



WSBA

PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 10th, 2016, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
WSBA Office, 1325 4th Ave., Suite 600, Seattle, WA
MINUTES

In Attendance: Jordann Hallstrom, Kevin McGuire, Judy Lin, Sara MacDuff

Staff Liaisons: Jennifer Small, Dana Barnett, Ana Selvidge

Attend by Phone: Adam Yeaton, Leslie Blankman, Chris Lubeck, Emily Nelson, Alyssa Melter, Angeline Thomas, Charlotte Grist Smith, Pam Feinstein

Unable to Attend: Bruce Conklin, Beth Leonard, Kristina Ralls, Amanda Williamson, Governor Elijah Forde

Approval of Minutes: Committee Co-Chairs, Sara MacDuff & Kevin McGuire

Kevin motioned for the minutes to be approved, Jordan seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

Committee Recruitment and Vacancy: Staff Liaison, Jennifer Small

Application progress: The deadline for submitting applications is now closed. Jennifer has received thirteen or fourteen applications. There are currently ten spots open. The BOG has two more weeks to make submit their recommendations. The nominations committee will meet after the BOG makes its' recommendations.

Committee member update: Dawn Cortez and Guy Knudsen had to drop the committee. Emily has moved from Spokane to Olympia and is at the AGs office, but will continue in her term.

Diversity Exercise: Programs Coordinator, Dana Barnett

Dana facilitated a discussion to assist the committee in digging into the definition of "Access" as a diversity / social justice concept. The group had a meaningful discussion, looking at how it relates to the work of the committee.

Subcommittee Report

1. Moderate Means Outreach:

Chris asked for authors for three blog posts for NWSidebar and one article in NWLawyer. Blog posts will be interviews of attorneys and student volunteers involved in the Moderate Means Program and we have sample questions to help with interviewing participants. NWLawyer article will be on the history of the Program and will detail the five year celebrations occurring later this year. Attendance at the celebration(s) is necessary. Angeline volunteered to interview the law student volunteers for a NW lawyer article.

A presentation of the Moderate Means program Tapping the Middle videos occurred in Grant County, hosted by Emily. Local MMP attorney, Michael Addams cohosted the presentation. Two attorneys came signed up to take cases in Grant County. Overall the video and exercises went well. The marketing chapter easily filled the hour and a half time slot. The ethics chapter could use more hypotheticals. The subcommittee believes that the three presentations might be better for a 1.5 hour CLE.

2. Bar Exam Question RPC 6.1:

Jordann gave an update on the time line for sending in the proposed letter to Board of Bar Examiners. Sara moved for the letter, as written, with minor changes for editing, to be approved, Kevin seconded. Letter is approved by the committee unanimously.

3. Pro Bono WA:

Kevin explained that the committee is collecting ideas and sorting them into four different areas. Each team member has taken an area and will be coming up with recommendations to make more formal proposals.

Ana- WSBA has created a page on the website and a list serve for Qualified Legal Service Providers (QLSPs). We have had the same volunteer highlighted on the Pro Bono WA website since it launched. It would be great if QLSP's rotated the volunteer spotlight. A question was raised, if managing the Pro Bono WA site would warrant hiring an additional staff person. Currently there is enough staff to coordinate the program.

4. Barriers Research/Workshop

Sara talked about her experience at the Goldmark luncheon. She attended the breakout session on the topic of bringing Pro Bono Law stakeholders together led by Justice Wiggins and Breann Beggs. The whole PBPS committee should decide on a topic if they want to help with the breakout session next year.

Updates

Emeritus Status dues waiver –Ana gave an update on the status of the proposal to waive the Emeritus dues for pro bono attorneys. We need to submit a memo to Budget and Audit BOG committee for their May meeting. Committee should meet with Governor Forde to take the temperature of the Board in supporting the proposal. The subcommittee will have a telephone meeting with John Vanex, Kevin, Sara, and Bruce to discuss the preparation of the memo. If and when the proposal moves forward, the committee should support marketing to promote members knowledge of the Emeritus/Pro Bono status. Jen will talk to regulatory services department to find out if the Emeritus due was originally set at \$50.

There will be an article in NW lawyer saying that law schools should offer a practicum instead of class time for the last year of law school. Sara would like the group to read the article and to discuss it at a future meeting.

Committee meeting was adjourned by Sara at 1:29 PM. Judy seconded.

2015-16 Meeting Dates | All meetings @ WSBA, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

November 12th	March 10th	July 14th
January 14th	May 12th	September 8th