

Administrative Law Section

of the Washington State Bar Association



Minutes

Administrative Law Section Executive Committee Telephonic Meeting February 14, 2022

Executive Committee Members Present: Bill Pardee (Chair); Lea Dickerson (Chair-Elect); Eileen Keiffer (Past Chair); Katy Hatfield (Treasurer); Sophie Geguchadze; Marjorie Gray; Robert Krabill; Tim O'Connell; Ed Pesik; Seth Rosenberg; Robert Rhodes.

Absent Executive Committee Members: Selina Kang; Cameron Zangenehzadeh (Young Lawyers Liaison); Richelle Little (Secretary); Alexis Gobeske.

Also Present: Richard Potter (Legislative Committee Chair); Carolyn MacGregor (Sections Program Specialist); and Francis Adewale (Board of Governors Liaison).

Also Absent: n/a

Meeting called to order

1. Approval of Minutes (all)

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from January 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Agenda (all)

A motion was made and seconded to approve today's agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial update (Katy Hatfield)

Last update was November 2021. We are doing well at our mini-CLEs. WSBA changed the allocation of how our section receives CLE fees. Carolyn MacGregor explained in detail how the CLE fees are broken out. Basically, 25% of fees for 2021 will show up in FYE 2022 based on the new allocation system.

Alderbrook discussion, need to figure out what we did with the deposit we made. Katy is asking whether we are going to get our deposit back since we are not going to go.

4. Committee updates

4.1 Retreat (Margie Gray)

Margie contacted Alderbrook indicating that we are not coming this year and asking for our deposit back. Also asked about hybrid events and other ideas that may be helpful for us ---she has not heard back. We don't know if we're getting our fee back, but she intends to get us the deposit back.

4.2 Legislative (Richard Potter)

On Jan. 28, Richard and John Gray participated at the hearing for the Board of Tax Appeals. Board was going to repeal a rule and not replace it. Richard and John were trying to encourage a replacement rule. Richard also testified that the online database is a terrific resource and shows thousands of decisions.

Richard and John continue to work with Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The Board issued a new rule making for the purpose of the indexing rule. Richard provided the Board with a template example which the Board is considering.

Legislative session ends on March 10, 2022.

Little over half of the bills are PRA amendments that would add disclosure exemptions. Three bills affect OPMA.

Senate confirmed Loraine Lee as Chief Administrative Law Judge of the OAH.

4.3 Publications & Practice Manual (Richelle Little, Selina Kang)

Richelle provided an update via email dated February 10, 2022 to the WSBA Admin Law Section members. Lexis has provided all the chapters in Word. They are also saying that they will provide electronic access to the publication for the committee chairs, and we are still waiting on that.

4.4 CLE (Lea Dickerson)

Lea wants to know if we're going to have any in-person event on June 10. Eileen was going to do a legislative update mini-CLE. Margie discussed the possibility to do an in-person CLE, not out of the question. Margie suggested doing an in-person event in the legislature buildings to do a hybrid CLE. Bill said that this is a possibility. Lea says that the CLE committee met last week. Mini CLEs are in the works. Maybe in-person conversation in the fall instead of June.

4.5 Diversity and Outreach (Alexis Gobeske/Robert Rhodes)

Alexis provided an update via email dated February 9, 2022 to the WSBA Admin Law Section members. So far, we received 6 mentor applications and 3 mentee applications. We will continue to advertise the program and delay the start date until mid-April to provide time to acquire additional mentees. If we don't receive additional mentee applications in the interim, we will move forward with a 2-1 mentor-mentee ratio.

Robert Rhodes also gave an update. He says that the reason for extension until mid-April is that this program works best in-person, but more difficult via video. Discussing advertising in the WSBA journal at a discounted rate to keep people aware of this possibility.

4.6 Homan Award (Lea Anne Dickerson)

Eileen gave an update. No nominations, yet.

4.7 Newsletter (Ed Pesik and Sophie Geguchadze)

Ed provided an update. Newsletter published. Eileen already volunteered to write an article for the next newsletter (Spring).

4.8 Good of the Order

Bill had an update. There are three open at large positions and three officer positions. At large positions that are coming to an end: Margie, Ed and someone else is up (Bill can't remember who). Application process will be coming up for re-election process. Katy said she will stay on as Treasurer if no one else wants to do it. Sophie asked about the future of the Board monthly meetings being virtually for the future and Bill confirmed that they will be.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting set for Monday, March 14, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.