



# Washington Young Lawyers Committee

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**Washington Young Lawyers Committee | Spokane, WA**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2017 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Paul Webber, Andrew Van Winkle, Ryan Griffiee, Mike Mocerri, Chelsie Elliott, Russell Knight, Jacob Brennan.

**Phone:** Colin McMahon, Derek Johnson, Sarah Fleming, Helen Ling, Alice Bagirova.

**Absent:** Kjersti Stroup (excused), Jakob McGhie (excused), Kim Sandher (excused), Whitney Norton (excused), Geoff Arnold (excused).

**WSBA Staff:** Lynda Foster, Destinee Evers, Ellen Reed (video conference), Ana LaNasa-Selvidge (phone).

**Board of Governors (BOG) Liaison:** Sean Davis.

**Guests:** Jeanne Dawes, Molly Moffit.

## **9:32 a.m. Welcome, Introductions & Approval of the Minutes**

Paul Webber called the meeting to order. Jacob Brennan moved to approve the minutes; Russell Knight seconded. The committee voted to approve the moments unanimously.

## **Limited License Legal Technician Presentation**

WSBA staff person Ellen Reed and LLLT board member Jeanne Dawes presented on the history of the LLLT program and its functions. Ellen and Jeanne took and answered questions from the committee.

## **WSBA new lawyer/law student presentation**

WSBA staff Lynda Foster and Destinee Evers updated the committee on their law school presentation pilot project and the presentation they gave to twenty law students at Gonzaga University the day before. The committee was invited to provide feedback on how the presentation could be adapted to a new lawyer audience.

## **Board of Governor Liaison Report**

BOG Liaison Sean Davis reported on the recent BOG meeting and the discussions that occurred, including bylaws, and the license fee referendum.

## **Subcommittee reports**

- **Leadership:** Russell Knight reported on conversations with WSBA staff about the committee's request for increased funding of the ABA scholarship. Funding requests should be discussed in the broader context of the utility of the program and its return on investment. Russell acknowledged that the ABA scholarship has some challenges ensuring the quality and consistency of report backs from scholarship recipients. The committee discussed ways to rework the scholarship to have a broader return on investment for Washington's new lawyer community, such as adding additional requirements to scholarship recipients or changing the scholarship to fund WYLC members to attend and build connections between the ABA and the work of the committee. The WYLC would like the Leadership committee to review this topic and bring suggestions to a future meeting.
- **RRR:** Ryan Griffiee reported that the committee is working with the Oregon New Lawyer Division to determine the type of event the summit will be.

- **Incubator:** Mike Mocerri reported on progress of the WYLC incubator program proposal. The committee continues to work with WSBA staff on the process to create a proposal for an incubator program.
- **Mentorship:** Sarah Fleming reported on efforts to organize an event in Bellingham in September. Sarah will attend Washington Women Lawyers event in April to review how the space worked for a WSBA event in that region.
- **Debt and new lawyer benefits:** Chelsie Elliott reported on discussions regarding collaboration with the incubator subcommittee in reviewing debt forgiveness for 501(c)(3)s. She also shared information on the committee's plan to develop an NLE on first five years of practice and personal financial planning. After discussion on these topics it was suggested that the WYLC develop an NLE next year that focuses on student loan refinancing and forgiveness.
- **Outreach and Budget:** Russell Knight reported that the subcommittee discussed the goals of the subcommittee, and its request to update the WYLC budget from \$18,000 and \$19,500. The additional \$1,500 request is to increase the outreach budget to \$2,500. The committee is developing a return on investment matrix for the functions that outreach can accomplish. Ryan Griffie suggests that next year the committee flags the deadline for subcommittees to submit budget increase proposals to the budget committee, so that they have time to get the information to the bar association.

#### **2017 goals review, 2018 goals preview**

See workshop discussion.

#### **WYLC workshop on 2018 projects and goals**

The committee discussed projects for the next fiscal year and opportunities to collaborate with existing WSBA programming. The committee suggested focusing on:

- Continuing to have two meetings out of Seattle. Meeting location suggestions included: Vancouver, Leavenworth, Chelan, or Wenatchee.
- Future mentorship events.
- Oregon RRR Summit.
- WSBA member benefits collaboration project with LOMAP.
- Outreach presentations done by regional representatives.
- Continuing the ABA scholarship, while reviewing how it's currently structured.

Lynda Foster will take feedback and incorporate into the annual report for committee review in June, to be submitted to the BOG immediately thereafter for review and consideration.

#### **WYLC outreach**

- Breakfast: Colin McMahon reported on event and answered committee questions.
- YWCA mock trials: Russell Knight reported on high school competition.

#### **Other Discussions**

Andrew Van Winkle raised discussion of the LLLT presentation and how the committee should incorporate this information going forward with outreach and constituent discussions. Also discussion regarding the definition of "new lawyers," whether they include LLLTs, and the role of the WYLC regarding outreach to LLLTs.

#### **1:50 p.m. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn brought, seconded, and passed.