

Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2022, 2:30 p.m.

Call-in: 1-253-215-8782, Meeting ID: 895 1175 7968, Passcode: 746185

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Call to Order, Introductions, Consent Items

Kyler

- Attendees
 - EC Members: Kyler, Martha, Tom, Albert, Robie, Pat, Gabby, Meghan, Donya, Molly, Caroline
 - Note: Caroline, Albert, Gabby, Molly, and Pat were unable to stay for entire call
 - o WSBA Staff: Carolyn M., Kevin P.
- Presentation of May 5, May 10, and May 25 Minutes

Caroline

- o Tom moved to approve; Albert seconded.
- No objections; approved.

Sub-committee Updates and Assignments

Midyear – Final feedback?

Co-Chairs and/or Donya

- N/A
- Mini-CLE Update

- Martha
- Midyear Co-Chairs provided Martha with a list of potential speakers
- Will need to decide whether to hold in-person, virtual, or hybrid
- Consider addressing environmental justice to promote continued learning about biases
- Communications and Website

Molly

- N/A
- Articles/Blog

Donya

- Editor transitions
 - Current editors have been volunteering in that role for several years
 - Andy King is now stepping back
 - Clifford Kato is staying for one more year
- Recruitment process for successors
 - Bylaws identify Editors as non-voting ex officio Board members; no process specified for transitions or selection



- Goal: minimize process while encouraging anyone interested to apply
- Plan: Molly will draft message soliciting statements of interest and qualifications and thanking Andy and Clifford for their service; Carolyn M will send to all Section members
- Will make decision at July EC meeting
- Law School Outreach
 - Writing Competition Proposal
 - WSBA staff had some questions and edits for us to consider
 - What if the winning article has multiple authors? Decision: Specify award is per article, not per author.
 - Need to verify law school enrollment status? Law student fellowship applicants have to provide transcript. Decision: Specify winner will have to provide proof of recent graduation or status as student in order to receive award.
 - Kyler moved to approve above decisions and edits; Martha seconded. No objections; approved.
- Legislative Update

o N/A

Martha/Gabby

Meghan

Budget and Financial Review

Section Budget & Financial Review

- o Discussion of line items for budget request
 - Law student writing competition: annual, one award for \$2,500
 - Law student scholarships: two awards for \$3,000 each
 - Law student networking events: one inperson networking event on Earth Day
 - Mid-year CLE scholarships for law students: none
 - Mid-year CLE scholarships for public interest attorneys: two awards for \$1,000 each; network the recipient
 - Mini CLE events: 2 virtual, 1 in-person;

Gabby/Albert



will raise budget for in-person event

- New lawyer outreach: \$500 for potential mentorship program
- Lost quorum before voting on budget request
 - Kyler to schedule special meeting to approve the budget request before July 1

Old Business

• 2022 Bylaws Review

Postpone to next EC meeting

- Elections Update
 - N/A
- WSBA 2023 Midyear Location
 - Alderbrook can't accommodate hybrid events
 - EC previously sent WSBA staff a list of alternate venues; WSBA provided table showing each of the venues' capabilities/availability
 - Skamania: we received feedback that it's too expensive, lack of food options, and local community can be overtly biased and hostile/intimidating
 - Goal: select a venue that is centrally located for convenience (majority of Section membership lives in King County) and reduction of travel emissions
 - Kyler moved to approve Leavenworth venue (Icicle Village); Donya seconded. None opposed; approved.
 - New: Annual BOG meetings will now be held in the first week of May
 - WSBA staff and technology support needed for BOG meetings and Midyear overlaps; BOG needs trump Section needs
 - Will need to schedule future Midyears during the second week of May

Tom/Robie

Pat

Kevin P.



WSBA/BOG and Section Liaison Updates

- BOG Structure
 - o Recap of case law, litigation status
 - Texas *McDonald* litigation
 - If legislative comments are not about the function of the courts, not germane to the bar
 - Bylaws amendment to prohibit entities from commenting substantively on legislation
 - CLEs, etc. are germane to function of the bar
 - Oregon *Crowe* litigation
 - Remanded to district court
 - SCOTUS denied cert on three cases challenging the integrated bar structure (MI, OX, TX)
 - WA Supreme Court asked BOG to do a structure analysis (called ETHOS)
 - Meetings on June 18, July 23, August 13
 - July 23 meeting is for stakeholder feedback
 - This is the best date for ELUL Section to provide input; can participate in meeting or by sending a letter
 - Important for BOG to hear from as many Sections as possible
 - If the bar is bifurcated, it will increase cost for membership by about \$200 for equivalent services
 - BOG will make recommendation to WA Supreme Court by end of September
 - Kevin will provide a link to the materials

Carolyn

Guest: Kevin P.

Next EC Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 2pm (Tentative)