

PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, 1 - 2 p.m.

Remote Participant Information

Link to access the Zoom meeting:

<https://wsba.zoom.us/j/93854928866?pwd=SmNVUjFWL2NjNzhhdmsrTnhmc3JWZz09>

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The Pro Bono and Public Service Committee serves WSBA members by communicating opportunities and eliminating barriers to providing pro bono services to communities that experience poverty and injustice.

10 minutes	Welcome, Introductions	Bonnie Rosinbum Michael Addams		
2 minutes	September Meeting Minutes	Bonnie Rosinbum	Action	Pgs 2-4
5 minutes	Finalize Full Committee Meeting Schedule	Mike	Discussion, Action	
15 minutes	Finalize Subcommittee Assignments	Mike	Action, Discussion	
	Subcommittee Breakout Room Discussions			
5 minutes	WSBA Volunteer COVID-19 Vaccine Policies	Saleena Salango Diana Singleton	Report	
10 minutes	Communications and collaborations platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Google Drive ● MS Teams ● Slack 	Bonnie	Discussion	
5 minutes	Liaison Updates	All	Discussion	
5 minutes	Additional news/updates	All	Discussion	

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 2nd, 1 – 2 p.m.

Pro Bono and Public Service Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Nick Larson, Christine Kuglin, Bonnie Rosinbum, Michael Addams, Nancy Chupp, Althea Paulson, Jacqui Martin, Christine Anderson. WSBA Staff: Diana Singleton, Saleena Salango. BOG Liaison: Matthew Dresden.

Meeting began 3:03 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

On motion by Nick Larson and seconded by Mike Addams, the committee unanimously voted to approve the August meeting minutes.

Workgroup Updates

Rules & Policy Workgroup - Bonnie shared that the Rules & Policy workgroup met Thursday 9/9, and had a productive meeting on next steps for the workgroup. Researching possibility of humanitarian exception to RPC 1.8a.e., including looking up states that had had exceptions to the rule. Althea requested records to look exception to rules and proposal and is inquiring about the status of this with the CPE to see if the workgroup can attend to support. Althea reported that the CPE had mentioned not needing assistance with it, but recommended inquiring about the status of this. Diana reported that the BOG discussed this previously, but is currently unaware of current status. Bonnie reported the workgroup is also doing research regarding a proposal to expand the definition of QLSP under APR 1(e)(8). Diana had provided a list of organizations that would like for the definition to be expanded, including ACLU of Washington, some dispute resolution centers, OMVLA, Legal Voice, among others. Current eligibility is limited due to 1) lack of screening mechanism in place to low-income clients and 2) lack of nonprofit status. The workgroup will reach out to these organizations to understand why they would like QLSP status, and compiling a list of benefits of QLSP status. This includes the listed benefits on the QLSP sites, along with eligibility for fee waiver in certain courts. Also inquiring on what benefits interest these organizations, and whether there are ways to get those without expanding QLSP definition.

CLE Subcommittee- Christine Anderson shared details of the October Legal Lunchbox on Tuesday, October 26 regarding guardianship rule changes for minors and upcoming changes to adult guardianship this upcoming year. Kay King from the Office of Guardianship & Elder Services – Administrative Office of the Courts, Olympia, WA will be the primary speaker. Christine Kuglin will also take a minor speaking role to introduce the speaker, the work of the PBPS, along with pro bono opportunities. Christine is working to gather more information on

pro bono opportunities during the CLE. The subcommittee is also working to understand the gaps in the CLE Public Service Library that is available to staff and volunteers working for QLSPs.

Communications Subcommittee- Nancy shared that the subcommittee met three weeks ago. Michael shared that an article on the Moderate Means Program is being submitted for publication in the *WA State Bar News* shortly. Michael and Nancy shared the draft advertisement for the Pro Bono WA portal that will be run in the October issue of the *Bar News*. Michael and Jacqui will be working on an article themed around New Year's Resolutions on pro bono work for the Dec/Jan issue of the *Bar News*. Jacqui offered support from the Technology Workgroup for the article being written about how to navigate the Pro Bono WA portal. Diana reported that Washington State has the highest reporting of pro bono hours, something that will be highlighted in the October *Bar News* article.

Jacqui and Christine reported on an article being written about pro bono/foster youth. Jamerika Haynes-Lewis – national advocate for foster youth from Washington state, will be interviewed for the article. Sociologists at Eastern Washington University that work with foster youth will also be interviewed. The point of the article is to highlight what happens to children that age out of the system, and their legal needs. Jacqui spoke with Lu from LCYC to highlight this work, which also ties in with a meeting with Karen from Team Child. The aim is to highlight a holistic view of community needs, to demonstrate need for things outside of legal advice – also community, mentoring, etc. Jacqui and Christine noted the potential for a multi-part series.

Technology Workgroup- Jacqui reported the monthly meeting will occur next Tuesday, September 21st at 11 a.m. The Pro Bono WA advertisement will launch in the October issue of the *Bar News*. Utilizing the October Pro Bono month opportunity to highlight the newly redesigned portal.

Strategic Planning Workgroup- Bonnie and Nick reported that the Strategic Planning WG met to create a final proposed draft of the Mission, Vision, and Values of the committee. Michael shared that the workgroup spent a lot of time crafting these MVV to ensure, and proposed to remove the word "Statement" from the first line (so it reads "Mission"). Althea shared appreciation for the thoughtfulness, time, and care taken to craft these statements are.

Vote to Adopt Mission, Vision Values

Althea motioned to adopt the mission, vision, and values for the PBPS Committee, with amendment with Michael's suggestion to remove "Statement" and Jacqui's suggestion to remove "Proposed", seconded by Christine Kuglin. 8 yeas, 0 nays. Approved.

Diana shared that this approval doesn't need to be ratified by the BOG. Diana checked with executive leadership; Matthew Dresden, BOG Liaison, can simply report back to the BOG.

Liaison Updates

Matthew requested permission to share the Pro Bono WA website and advertisement with the BOG. Matthew shared that he has requested to be the BOG Liaison to the PBPSC again. Matthew reported that meeting in Boise, they met with Idaho State Bar; they will meet with Oregon State Bar shortly. Matthew shared that the board is currently considering whether people with judicial status can be on boards, committees, etc.; shared that some members believe there is a conflict of interest. Diana reported that all members of committees etc. must be active, with the exception of the PBPSC, in which case the Pro Bono/Emeritus status members can volunteer.

Matthew Dresden shared that all volunteers must be proven to be fully vaccinated to volunteer as a WSBA volunteer for in-person events. Multiple members asked whether proof of vaccination could be supplied in advance, rather than per request during in-person events.

Year-In-Reflection and Outgoing Member Appreciation

Bonnie and Michael presented certificates for outgoing members.

New Member Orientation & Committee Assignments

Bonnie reported that Michael, Bonnie, and Saleena are planning the new member orientation to occur before the next PBPSC meeting, so new members can begin working.

General Updates

Christine Kuglin shared that her students will be working with the speaker of the upcoming CLE on auditing guardianship cases.

Jacqui Martin will be the Beyond the Bar Feature for the October Bar News issue.

Meeting adjourned 4:03 p.m.