

WSBA Legislative Review Committee

Meeting Minutes: *December 13, 2018*

Members present (in person): John Yip, Edwin Norton, Tim Spellman, Taudd Hume, Brian Considine, Debra Lefing, Kyle Sciuchetti

Staff present: Sanjay Walvekar and Russell Johnson

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SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
Approval of October meeting minutes	n/a	Unanimous (6-0)	
Approval of November meeting minutes	n/a	Unanimous (6-0)	
Proposed amendment to RCW 51.52.120 does not meet the requirements for the Committee's consideration. The legislation does not originate from an "entity" as defined in the WSBA bylaws and is not within the purview of the committee.	n/a	Unanimous (6-0)	

Meeting convened by Chair Taudd Hume at 11:49am

Chair Taudd Hume recommends approval of October minutes.

Tim Spellman motions to approve.

Edwin Norton seconds motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Taudd Hume recommends approval of November minutes.

Brian Considine motions to approve.

Tim Spellman seconds motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion regarding proposed amendment to RCW 51.52.120

- Staff Liaison Sanjay Walvekar shares conversation with WSBA General Counsel regarding definition of entity vs. non-entity, in terms of proposals that can be considered by the Committee.
- No individual members have proposed legislation to the Committee going back to at least 2000 (according to a review of past minutes and meeting materials).
- Individuals can go to their respective legislators and ask them to support or endorse legislation.
- CARC and other entities of the WSBA cannot propose legislation independent of the Board of Governors, since they are part of the WSBA. The WSBA has to approve legislative proposals coming from within.
- Proposed amendment to RCW 51.52.120 comes from an individual and not from an entity within the WSBA.
- The Access to Justice Board is not the sponsoring the bill, and the relevant work group did not agree to sponsor the bill.

Brian Considine makes a motion that the proposed amendment to RCW 51.52.120 does not meet the requirements for the Committee to consider it.

Tim Spellman seconds motion.

Discussion regarding the motion

- The “A2J” work group doesn’t qualify as an entity, and they didn’t come forward to support the bill.
- Unified voice is important when coming from the WSBA and that is why extensive vetting and entity origination is important.

Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Taudd Hume starts discussion regarding Committee timeline process.

- Staff Liaison Sanjay Walvekar shared the timeline that was adopted by the BOG in 2017 for the LRC.
 - July 1: notification of intent to submit bill for consideration by the Committee.
 - August 1: cover sheet due.
 - September 1: all materials submitted for consideration by the Committee.
- Does the Committee want to follow this same timeline? Governmental agencies follow this timeline, should the WSBA, as a quasi-governmental agency, adhere to the same requirements?
- A June notification of intent to submit a bill is not an unreasonable one, but there should be some flexibility built in.

- A deadline after which materials “may not be considered” would be useful for pushing for submissions to be ahead of that, but the Committee has leeway to consider materials post-deadline.
- The responsibility to collect materials needs to be on the proposer, not the staff.
- Suggestion to use the September 1 deadline so that Sections have time to gather materials and the Committee has time to consider proposals.
- Staff can indicate on the cover sheet that incomplete or pending materials may require follow up meetings.
- Legislative proposers are not required to attend meetings to present, but it should be encouraged.
- These process guidelines should be considered for next year.

Chair Taudd Hume motions to adjourn Committee.

Edwin Norton seconds motion.

Committee adjourns at 12:53pm.