

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Washington Young Lawyers Committee

Washington Young Lawyers Committee | Seattle, WA
Saturday, October 13, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes Final

Present: Alixanne Pinkerton, Benjamin Hodges, Brian Neuharth, Jordan Lee Couch, Maha Jafarey, Zachary Davison, Kim Sandher, Nathan Beard, Zachary Davidson

Phone: Molly Winston, Colin McMahon, Derek Johnson, Andrew Van Winkle, Mike Mocerri, Emily Ann Albrecht, Ian McCurdy

Absent: Catherine Holm (excused), Chelsie Elliott (excused), Alice Bagirova (excused)

WSBA Staff: Julianne Unite, Tyler Washington, Sarah Kolpacoff

Board of Governors (BOG): Russell Knight

Welcome

Kim welcomed new and returning WYLC members to the orientation. Orientation began at 10:13 a.m.

Orientation and Introductions

Kim presented an overview on the WSBA and its mission, volunteer roles, Board of Governors, role and expectations for WYLC members, and goals for FY19. Mike shared the past accomplishments of the WYLC.

Sarah provided an overview on WSBA's open meetings and public records policy. She welcomed WYLC members to reach out to her with questions.

Maha asked how she could tie in her involvement with the WYLC to other volunteer commitments and engagements. Kim suggested to invite those who show interest in the WYLC to meetings and to join subcommittees. Jordan shared that he includes his WYLC title in his introduction during speaking events. Julianne suggested to reach out to Sue Strahan, WSBA Outreach and Legal Community Specialist, for more formal outreach opportunities.

Julianne provided an overview of the WSBA expense report and fiscal policies. She reminded the WYLC to submit expense reports for FY18 by Oct. 31. Julianne provided several program updates. She shared that the Volunteer Toolbox is a resource for WYLC members and other volunteers. Messaging about the Healthcare Exchange to members will be disseminated in the next week. Julianne thanked the WYLC for volunteering their time with the MentorLink Mixer and Practice Primers.

BOG Introduction

Russell Knight introduced himself and explained his role as the BOG liaison that advocates for the WYLC's interest at the BOG.

Committee Meeting Starts-Approval of Minutes

Kim called the meeting to order 10:36 a.m. On motion by Nathan and seconded by Jordan, the WYLC approved the September meeting minutes.

BOG Report

IOWA YLD/Transparency resolution proposal - Jordan shared that the proposal received unanimous approval from the BOG. The BOG inquired about next steps and encouraged WYLC members to attend the BOG meetings. Jordan suggested that the WYLC reach out to law schools to encourage them to release data. Julianne shared that BOG meetings are webcasted live when they are held at WSBA and recordings are available on WSBA.org to view at a later date.

Effective Social Media Use Presentation

Jordan provided a presentation on effective social media use covering the basics of social media, marketing, social media as evidence, ethical concerns and personal branding. Jordan provided examples of bad and good social media posts and showcased different posting styles.

Subcommittee Chairs Presentations and Recruitment

Subcommittee chairs provided overviews of their subcommittee and asked for volunteers.

- Debt - Andrew shared that the Debt Subcommittee puts on the Financial Focus CLE on debt management and provides support for PREP. Jordan suggested that the Subcommittee take on law school transparency. Brian joined the Subcommittee.
- Awards - Emily shared that the Awards Subcommittee administers the Public Service & Leadership Award and writes a *NWLawyer* article about the awardees. Ian joined the Subcommittee.
- ATJ/RRR - Jordan shared that the ATJ/RRR Subcommittee will further explore co-hosting a summit with Oregon YLD and potentially the Idaho YLD, collect data on access to justice issues in rural areas, and support the upcoming Rural Placement Pilot Project. Alixanne, Maha, and Brian joined the Subcommittee.
- ABA - Benjamin shared that the ABA Subcommittee administers the ABA YLD scholarships for the Midyear and Annual meetings. Cat joined the Subcommittee.
- Outreach - Colin shared that the Outreach Subcommittee will focus on strengthening the WYLC's social media presence, focus on hosting socials after WYLC meetings outside of Seattle, and connecting with local bar associations. Maha joined the Subcommittee.
- Bylaws - Mike shared that the Bylaws Subcommittee focuses on preparing proposed Bylaws changes affecting the Young Lawyer At-large BOG position as well as reviewing and potentially changing the young lawyer definition. With Bylaws amendments suspended by the WA Supreme Court due to the recent *Janus* decision, Jordan moved to expand the Bylaws Subcommittee's scope to analyzing how this decision would impact WSBA governance. Motion was seconded by Mike and the WYLC passed the motion unanimously. The Bylaws subcommittee was thus renamed to the Bylaws and Governance Subcommittee. Zachary and Nathan joined the subcommittee.

Adjourn

On motion by Nathan and seconded by Jordan, the WYLC unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.