

## PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2021 – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Nick Larson, Bonnie Rosinbum (Aslagson), Nancy Chupp, Christine Kuglin, Yuan Ting, Michael Addams, Natalie Reber, Erin Fortney, **BOG Liaison:** Matthew Dresden **WSBA Staff:** Diana Singleton, Janice Pasion Allred

Meeting called to order at 1:26

### April Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Meetings Minutes approved with no revisions.

### Workgroup Updates

**Rules/Policy:** Yuan Ting reported on RPC 1.8E and shared that they very close to finishing the 50 state survey. After reviewing the survey, most states does not have exceptions that allows non-profit organizations to provide financial assistance to clients for therapy or medical expenses. Althea Paulson will contact the bar to request for the WSBA Staff Memos that was provided to WA Supreme Court. Althea will also contact CPE to share the survey with them and highlight the ones they like. Yuan reported on expanding the definition of APR 1E8 and shared that they currently do not have enough information to take on this project. They may need to reach out to stakeholders to get their interests/concern about expanding the definition. They also have concerns about their capacity on taking this project. Diana Singleton referred the workgroup to Pro Bono WA website for the list of organizations who are currently not QLSP's. Diana hopes to start interviews next week to fill the position who will help support this project but expressed that ultimately, what would be most successful is a proposal to change the rule.

**CLE's** Erin Fortney reported on the preliminary survey results and shared that the most interest are in Guardianship Rules and Evictions and Foreclosures due to Covid-19. The workgroup will re-gather to see if there are more responses in the interim. Diana mentioned the Legal Lunch Box in October and shared that the Bar CLE is open to ideas for content. They are also looking into developing a CLE on evictions. Natalie Reber asked if the Counsel Bill 5160 has taken effect and Yuan confirmed that it has. Yuan shared that the HB 1236 is still waiting for the Governor's signature and once it is signed, they will have a better idea when it will go into effect.

**Communications-** Nancy Chupp reported on the Liaison Talking Points and invited members to connect with the workgroup if they have ideas on topics for the fall bar news. Nancy shared that their coordination with the law schools around legal issues affecting veterans has been put on hold due to capacity issues with the law schools. Article for LatinX will appear in the June edition and they are starting to think about October issue. They are discussing a pro bono theme- benefits of pro bono, and interviewing one of the justice partners on a successful pro bono project. The technology workgroup has reached out to Communications to provide feedback on Pro Bono WA website. Nancy shared positive feedback on the draft content and added that it is a great resource. They are considering writing an article on the Moderate Means programs- student and attorney from each law school. Michael Addams and Diana will connect on the names of those law students and attorneys.

**Technology Workgroup-** Diana reported that on their last meeting, they met with Sam Harden (Pro Bono Net) who answered all their questions on the functionality of the website. They discussed about

the calendar feature. WA Women Lawyers reached out about using a calendar that shows all the advised clinics in the state. Jacqui Martin and Lisa (WWL) are meeting with Pro Bono Council for their input on this. The workgroup also discussed the search functionality and how it has greatly improved.

#### **Update from Strategic Planning Workgroup**

Mission Statement update- Nick Larson shared the current new proposed draft of the Mission Statement, which is on page 5 in the materials. Nick added that the changes came from all the feedback and ideas from the last committee meeting. This will be discussed more in the next meeting.

Next steps re: Vision and Values- Nick reported that the mission statement changes will be coupled with the Vision statement and Values statement. This will also be discussed in the next meeting.

#### **Liaison Updates**

Matthew Dresden reported that the BOG meeting is in two weeks in Seattle. He shared that the board has approved the creation of a rules practice committee. He also shared that they are electing a president in their May meeting; there are three candidates so far.

Updates and Announcements: Bonnie Rosinbum discussed the recruitment of new members for the committee and also shared that they are still looking for someone to fill the Co-Chair role for next year.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.**