

## PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. WSBA Office, 1325 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 600, Seattle, WA

### **FINAL MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Kevin McGuire, Sara MacDuff, Beth Leonard, Pamela Feinstein, Na Crabtree, Jordann Hallstrom, Alyssa Melter, Brendan Vandor

Attend by Phone: Adam Yeaton

**Unable to Attend:** Leslie Blankman, Judy Lin, Beth Leonard, Angeline Thomas, Governor Forde, Kristina Ralls, Amanda Williamson, Christopher Lybeck, Bruce Conklin, Charlotte Smith

Staff Liaisons: Ana Selvidge, Jennifer Small, Kelly Nee

- July Minutes Committee Co-Chairs, Sara MacDuff & Kevin McGuire
   A quorum was not reached; minutes will be approved at next meeting
- Sub Committee Overview- Including FY16 Accomplishments
  - Moderate Means Outreach Jennifer Small
    - Posted 4-5 blog posts, and an article in NWLawyer to promote MMP
    - Viewing parties throughout the state inviting local attorneys to learn about the program and resulted in sign-ups
  - Pro Bono WA Kevin McGuire
    - Spent this year figuring out how the site fits into Pro Bono and how to update/change the site
    - ProBono.Net has been training on background work, and changes that are going to be made through the subcommittee's recommendations
  - Barriers Research/Workshop Sara MacDuff
    - Brainstormed how to get more attorneys to volunteer, or to get them to volunteer more hours
    - Explored the idea of creating annual workshop at either the Goldmark Luncheon (every February) or the Access to Justice Conference (every-other-year).
    - Wrote articles to NWLawyer and NWSidebar
  - Survey Beth Leonard
    - Started in late summer 2016.
    - ABA will conduct a survey of WSBA members on their public service activity
    - Can add 1-2 questions on Access to Justice in Washington State

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## • Bar Exam Question

 Recognition that this subcommittee was able to get topics regarding Access to Justice on the Washington Law Component of the Bar Exam.

# **Other Projects:**

### • Pro Bono Month

- October is Pro Bono Month
- Celebrate Pro Bono week is an ABA campaign during the last week of October
- Supreme Court Honor Roll is published in October along with a commendation/certificate, recognizing the Pro Bono work done by members
- Promoting/Introducing ProBonoWA in October to help people get involved

### • Thank you to Out-Going Members:

- Chris Lybeck
- Alyssa Melter
- Charlotte Smith
- Governor Elijah Forde
- Pam Feinstein

### • Welcome New Members:

- Chiedza Nziramasanga
- Hilary Hibbeln
- Paul Okner
- Brendan Vandor
- Priya Cloutier
- Na Crabtree

#### Announcements

Sara moves to adjourn 12:37, Kevin seconds

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

November 12th
January 14th

March 10th

May 12<sup>th</sup>

September 8th