

WSBA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: WED OCTOBER 9, 2024 & TIME: 11:55 AM*¹

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Attendance:

R. Gilchrist

S. Millstein

E. Brown

R. English

S. Noel

K. Smith

M. Kutsin

C. Park

J. Erler

W. Young

E. Varriano

B. Reed

M. Yamada

A. Benson

C. MacGregor

B. Sinner

AGENDA

No.	What	Who	Additional
1	Welcome	Seth to introduce members, new members, and look at new bylaws	> Via Zoom only (this meeting) > Online and attached >§VII(2)(B)
	<i>Seth introduces himself as new chair; thanks B. Reed for past year's service. Welcome to five new section members. Quick intro of new members. Kainui Smith – general counsel for Absher construction; Allen Benson – works at Ogden Murphy Wallace; Jackie Jensen Erler – works at Woods Smith; Cynthia Park – works at Ogden Murphy Wallace; and R. Gilchrist at Seyfarth Shaw. For the benefit of new members, S. Millstein introduces C. MacGregor, as WSBA's section liaison, as well as R. English, who was section chair in the early 2000s and chairs the mid-year seminar; also is the</i>		

¹ *Really, it's 12:00 PM. This is to inspire you to be early – or at least not late. Those who are 'not late' will be rewarded with facts of the day and other trivia, music recommendations, book reviews and other nuggets.

	<i>editor in chief for the Construction Law Section Deskbook. S. Millstein reads pledge for new committee members from new by laws. All new members agree to attend.</i>		
2	Past Minutes	All	Attached to this email
	<i>Any issues with September 2024 meeting minutes. Moved to approve; seconded.</i>		
3	Course-Deskbook Book	Ron English	Discuss status
	<i>All authors have done their part, reviewers have done their part. WSBA is waiting to go; authors will get one final look. Should be published in early 2025.</i>		
	<i>C. MacGregor puts in chat BOG contact information for BOG Liaison Todd Bloom at todd.a.bloom@gmail.com.</i>		
4	Attendance Report	Seth	See below
	<i>See below. S. Millstein explains chart below.</i>		
5	Financial Report	Erin	See below; Erin to discuss
	<i>E. Varriano gives report – Section has about \$62k in the bank. Section has not been spending. Budget does not include money from CLE. See below for chart of accounting.</i>		
	<i>S. Millstein talks about buying a tiny home as a way to spend money.</i>		
6	Subcommittees	Various	<u>Current</u> >Newsletter: Evan >DE&I: Saki >Social: Erin & Travis >Law School Outreach: Travis & Rita >Community Outreach and Charitable Activities: Bart
	<i>Newsletter – E. Brown reports: the newsletter is ideally quarterly, includes articles and summaries or analyses of construction law issues. Currently working on Fall issue, which typically includes a Chair report. S. Millstein will need to provide a chair report. E. Brown would appreciate some help from section members and invites interest from the committee.</i>		
	<i>DE&I – M. Yamada – nothing to report. Looking for ideas; if section members have ideas, please reach out.</i>		
	<i>Social – try for early December date for the Summit Fall Forum. December 12th and 13th might be better dates. T. Colburn reports that \$800 for space and tour. Committee wants to pursue.</i>		
	<i>Interest in pursuing executive committee get together at Sanctuary or adjacent space hotel.</i>		
	<i>Law School Outreach – J. Leary and S. Noel have interest in, as well as C. Park. J. Leary has concerns about law school attendance and suggests that we make it clear that it's open to 1L, 2L, and 3Ls. R. Kutsin is going to speak with Matt Etter at SU regarding this event. C. Park recommends reaching out to students more directly. B. Sinner asks about events that students are already showing up for – could be a career fair or something like that? Not sure. J. Erler asks about inquiring with construction law or construction management adjunct professors. (A. Tramountanas and G. Palachuk)</i>		

	<i>S. Millstein to contact G. Palachuk for update. K. Smith volunteers (via chat) to help with the intersession class.</i>		
	<i>Community Outreach - B. Reed had to leave; S. Millstein reports. Next opening for a group of our size is in December, if the section wants to volunteer again. Maybe a January 2025 event. Says we should do it once a year, maybe more. Section will likely buy or donate a tiny home.</i>		
7	Subcommittees	Various	<u>New</u> >Social Media? >Others?
	<i>Social Media – S. Millstein reports: some members met with Noah at WSBA. Do we want to do a social media subcommittee? Any interest? C. Park asks how it would work with the webpage. How much control do we have over the webpage? C. MacGregor answers that consistency is set, but there is a good bit of control over the content, like additional items or work with Noah to create subpages, member resources, or members only. C. Parks and R. Kutsin volunteers to take this on.</i>		
	<i>Others?</i>		
8	Events	Various	>Winter Event (site visit and presentation) >Mid-Year CLE
	<i>Winter Event - already covered – see report from T. Colburn.</i>		
	<i>S. Millstein is considering bringing back past members/chairs for discussion/interview. T. Colburn suggests interview with past year members as maybe a quarterly newsletter item. Any interest in a virtual meeting from 12:50 to 1pm? Interest in that, but not 1 to 1:10pm.</i>		
9	Conclusion Good of the order	Seth	>Past Chair Intros? >Other?
	<i>Anything else? C. MacGregor plugs WSBA event for working with the bar for section leaders. Event is October 30th from 12-2pm; information is in section leaders bulletin that went out on 10/7/2024.</i>		
	<i>If members know of someone in the construction arena, encourage them to apply to the section leadership team.</i>		

FINANCIAL INFO: THROUGH AUGUST 2024 = 91.67 % OF YEAR COMPLETE

Monthly Rev	Comment	Expenses	Net
\$25	1 new member \$25.00	WSBA (\$18.73)	\$6.27
\$0	Other	None	Above
YEARLY			
Starting Balance (9/30/23)	\$62,653.36	(\$15,554.41)	N/A
Yearly Rev	\$15,816.02	(\$15,554.41)	(\$261.61)
Fund Bal (8/31/24)	Calc: \$62,391.75	Shows \$49,836.54	

Members	10.24	11.24	12.24	1.25	2.25	3.25	4.25	5.25	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.25
Millstein	X								NA			NA
Sinner	X								NA			NA
Yamada	X								NA			NA
Colburn	X								NA			NA
Varriano	X								NA			NA
Brown	X								NA			NA
Leary	X								NA			NA
Young	X								NA			NA
Noel	X								NA			NA
Erlor	X								NA			NA
Benson	X								NA			NA
Gilchrist	X								NA			NA
Park	X								NA			NA
Smith	X								NA			NA
Kutsin	X								NA			NA
Reed	X								NA			NA

Quorum = Majority. Bylaws §V(2)

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