

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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**Washington Young Lawyers Committee | Seattle, WA**  
**Saturday, March 17, 2018 | 10:00am – 2:30pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Andrew Pugsley, Paul Webber, Ryan Griffee, Alice Bagirova, Kim Sandher, Colin McMahon, Derek Johnson, Zachary Davison, Jordan Couch, Mike Mocerri, Emily Ann Albrecht

**Phone:** Jakob McGhie, Geoff Arnold, Molly M. Winston, Andrew Van Winkle, Chelsie Elliott, Ian McCurdy

**Absent:** Jacob Brennan

**WSBA Staff:** Julianne Unite, Ana LaNasa-Selvidge, and Paris Eriksen

**Board of Governors (BOG) Liaison:** Jean Kang

**Guests:** Sade Smith, Amber Rush, and Eli Marchbanks

## **Welcome, Introductions & Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Mike, seconded by Ryan, approved unanimously.

## **Program Updates**

Julianne provided an update of BOG meetings and programs. Ryan discussed the idea of rethinking meetings and developing a field trip portion for out of town meetings.

## **ABA Items**

Iowa Proposal - Kim provided an overview of the Iowa proposal. Discussion ensued regarding law school transparency and the proposal. Outreach and Debt and Benefits subcommittee to review and recommend next steps, staff will coordinate a meeting to discuss this issue.

Designate a District 29 Representative– discussion ensued regarding the process to recruitment. Staff will promote application process and if no one applies committee will choose an internal WYLC candidate. Jordan motioned to have leadership team decide on application selection after recruitment, Ryan seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ABA Midyear Meeting - Kim provided a report out of the ABA Midyear meeting. Jordan provided an opportunity for writing through GP Solo section of the ABA.

## **Committee Nomination Process**

Mike provided an update on where the committee nomination process was and also provided news about the chair elect. Committee congratulated Jordan as the WYLC Chair-elect for FY19.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

- RRR Summit – Ryan provided an update and the critical junction of being able to get the summit to happen. Discussion ensued regarding next steps.
- Outreach Subcommittee – Ana split up the budget and reminded committee members of the budget break down for events.
- Debt and Benefits – Colin provided an update for the CLE in August. Ryan suggested a focus on income driven repayment program to include in the seminar.

- ABA Scholarship – Andrew provided an update on where the scholarship changed and the status of the set up. Application process is currently open through June 8.
- Leadership Subcommittee – public service awards application is currently accepting applications until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued on better communication for new and young lawyers, and the idea of inviting IT and Communications Staff to a Seattle meeting to discuss outreach and technology strategies for new and young lawyers.

**FY19 Budget Discussion** – Ian provided an overview of memo that outlined recommendations to FY19 budget allotment. Mike moved, Kim seconded, no abstentions, no oppositions, motioned approved unanimously.

**Sections Discussion** – Ana provided an overview of the idea and the possible impacts. Paris Eriksen provided an over view of sections and how they operate. Discussion ensued around the WYLC exploring the concept of converting into a section.

### **Exercise/Activity**

The committee discussed explored two questions in this activity:

1. Your goal for your year on the committee?
2. Your goal for this group?

Some of the themes include:

- Grow as a leader, make friends. Push the legal industry to where he thinks it needs to go.
- Getting more insight as to how the BOG works.
- Foster better communication between WSBA and its members.
- Learn more about the Bar.
- Meet other new and young attorneys and spread ideas to local community.
- Gather idea for our firm to create a better model.
- Connect on a state wide basis and serve as a voice or tunnel for folks across the state
- Keep bar aware that there are new and young lawyers outside of King County.
- Help address problems they faced earlier on in their careers.
- Provide resource to new and young lawyers and Promote specific opportunities with WSBA community and service.
- Help the bar at large understand what new and young lawyers need and want.
- Build relationships with neighboring states.
- Put new and young lawyers in positions where they advocate for themselves.
- Young lawyers continue rep from BOG level.
- More programs that help access to justice like MMP.
- Voice for new and young lawyers for policy and resource allocate.
- Where do bar dues go so they could explain to members.
- Continue being a group that comes up with programs and ideas that assists people as they come into the profession

Ryan moved to table discussion for next meeting and Emily seconded.

### **2:30 p.m. Adjourn**

Mike motioned, Andrew second, no abstentions and no oppositions, unanimously approved.