

ELUL Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

Conference Call – February 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Darren, Lisa, LeAnne, Kelly, Pat, and Brian, along with WSBA representatives Joe and Caroline, and BOG liaison Chris

Meeting Minutes (Lisa)

- Approval of the minutes for January 2017 was deferred to the next meeting.

Budget Update (Elizabeth T)

- There was no specific budget report this month because Elizabeth Tellessen was absent. Joe said we were $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way through the FY as of December and have about 35% of our normal membership. The biggest surge in membership comes in January.

Midyear Update (from Kristie's email)

- The Midyear program is close to being finalized. The committee discussed some of the items on the agenda. Highlights include a presentation on “Megaquakes in the Pacific Northwest.” In addition, Jay Manning has agreed to present on “Hot Topics in Environmental Law” this year. Hillary Franz will be the Keynote Speaker at the seminar.
- “Save the date” notices will be sent out this week on the ListServ. The CLE registration link is not yet available on the website.
- The deadline for scholarship applications is currently set for April 1, 2017. A decision on the scholarship will be made in early April.
- Joe explained the WSBA policy for Executive Committee member reimbursements. Joe answered questions about how that policy will typically be interpreted and applied. A discussion ensued about how the policy applies given the business conducted by the Executive Committee at the annual meeting.
 - Section Chair will always be covered through Section funds
 - The co-chairs of the midyear will always be covered through midyear/CLE budget. Kristie included.
 - CLE speakers: midyear/CLE covers registration and travel. Hotel will be covered on a case-by-case basis depending on when they speak. Bar will ask: Can you get to your timeslot? E.g., no hotel reimbursement for a 1pm presentation. Unfortunately, the CLE budget does not care if they are important for networking.
 - All other Exec Committee members: the trigger will be distance (50 miles) and time (3 hours), and then will cover travel mileage and hotel based on what is “reasonable.” Joe said that because we are the face of the section and need to be there for the whole thing, he can justify paying for two nights from Section funds, but it would be clearer if we had multiple meetings. Registration: this year we have 10 registrations to use (from adjustment for 2016 midyear). It'll cover committee members and we can figure out how to use remaining (if any). E.g., to cover scholarship recipients.

Election Nominations (Darren)

- Darren led a discussion about the nomination and election process for new executive committee members. He described changes to the process that will come into effect in 2018 under the new Bylaws. Darren requested suggestions for individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee. He asked that any suggestions be forwarded to him by Monday, February 13.
- Joe said pulling the ballot itself is relatively easy so long as the candidate statements are prepared. We'll have the candidates from the nominating committee provide their statements before the midyear so that only those that are nominated from the floor need to be added. Joe will determine what date that should be.
- Darren's multiple reminders about elections was very helpful because people tended to vote right after the reminders were sent.

Future Sponsorship Options (Lisa)

- The Executive Committee discussed the idea of recruiting sponsors for the Midyear and other CLEs. Lisa circulated the WSBA Sponsorship Policy and WSBA Sponsorship Packet for the committee's consideration.
- Joe will be investigating the issue further. He plans to provide the Executive Committee with additional guidance on sponsorship activities.

Communications Update (Brian)

- The WSBA "Sections Team" requested assistance with the WSBA website update. Brian led a discussion regarding the WSBA's requests.
- Brian also provided a summary of the elements of the ELUL web pages that may need to be updated.

Law School Outreach (Elizabeth T. and Caroline)

- There was nothing new to report this month. The outreach efforts are ongoing.

Newsletter Update (Kelly)

- Kelly reported that the two editors of the newsletter are stepping down. However, Kelly is following up with two good candidates to take over the job.
- The next issue of the newsletter will be published in March.

Mini-CLE Update (Kelly and Elizabeth B.)

- There are no updates this month regarding Mini-CLEs.

Legislative Update (LeAnne)

- LeAnne has developed a chart of all bills ELUL is monitoring and sent out an email. Still working with Joe to get a list on the website. Next step is to categorize the bills by topic.

ADR Committee (Pat)

- Pat has become a member of the ADR section. He will be meeting with Courtney Kaylor next week. She is the Chair of the Land Use and Environmental Mediation Committee. ADR has a meeting on or about April 19 and he'll update us after that.

WSBA/BOG and Section Liaison Updates (Joe and Chris)

- Chris led a discussion regarding the recent changes to the Bylaws. She noted that some of the changes generated considerable discussion and controversy within the WSBA, in particular the amendments to Article 11.
- Lisa is going to review the issues and bring the Bylaw changes to the committee for further discussion.

Next Conference Call: March 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.