

This coming legislative session is short – 60 days. It is currently scheduled to begin January 12 and end March 12. Also emailed to committee members is a draft cut-off calendar (it won't be final/official until adopted once the session starts).

Megan asked that the committee members keep her in the loop regarding other bills and groups contributing to those bills so that ELS can respond timely. Sen Peterson was critical of ELS's last minute contributions. Part of the problem is that we are not necessarily looped in timely and we are unaware of certain issues and our option to contribute.

12:50 **WSBA Board of Governors** L. Parvin Price

Board met on 11/14/2015. Highlights: Net generation bar exam will be used next summer. Concept – based on national input. Designed to see if people who seek admission have the skills to currently become members. Being implemented because the current skills have changed from what was tested historically.

Bar has established a task force to review the oath required of attorneys for admission. Idea is that the oath may need to be modernized. Survey should be sent out to members.

Budgeting: Membership fee for active lawyers. 2027 to increase by \$7.

Law school Deans joined BOG meeting. Related to pass/fail rate. What are the schools doing to assist students to pass. Deans said they are looking at the pass/fail rate and compare to grade received in certain law school class to increase effectiveness. Also measuring the success rate of actively practicing graduates to see if there should be any changed in the educational focuses.

Genevieve noted that she is on the NCBE committee writing Next Gen bar exam questions if anyone has questions.

1:01 **Communications Committee Report** Angela Carlson-Whitley and Emily Tyson-Shu

No report. Committee will be meeting shortly.

1:10 **CLE Committee Report** Carla Calogero and Miriam Ayoub

April 3rd is the next planned CLE. Committee will be meeting in January to discuss additional planning.

1:02 **Outreach/Mentorship Committee Report** Meredith Grigg

Miriam and Meredith are starting the process of planning the Peter Greenfield foundation fundraiser. Meeting on 12/29. Thinking about a January/February gathering. Please advise if you are aware of any conflicts. Collecting applications for the internship. Deadline 12/31. Meredith is now advanced to a manager role. Currently hiring for her old position. Meredith is expecting to still be involved, but new person will be engaging - TBD.

1:14 **Grants Committee Report** ?

Looking for a member to serve on this committee. Also noted that we are missing a Young Lawyer Liaison. Eligibility. Liaison applicants must qualify as a "new member" under the WSBA Bylaws XII.B upon the term start date (active member within their first 10 years of admittance to WSBA). Liaison applicants do not need to be a current section member to apply. Liaison applicants must submit a completed application form and résumé. Cover letter is optional.

1:18 **WSBA Sections Program Specialist** Carolyn MacGregor

New Discussion series. Marketing strategies for sections. Noon Discussion Jan. 12 Marketing and Comm Tips. Need to RSVP.

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New Business

Suzanne Thompson Winner

A governmental agency program has requested their law school intern(s) be given access to the ELS list serve to see firsthand the issues in our field and questions posed and answered by practitioners. There would be no cost to our section for just that access. Chair would like our ELC to consider this and identify parameters about who this option would be offered to.

USGAO is doing a study on guardianships. Seeking members for the study group.

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