



Washington Young Lawyers Committee

Washington Young Lawyers Committee | Seattle, WA
Saturday, February 4, 2017 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Present: Paul Webber; Colin McMahon; Mike Mocerri; Chelsie Elliott; Russell Knight; Kjersti Stroup; Geoff Arnold; Andrew Van Winkle.

Phone: Derek Johnson; Jakob McGhie; Ryan Griffie; Helen Ling

Absent: Kim Sandher (excused); Sarah Fleming (excused); Alice Bagirova (excused); Whitney Norton (excused); Jacob Brennan (excused)

WSBA Staff: Lynda Foster, Ana Selvidge, Destinee Evers

Board of Governors (BOG) Liaison: Sean Davis

Guests: SSPS Liaison Jordan Couch; Zachary E. Davison; Health Law Section Liaison Traci McCall (phone).

9:35 a.m. Welcome, Introductions & Approval of the Minutes

Paul Webber called the meeting to order. Andrew Van Winkle moved to approve the minutes; Kjersti Stroup seconded. The committee voted to approve the moments unanimously.

WSBA New Lawyer Programs Presentation

Lynda Foster presented on WSBA new lawyer programming and the WYLC's role as ambassadors of WSBA programming and to partner with WSBA programs where there is need for new lawyer perspective.

WYLC Outreach Discussion

Reaching out to new/young lawyers in district

Paul Webber suggested that the WYLC prepare a presentation that highlights benefits and opportunities for new lawyers that WYLC members could have copies of and use at events. Discussion centered on how to create or partner with an event to reach a broader audience of new and young lawyers. Lynda Foster offered to draft a presentation for the WYLC.

Lynda asked for other moments new lawyers would be receptive to information from WSBA. Andrew Van Winkle and Mike Mocerri recommend during the renewal process. Mike suggested having a way members could request additional information on certain programs while renewing their WSBA license. Lynda said she would take these comments back to WSBA staff for consideration.

Paul clarified that committee members should submit district reports two weeks prior to meetings.

Events for offsite meetings—Spokane & Tri-cities

Spokane: WYLC members discussed the timeline for outreach events while the committee is in Spokane for their meeting. The committee tentatively agreed to a 6:00 p.m. event on March 31, and a lunch with local BOG members during the meeting on April 1. The committee voted to spend up to \$500 from the outreach budget on these events.

Tri-Cities: Derek Johnson is researching possible locations for the Tri-city meeting and would like to coordinate an outreach event similar to what was done in Yakima last year. Paul Webber requested that Derek prepare a proposal for the next WYLC meeting.

Hosting outside events

Helen Ling provides an overview of the Discussion regarding Children and Youth Awards Breakfast that the WYLC was invited to host a table at. Colin McMahon and Zachary E. Davison offered to coordinate filling a table for the event. Russell Knight encouraged Committee members volunteer to judge the YMCA Mock trial event during last weekend of March. Paul Webber asks that the next agenda include space for reports on these two events.

Board of Governor Liaison Report

BOG Liaison Sean Davis reports on the Washington Supreme Court's Order on the license fee referendum and the BOG's decision not to move forward with a vote on the referendum. There was discussion on the process used to reach the decision not to hold a referendum vote. WYLC members shared feedback, including that the WYLC overwhelmingly disagreed with the decision to cancel the vote on the referendum, as it is at odds with the BOG's stated goal of facilitating communication. A suggestion was made by Russel Knight that the BOG may want to consider the impact of such decisions (even if the vote would be moot) on their stated communications goals. Sean recorded key points to share with the rest of the BOG. Sean also answered questions on a CLE petition circulating and the Article 11 update the BOG approved at their last meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Leadership:** There were four \$250 scholarships, and just two applications for the February conference. Both applicants qualified with good applications and the Leadership subcommittee decided to award each a \$500 scholarship. The subcommittee also received an application for the August conference, and is holding on to it. The Public Service Award process is in progress and the subcommittee will soon begin accepting applications for it.
- **RRR:** The subcommittee is discussing ideas with the Oregon New Lawyer Division, and trying to give themselves 18 months for planning. They are looking to other professions, e.g. the medical field, regarding practices for recruiting to rural areas.
- **Incubator:** The subcommittee is postponing the development of a business plan. They will instead work with staff to utilize a proposal process that WSBA staff is currently developing. To prepare for this, the subcommittee is developing an overview of the programming pieces a small, medium, and large incubator program would require.
- **Mentorship:** The team agreed to conduct a mentorship mixer in September, in partnership with MentorLink. They are considering Bellingham as a location.
- **Debt and new lawyer benefits:** Colin McMahon discussed progress with brief banks. The committee agreed that the project is shelved due to barriers creating a WYLC brief bank. The Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP) may be able to pull together a list of external resources for brief banks and information may be able to be shared on WSBA's website or in a NW Sidebar blog post.
- **Outreach and Budget:** The WYLC discusses how to use the outreach line item to greater raise greater awareness of the WYLC and WSBA programs. The committee determines they would like to focus on larger events planned by the WYLC. There was discussion regarding the benefits of larger markets (Seattle/Spokane) versus geographically diverse areas. Paul Webber moves to appropriate \$500 to the Spokane meeting to be used for the social event being planned. Andrew Van Winkle seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Ryan Griffie proposes the WYLC purchase a banner for outreach events and agrees to work with Lynda Foster to research it.

1:35 p.m. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn brought, seconded, and passed.