PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2021 - 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Present – Tyler Washington, Diana Singleton, Christine Kuglin, Sandy Garcia, Yuan Ting, Erin Fortney, Christine Anderson, Mathew Dresden, Bonnie Rosinbum (Aslagson), Nick Larson, Nancy Chupp, Michael Addams, Jacquelyn Martin

Meeting Minutes

On motion by Nancy Chupp and seconded by Sandy Garcia, the committee unanimously voted to approve the May minutes.

Update from Strategic Planning Workgroup

Nick Larson provided strategic planning update. He shared that the workgroup has a draft mission statement and is hoping to share the draft vision and values at the July meeting. Some feedback for the draft mission statement included – use less acronyms, spell out PBPSC to Pro Bono and Public Service Committee.

Workgroup Updates

Rules and Policy Workgroup - No report

CLE Workgroup – Christine Anderson shared that the October Legal Lunchbox will cover new guardianship rules. The committee discussed potential speakers for that CLE. Christine A. stated that the workgroup also hopes to partner with another entity on a CLE regarding COVID-19 related evictions and foreclosures. Yuan Ting stated the KCBA will probably focus on moratoriums. Bonnie Rosinbum (Aslagson) shared that OCLA may put on a statewide training.

Communications Workgroup – Nancy shared that article about voter suppression underwent a GR12 analysis and workgroup members are working through suggested edits made by the Bar News editor. The original author is not currently available so there is a delay. Michael Addams shared that he is the lead for an article about Moderate Means for the October issue as well as an article about law students in the August issue. Christine Kuglin and Jacquie Martin will take lead on an article regarding college students who have aged out of formal support (18-24) but need legal assistance. The committee also discussed having a regular column in Bar News or Sidebar to highlight pro bono opportunities.

Technology Workgroup – The next tech workgroup meeting is June 15. Updates have been made to probonowa.org, including opening up content beyond website members. Also exploring how to use a calendar feature.

Diana Singleton shared that the Statewide Pro Bono Council is interested in working with the WSBA to host statewide virtual clinics. The WSBA cannot hold client files, but can partner with other entities who can.

Liaison Updates

Gov. Mathew Dresden shared that the BOG will holding their retreat on July 15-17. President-Elect Brian Tollefson will making BOG Liaison appointments for next committee year.

Diana shared that the next ATJ Board meeting will include a listening session with the Washington State Office of Equity. The new office want the community listening session to inform their work and planning.

Michael shared that the Office of Military Veterans Legal Assistance is in the process of forming bylaws, structures, and committees.

New Member and Co-Chair Recruitment

Bonnie and Diana shared that recommendations for next year's committee members have been identified and they will be submitted through the BOG nomination process. There are still spots open which folks can apply to on a rolling basis. Michael will be co-chairing next year with Bonnie.

Planning for Future Meetings

The committee agreed to move July's meeting to July 13. They also discussed the future of committee meetings once COVID restrictions are lifted. The general consensus was to have a hybrid schedule, mostly remote with in – person orientation and midyear meetings.