Thea Jennings gave an update on the Pilot Project to Test Entity Regulation. The packet was sent to Court, with the Court moving consideration of the Pilot Project to its November 6, 2024, En Banc. Board Member Craig

Shank gave an overview of general feedback received, background on pilot projects in other states, and building momentum on this project.

- Education:
 - No update
- Coordination:
 - Discussion of UPL as a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act: Chair Ashley gave an update around UPL as a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA). Due to this being an election year, the Office of the Attorney General has informed Chair Ashley that they will not be introducing suggested legislation this year. Chair Ashley asked the Board whether the Board would like to continue this discussion. Board members gave their input. Concerns included the impact on legal aid and more information being needed regarding what other states are doing regarding in this area. The Board raised the questions: What problem are we trying to solve? Who should be regulated? A motion was made and seconded to table this until the Court or the Office of the Attorney General reaches out for further discussion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - WSBA Legal Tech Task Force Update: Board Member Craig Shank gave background on the establishment and goals of this Task Force. A survey went out to gather sentiment with the goal of a report being submitted next summer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting adjourned at 02:33.