

WSBA Environmental and Land Use Law Section Executive Committee Volunteer Position Descriptions

Chair-Elect: As provided in the ELUL Section's Bylaws, the Chair-elect serves the roll of the Chair if the Chair is unable, and those other duties as may be delegated by the executive committee. (Bylaws, Art. IV, 4.2(b)) The Chair-elect automatically accedes to the office of Chair. (Bylaws, Art. V, 5.2) Generally speaking, the Chair-elect should have past experience as an At-Large Trustee or officer of the executive committee. This position affords practitioners the opportunity to strengthen leadership skills and build connections with the statewide legal community. Many find leading a section to be a rewarding experience because of the leadership growth, professional development, and the collegiality it offers. Executive Committee discussions can be productive and challenging, offering a unique opportunity to work with other legal professionals, in a goal-oriented setting that benefits members of the ELUL and WSBA.

The Chair-elect is the executive committee member responsible for identifying active section members to serve as co-chairs responsible for planning the Mid-year CLE. The Chair-elect oversees and assists the co-chairs with the responsibilities of the Mid-year CLE and reports progress to the executive committee.

Chair-elect serves a one-year term, and is expected to attend the in-person meetings, the Mid-year CLE, and participate in Section affairs and activities. Chair-elect may spend 2-5 hours per month, unless a special project or event requires additional time. While the Chair-elect volunteers his/her time, he/she will be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with the WSBA Fiscal Policies and within the Section's budget parameters.

At-Large Members: Per the ELUL Section's Bylaws, At-Large members must be members of the ELUL Section and perform such duties as may be delegated by the executive committee. (Bylaws, Art. IV, 4.2(f)) Generally speaking, serving as an At-Large member of the ELUL executive Committee affords practitioners the opportunity to strengthen leadership skills and build connections with the statewide legal community. Many find the performance of delegated duties to be a rewarding experience because of the leadership growth, professional development, and the collegiality it offers. Executive Committee discussions can be productive and challenging, offering a unique opportunity to work with other legal professionals, in a goal-oriented setting that benefits members of the ELUL and WSBA.

At-Large member typically take on responsibilities associated with at least one of the sub-committees (Communications/Website; Newsletter; Law School Outreach; Legislative; ELUL/ADR; Mini-CLE; Mid-Year CLE). They have the opportunity to present at the annual Mid-year CLE, and to develop the skills and experience to serve as an officer of the Section.

At-Large members serve a term of three years. Typically, there are 3-4 in-person meetings per year that all members of the executive committee are encouraged to attend, although the in-person meeting schedule has been altered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all meetings are currently held remotely. In-person meetings are usually held in Seattle, and in conjunction with the Mid-year CLE. There are also periodic telephone conferences, which usually take about an hour. Members also spend additional time coordinating projects through the sub-committees. Members spend 1-3 hours per month, unless a special project or event requires additional time. While Members volunteer their time, they will be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with the WSBA Fiscal Policies and within the Section's budget parameters.