



Dispute Resolution Section

Washington State Bar Association

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

November 21, 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 October [ExComm Retreat meeting minutes](#)

12:05: Announcements

12:10: Recruiting for FY26 ExComm openings

12:15: Member updates regarding [Retreat Commitments](#)

General:

Paula: change in dates to Carolyn and update calendar invitations – **done**

Paula: post to listserv for Secretary and 2 at-large positions - **done**

Paula: attend Fall Section Leaders Meeting; others welcome to RSVP and join! - **done**

Paula: upgrade Zoom license for webinars – **in process**

Paula: ask Carolyn for list of former section members; member data 2019-present; years in section – **in process**

Ted: temporary Secretary for Board until permanent secretary is found - **done**

All: recruit personally for these positions

Julia: submit website changes to Noah, copying Carolyn

Paula/Julia: create document to promote FY26 scholarships – in process

Education/miniCLEs:

Donna/Paula – January: Managing Client Expectations in Mediation, January 21 – **in process**

February: Jody + leg/public policy: early family law mediation considerations - **initiated Oct 29; in process**

March: Conference planning committee/conference teaser webinar – **in process**

April 22: Mel/Bob: Remote v in-person considerations

NWDR Conference:

Paula: discuss adding scholarship availability to conference registration with the planning committee - **done**

Ted/Julia: broadening audience and applications for scholarships

Julia: forward conference details to ExComm – **done**

Paula: share with ExComm Paula's [advocate brain dump for future CLEs](#) – **done**

Promoting Informed Use and Best Practices of DR

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Julia: QR code for the section - Join Now link

Melissa + Julia as accountability buddy: look into and report back re: tablecloth, swag, poster with QR code

All: cultivate personal connections to encourage registration for conference from beyond Washington State

Other priorities:

Melissa: Meet the Neutrals feasibility study

Chris: follow-up with Christine Cimini re: UW mediation program partnership

Jody: draft slide on section to share with DRCs – done

Jody: finalize report to Representative Goodman - done

Membership Development – Connect with other sections:

Donna: connect with labor and employment

Julia: litigation section/new member liaison

Ted: connect with environmental and land use section

November – recruit ExComm member to connect with Family Law, Solo & Small Firms, and Real Property & Program sections

1:15: Finances & Budget (Courtland)

1:20: Committee & Priority Reports on items not addressed in review of Retreat Commitments

- a. Legislation & Public Policy (Jody)
- b. Membership & Outreach (Melissa and Julia)
- c. Continuing Legal Education (Donna)
- d. Academic Relationships (Julia, and all)

1:30: Adjourn