

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

May 2025 Full Executive Committee Meeting

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| Date: | May 19, 2025 |
| Invitees: | Elena Praggastis, Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG), Maddie Haller, Sabrina Marquez, and Anna Clavel |
| Attendees: | Elena Praggastis, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, and Maddie Haller |
| Call to Order: | 12:00 PM |
| Adjourn: | 12:40 PM |
| Approved on: | 6/23/2025, 12:05pm, June 2025 Full EC Meeting |
| Agenda: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair opening comments (<i>Elena</i>) 2. Minutes approval for last month's meeting (<i>Genta</i>) 3. WSBA updates, including Advisory Opinions comments request (re Firm Name Use and OLTA Funds Dispute, respectively) (<i>Carolyn</i>) 4. Board of Governors updates (<i>Emily</i>) 5. Board of Governors post-meeting networking dinner report (<i>Elena</i>) 6. 2025-2026 term election updates (<i>Elena</i>) 7. Financial updates - fiscal year 2026 section budgeting process (<i>Ricci</i>) 8. Subcommittee updates: Communications (<i>Stephanie</i>) 9. October retreat updates (<i>Elena</i>) |
| Minutes: | <p><i>Note that the meeting began with Elena noting that several members were absent such that we do not have a quorum. Elena also shared that Bebe Vanek will join future meetings as a non-voting member. A quorum was reached once Andrew joined the meeting.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair opening comments (<i>Elena</i>) <p>- Given that May is the Mental Health Awareness Month, Elena encouraged everyone to be aware of the importance of mental health. Elena commented that mental health is especially important for lawyers who are often stressed (i.e., prioritizing their clients' demands before taking care of their own health first).</p> |

2. Minutes approval for last month's meeting (Genta)

- The April meeting minutes were approved after we had a quorum. Genta circulated them to Carolyn to be uploaded to our website.

3. WSBA updates, including Advisory Opinions comments request (re Firm Name Use and OLTA Funds Dispute, respectively) (Carolyn)

- On behalf of Carolyn who could not make it to the meeting, Elena discussed the WSBA advisory opinion on IOLTA funds and firm name use. Elena will circulate the IOLTA funds advisory opinion via the member listserve to seek comments from the section.

4. Board of Governors updates (Emily)

- (Skipped due to Emily not being able to attend the meeting.)

5. Board of Governors post-meeting networking dinner report (Elena)

- Elena reported on her attendance at the Board of Governors post-meeting networking dinner in Port Angeles, where she suggested to the Governors that it might be beneficial for sections to have a permanent / long-term Board of Governors liaison. (Right now, the liaison changes annually.) Her suggestion was warmly received.

6. 2025-2026 term election updates (Elena)

- Elena shared that the nominating committee was able to generate a full slate of nominees for the upcoming term. She encouraged everyone to please vote once the slate is released to the section members.

7. Financial updates - fiscal year 2026 section budgeting process (Ricci)

- Ricci reported that the current budget stands at \$68,100.13, down from the initial \$74,000. She is working on a draft budget for fiscal year 2026 and will email Carolyn for clarification on the approval process. Ricci will send the draft budget to Elena once ready and also set up a follow-up meeting with her to discuss specifics. Finally, Ricci asked for confirmation of the current section dues, which was confirmed to be \$20.00.

8. Subcommittee updates: Communications (Stephanie)

- With respect to the newsletter draft, Stephanie will circulate it to this Executive Committee for final review after WSBA has had a chance to review it first.

- The joint virtual half-day CLE with the Labor & Employment Law Section is scheduled for August 27, 2025, from 1pm to 5pm. Stephanie shared that the CLE will cover the following four topics: immigration and foreign national hiring considerations (handled by our section), labor unions (handled by the Labor & Employment Section), workplace safety and nondiscrimination protections (also handled by the Labor & Employment Section), and physician contracting and employment issues (handled by our section). The CLE revenues will be split evenly between the two sections, and the program costs will be set at the standard rate. A letter of agreement has been drafted and already sent to the Labor & Employment Law Section. Please let Stephanie know if anyone has ideas on potential speakers for the topics.

- Stephanie also reported that she has confirmed a speaker (i.e., her former colleague) for a corporate practice of medicine talk. The exact date/time has not been finalized yet, but the general idea is to hold the talk sometime in July. Elena asked Stephanie to please circulate calendar holds for both the joint CLE and the corporate practice of medicine talk.

9. October retreat updates (Elena)

- Once we get closer to the October date, Elena will send out a survey to gather information about attendees' lodging preferences and other details.

Please note that some material in these meeting minutes was generated by Zoom's Meeting Summary feature and reviewed for accuracy by Genta Iwasaki.