



Dispute Resolution Section

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
February 27, 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. Remembering [Lish](#)
2. Confirm quorum
3. Agenda additions and changes, approve agenda and November meeting minutes

12:10: 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)

12:40: Discussion: Executive Committee meetings notice – Zoom link WSBA policy change re: security; impacts (Per [WSBA Bylaws](#) Open Meetings Policy (VII.B.1), meetings of WSBA entities are open to the public and “meeting schedules and contact information must be made reasonably available by the Bar.”)

12:55: NWDR Conference

- a. Discussion: honoring Lish’s memory
- b. WSBA table (Melissa/Julia)
- c. Registration and Sponsor updates
- d. Programming updates

1: 15 ExComm Member updates regarding [Retreat Commitments](#)

General:

All: recruit personally for open ExComm positions

Paula/Julia: create document to promote FY26 scholarships - [done](#)

Paula: Intern – Mingyue Zhou has delivered [DR RCW Analysis Work Product](#)

Education/miniCLEs:

Donna/Paula – January: Managing Client Expectations in Mediation, January 21 - [Recap](#)

Jody -- February: Standards That Shift Practice: How the 2025 AFCC Updates Shape the Future of Family Mediation, Thursday, March 3, [Registration Live Now](#)

Promoting Informed Use and Best Practices of DR

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Melissa -- March 12: Ken Cloke webinar for those registered for the NWDR Conference only – in process
Mel/Bob -- April 22: Remote v in-person considerations

NWDR Conference:

Ted/Julia: broadening audience and applications for scholarships

Julia: QR code for the section - Join Now link – in process

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

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

Other priorities:

Melissa: Meet the Neutrals feasibility study

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

Membership Development – Connect with other sections:

Donna: connect with Labor and Employment – done

Julia: Litigation section/new member liaison – in process

Ted: connect with Environmental and Land Use section – done

Courtland: connect with Real Property, Probate & Trust section

Paula: connect with Family Law Section – in process

February: Recruit ExComm member to connect with Solo & Small Firms sections

1:15: Finances & Budget (Courtland)

1:30: Adjourn