



## **WSBA ELUL Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 3 PM via Zoom

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

WSBA Staff present: Carolyn MacGregor

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting Minutes, Tom advised no changes had been requested and moved the EC for approval. Donya seconded Martha abstained. There was no opposition. The motion was approved.

### **A. Updates and Assignments**

1. Meeting time. Donya presented the issue about scheduling time. She offered that the current EC seems to favor the second Wednesday of the month at 3pm. There was a consensus a decision should be deferred until the new Chair and EC members were in place. No action was taken.
2. Scheduling for Sept. In-Person Meeting.  
Donya led a discussion of options for the meeting. No decisions were made.
3. ELUL Writing Competition. Rachel introduced the proposals that had been submitted in the competition. The EC discussed the various entries. There was general consensus that the number and amount(s) of prize money awarded reflecting the competitive nature of the submissions.



Decision. Donya made motion to appoint Rachel and Gabbie as the decision-making panel for the writing competition, including the prizes awarded. Kyler seconded. There was no opposition. The Motion was approved.

4. WSBA Alcohol Policy. Martha laid out the issue and how the proposal would change the status quo. There was general discussion. Members agreed, regardless of the Bar's decision, ELUL always should take care to manage receptions carefully to avoid abusive drinking situations.

Decision: Donya moved the EC to approve an ELUL position in favor of the Bar's proposed policy change. Albert seconded. Kyler abstained. The others voted in favor. The motion was approved.

5. Voting by email – refresher. Carolyn outlined the Bar's rules regarding procedures for EC votes. There was general discussion.
6. Budget Donya asked for input on how to change the proposed budget line item for EC expenses. She recounted an off-line discussion among the officers and Bar Staff. She expressed the concern that the current \$15,000 is too high. There was a robust discussion. A previous EC decision gave Donya the authority to adjust the budget figures as appropriate and she advised she will adjust the budget request, as appropriate, and submit it to the Bar.
7. Donya checked in with Jason regarding the status of Mini CLE planning. He provided a brief overview and stated he did not have requests for "help needed" at this time.
8. 2024 Midyear. There was general discussion of EC goals and issues regarding next year's conference.
9. Martha and Donya led discussion of how the EC should address filling the remainder of Tom's 3-year term after he takes Chair Elect post in October, creating a vacancy. The EC discussed the resulting opportunity to appoint an EC member to fill the vacancy. Carolyn explained it is necessary to delay action until October when the vacancy actually occurs.



**10. Communications and Website (Gabby, Caroline)**

*Recent website and social media updates.*

There was no discussion of this topic.

**11. Articles/Blog (Gabby, Caroline)**

*Updates regarding blog contributions/ recruitment.*

There was no discussion of this topic.

**12. Law School Outreach (Rachel, Gabby)**

*Mentorship program, status.*

There was no discussion of this topic.

**13. 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**

14. 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, September 13, 2023, 3-4:30 PM  
Via Zoom