

MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The Practice of Law Board (PLB) met on September 20, 2018 at the offices of the Washington State Bar Association. PLB members attending were: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair, Trena Berton, Michele Carney, Prof. George Critchlow, Andre Lang, Amber Rush, Gary Swearingen, Sarah Sumadi, and Doug Walsh. Julie Shankland, Interim General Counsel, Michael Cherry, WSBA Governor-Elect, and Sherry Lindner, OGC Paralegal II, also attended portions of the meeting.

MINUTES

The Board approved the August 16, 2018 minutes by consensus, with amendments.

UPDATES

Liaison to ATJ Board: Amber Rush reported that she has court conflicts with many of the ATJ Board meetings and would like to offer this liaison opportunity to others. Gary Swearingen indicated he is willing to serve as the PLB liaison to the ATJ Board.

The board discussed the meeting schedule (third Thursday of each month) and decided to continue with the same schedule for the next fiscal year. The Board will probably not meet in December. The Board will likely meet with the Washington Supreme Court in the spring-and that meeting may be on a different day.

The Board discussed applications received for the open position on the board. Letters with information about the Board should be sent to three applicants.

GR 24- ONLINE DOCUMENT SERVICES PROJECT

The Board discussed whether to send the proposed legislation making UPL a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act to the WSBA Legislative Manager and to the Washington Attorney General's Office. By consensus, the Board decided to move forward with this and authorized Doug Walsh to contact the AGO.

The Board discussed changes to the report and suggested changes to GR 24. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal based on the changes discussed at the meeting and, subject to email review, authorize sending the document to the WSBA Board of Governors for information and submitting the recommendation to the Court. The motion passed 7-0.

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

The Board voted to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

