



ELUL Executive Committee September Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 3:30 – 4:30 PM via Zoom

EC Members in Attendance: Martha Wehling, Jessica Pilgrim, Darren Carnell, Donya Burns, Rachel Sinsheimer

Guest Attendance: Chris Pierce-Wright, Carolyn MacGregor, Dylan Stonecipher, Allyson Bazan, Liza Anderson

1. August meeting minute approval and requests for changes/additions to agenda – *Full EC* – 3:30 – 3:35 – **Vote Required**

Because we did not have a quorum, there was no motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Martha welcomed the new EC members.

4. Suggestions/process for additional blog editor (Annual Goal #3) – *Martha* – 3:50 – 3:55

Martha discussed Derek's change of status, summarized by-laws, and identified options for adding a third blog editor. The EC decided to ask the applications for the EC who did not receive a position if they were interested, and if no one volunteers before the October meeting, send out a request to the list-serv. Chris requested that the Mid-Year planners ask presenters to convert their presentations to a blog article. He noted that they can receive CLE credit for that time.

3. Volunteer for September blog round-up (Annual Goal #3) – *Full EC* – 3:45 – 3:50

There were no volunteers to write the September blog round-up.

2. Annual report and goals for 2024-25 EC – *Martha* – 3:35 – 3:45
 - Discuss EC member suggestions for 2024-25 goals

Donya suggested that the most valuable product is the legislative updates, while the newsletter does not provide the same utility. Jessica proposed alternative language to expand the communication goal. Donya suggested an additional goal would be the value of the Mid-Year and the in-person component.

5. Feedback on interest in and volunteer(s) to plan EC transition social – *Donya* – 3:55 – 4:00

Donya summarized the enthusiasm for an EC social in October combined with the EC meeting in Seattle. She will work with Darren to identify a location and date.

6. Participation in socials with ABA SEER and KCBA ELUL – *Jason* – 4:00 - 4:05 – **Possible vote required**

Martha summarized the possible events that the ELUL Section could co-host with ABA SEER and KCBA.

7. Update on October networking event (Annual Goal #2) – *Rachel* – 4:05 – 4:10

Rachel said the October networking event will be on October 8 at Beveridge & Diamond, and she is planning the event. She asked for a contact at the AGO to include those attorneys. She also notified the group about an ABA/Seattle University entry level event.

8. Purpose of young lawyer/law student events (Annual Goal #2) – *Martha* – 4:10 – 4:15

Martha explained the purpose of the events is collegiality, which unfortunately has not occurred on two occasions in the last five years. If an EC member is in a similar situation, she encourages the member to remind the person that the goal of the Section is to support all practitioners, regardless of practice area or clients. She asked that the events include that goal in the advertisements and in the comments made at the event.

9. Update on 2025 Mid-Year Planning (Annual Goals #1 and 4) – *Rachel* – 4:15 – 4:20

The group discussed feedback on the 2024 Mid-Year and the advantages and disadvantages of an external co-chair. There was much discussion about round tables vs. rectangular tables, a concern with overprogramming the event and not providing time for networking, particularly at the 2025 2-day event, and hosting a catered lunch.

10. Meeting days and times for 2024-25 EC – *Darren* – 4:20 – 4:25

The October meeting date will depend on the location and host of the social event. The meetings for the 2024-2025 term will be based on what works for the new board members.

11. Roundtable and project assistance – *Full EC* – 4:25 – 4:30

Martha thanked Donya for her years of service and valuable contributions to the ELUL Section.

Carolyn notified the group about the October 30 section leaders' orientation and encouraged attendance for anyone considering taking on a leadership role.

Next Meeting:

Date/Time?

- Welcome new EC members
- WSBA request for list-serv/email tracking
- Elections for treasurer and secretary
- Election materials on WSBA's public website

Upcoming Dates:

- September 24: Legal Lunchbox (free) on Environmental Justice
- September 26: ABA SEER Happy Hour at Schwabe (ELUL participating?)
- November 14: ELUL Mini-CLE with Dr. Rachel Palmquist

ELUL EC Annual Goals 10/1/23 – 9/30/24:

Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals & Priorities:	
1	Commitment to make ELUL CLEs accessible for all Section members, regardless of practice or geographic location.
2	Active engagement in law school outreach, provide scholarships, and provide law students with networking opportunities with experienced practitioners.
3	Increase utility of and current content on blog.
4	Decrease expenses and increase revenue to balance the Section budget.
5	Provide timely legislative updates on all bills that affect environmental and land use practitioners.