



**Dispute Resolution Section**

**Washington State Bar Association**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**July 25, 2025, 12:00pm – 1:30pm PST**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86301779629?pwd=KJ1ph8qbMPJqkrM6rMK9RTaVx2dYIU.1>

**Meeting ID: 863 0177 9629, Passcode: 619025**

**12:00: Welcome and Meeting Matters**

1. Confirm quorum
2. Agenda additions and changes, approve agenda and May meeting minutes

**12:05: Announcements**

1. FY26 Executive Committee: Donna (Vice-Chair), Courtland (Treasurer), Chris (At Large), Mark McCarty (At Large)
2. Summer Gathering, Saturday, July 26, Nisqually Delta
3. Bylaws approved by the BOG

**12:10: Executive Committee composition**

1. Discuss and vote: Appoint Mark to vacant At-Large position
2. Discuss: Fill FY26 Secretary position

**12:20: 2026 NWDR Conference**

1. Venue & Dates
2. Speakers & Budgeting: Bernie Mayer (Keynote, \$5,000); Julie Macfarlan (Plenary, \$1000); Colin Rule (Plenary, \$0)
3. Shaw Events FY26 Contract
4. 2026 Conference Planning Committee

**12:50: Finances & Budget (Courtland)**

**12:55: Board Retreat planning: volunteer to lead**

**1:05: Committee Reports**

- a. Legislation & Public Policy (Jody)
- b. Membership & Outreach (Mel)
- c. Academic Relationships (Julia)
- d. Continuing Legal Education

**1:30: Adjourn**

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