



WSBA ELUL Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 3 PM via Zoom

Section Members Present: Donya (1), Kyler (2), Tom (3), Robie (4), Jason (5), Albert (6), and Rachel (7) and Gabby (8). There was a quorum (> 50%) of the 11 current EC voting members since 8 were present.

WSBA Staff present: Carolyn MacGregor, Kevin Plachy, Sally Romero, and Natalie Gray.

Call to Order, Introductions, Consent Items (Donya)

- Donya called the meeting to order and reviewed the proposed agenda.
- Presentation of Prior Meeting(s) Minutes (Tom)

Tom presented the draft Minutes from the June regular and special meetings, which had been distributed to the EC by email. Regarding the June 14th Minutes, Tom detailed changes requested by Martha regarding EC members who volunteered to support Mini CLE requests. No requests were made for changes during the meeting. Tom moved the EC for approval, Albert seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The motion was approved. With regard to the June 27th special meeting Minutes, Tom advised no changes had been requested and moved the EC for approval. Albert seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The motion was approved.

A. Updates and Assignments

1. Future Midyears (Martha, All)

See related email/discussion guide

Donya led the EC in discussion of Martha's proposals for adjustments to the Mid-Year seminar format, which had been circulated by her email of July 23. In particular, there was extended discussion of the proposals for discounts or scholarships for government and non-profit attorneys to foster increased attendance.

Donya also led the EC in discussion of the proposal to reconsider the 3-day format, perhaps adopting a 2-day format. There was generally favorable reaction.

The EC also discussed ideas to cohost seminars with other sections and alternating seminar formats in odd and even years. The EC members were skeptical of the alternating format approach.



Tom urged decisions related to Mid-Year planning should be done with an express reference to how they would affect Mid-Year revenue and/or expense to the ELUL budget.

The discussions were tabled. No decisions were made.

2. WSBA Alcohol Policy, Section Leaders Discussion (Martha, Tom, Donya)

See related email

Donya advised the EC about the issue under discussion in the WSBA about potential changes in its alcohol policy (description distributed with the Agenda). Kevin advised that, if the current policy changes were approved, Sections would be able to spend their own funds to purchase alcohol. There was general discussion. No decisions were made.

Action: Donya to send the EC an email asking members to “weigh in” on positions ELUL should make (e.g., support, oppose, take no position).

3. Budget—status of WSBA review and process

DUE AUGUST 18, 2023 (Donya, Carolyn)

See annotated FY24 ELUL Budget (draft)

Donya presented the proposed 2024 budget and WSBA’s response to questions. There was general discussion. Tom stated concern that the EC had not discussed how it would address the negative ending balance appearing in the current draft.

Kyler moved to approve the proposed budget with the caveat that the EC should give Donya authority to add clarifications before submitting it in final form to WSBA. Jason seconded the motion. Tom advised he would abstain. The motion was approved.

The EC accepted Gabby’s offer to volunteer to serve as the EC treasurer on an interim basis.

4. Election Results (Kyler)

Kyler announced the recent ELUL election results. Tom was elected to the office of Chair Elect. With respect to the three new “at large” members, Jessica Pilgram and Allison Bolgiano won positions with 3-year tenures. Nicholas Sweeny was elected to the position with a two-year position. She outlined that, at a future meeting, the EC will be required to appoint someone to fill the 1-year term remaining at the end of Tom’s existing term due to his election to Vice Chair.



5. Mini-CLE Update (Jason, Caroline)

Jason presented his ideas in work about holding mini CLEs in 2023, one in combination with the animal law section.

The EC discussed the status of mini-CLE format, including potential to adjust to “virtual only” and/or hold the seminar at the WSBA conference center. It was reported Beveridge and Diamond is considering a proposal to hold a seminar at one of their meeting rooms. Rachel advised the EC of preliminary discussion of the idea to hold seminars at law school locations.

6. ELUL Monthly Meeting Time (Donya)

We landed on 12 PM, but given add'l comments from folks, we should discuss this further.

There was general discussion. No decisions were made.

7. Communications and Website (Gabby, Caroline)

Recent website and social media updates.

There was no discussion of this topic.

8. Articles/Blog (Gabby, Caroline)

Updates regarding blog contributions/ recruitment.

There was no discussion of this topic.

9. Law School Outreach (Rachel, Gabby)

Mentorship program, status.

There was no discussion of this topic.

10. Legislative Updates (Gabby, Martha)

There was no discussion of this topic.

B. Budget Issues and Financial Review

- **Section Financials (Donya, Carolyn)**
See att. June 2023 financial reports

See above for the Minutes of this discussion.



C. WSBA/BOG and Section Liaison Updates

Updates (as raised) (none known for July) (BOG Liaisons, Others)

There was no discussion of this topic.

D. Old Business

11. None (7/26)

E. New Business

- **Other business? (All)**

The EC discussed plans to recognize/celebrate the EC members who are “rotating off” (Robie, Albert, Kyler).

F. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 3-4:30 PM (?)

Via Zoom