

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

January 2025 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	January 27, 2025
Invitees:	Elena Praggastis, Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG)
In attendance:	Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG)
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
Adjourn:	1:00 PM
Approved on:	2/24/2025, 12:05pm, February 2025 Full EC Meeting
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair opening comments (<i>Stephanie on behalf of Elena</i>) 2. Minutes approval (<i>Genta; Stephanie</i>) 3. Open positions – Young Lawyer Liaison; At-Large Member (<i>Adrian</i>) 4. Board of Governors updates (<i>Emily</i>) 5. Financial update (<i>Ricci</i>) 6. Membership dues increase (<i>Stephanie</i>) 7. Retreat Planning for the Next Term (<i>Stephanie</i>) 8. Subcommittee updates: Community Engagement (<i>Adrian</i>) 9. Subcommittee updates: Communications (<i>Stephanie</i>) 10. WSBA updates (<i>Carolyn</i>) 11. Health Law Section Survey (<i>Stephanie on behalf of Elena</i>)
Minutes:	<p><u>1. Chair opening comments (<i>Stephanie on behalf of Elena</i>)</u> - Stephanie wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year to those who are celebrating!</p> <p><u>2. Minutes approval (<i>Genta; Stephanie</i>)</u> - The meeting minutes from the December meeting were approved. Genta circulated them to Carolyn to be uploaded to our website.</p> <p><u>3. Open positions – Young Lawyer Liaison; At-Large Member (<i>Adrian</i>)</u> - Sabrina Marquez, an associate at Polsinelli, is potentially interested in becoming the next Young Lawyer Liaison. - The At-Large Member position continues to be open. - Adrian can send out a recruitment email once we have more clarity on next year's executive committee election process.</p>

4. Board of Governors updates (Emily)

- Emily provided updates re (i) the recently-approved Entity Regulation Order [summarized here](#) and its [corresponding order](#), (ii) the Legal Technology Task Force's recently-submitted [interim report](#), (iii) [the recent bylaws change](#) recommended by the Member Status Workgroup, and (iv) the Member Wellbeing Task Force Survey that will be circulated to all WSBA members tomorrow, Tuesday, January 28th.
- Emily also shared that Christopher Bhang (the EEO Officer with the King County Metro Transit) has been chosen as the newest At-Large Member to the Board of Governors.
- The Board of Governors' DEI Council will need more time than originally anticipated to update the Equity & Justice Plan. The current plan is to submit the proposed Plan updates for approval at the next Board of Governors' meeting in March 2025.
 - Mikaela asked Emily whether the DEI Council has discussed re President Trump's executive order addressing DEI. Emily responded that no such discussion has taken place yet as far as she knows.

5. Financial update (Ricci)

- No update.

6. Membership dues increase (Stephanie)

- About two thirds of WSBA sections currently charge \$30 or more for membership dues. Meanwhile, our Health Law Section charges only \$20 out of which WSBA takes \$18 (hence, the Health Law Section only makes \$2 profit per each member). Discussion was had about what the EC members think about increasing the dues for our section.
- Andrew asked about possibly looking into hardship exceptions for membership dues.
- Next step is to pick up discussion again at the next monthly meeting when Elena is back.
- The dues increase, if/when approved, will go into effect next year 2026.

7. Retreat Planning for the Next Term (Stephanie)

- Woodmark Hotel & Spa (in Kirkland) reached out to see if our section would like to host the 2025 – 2026 term retreat there. They have provided an estimate in the amount of \$10,000.
- Given the high estimate amount, a discussion was had about how to pare down the retreat programs (if any) to cut costs. Namely, a discussion was had about whether it is necessary to have the retreat over a few days that would necessitate hotel stays for participants. (FYI previous retreats were done as an all-day event without any

hotel stays.)

- As for location, many members felt that it should be near where most of the next term's members are located. (The next term members will be decided in July.) Traditionally, most members have resided in King County, so to the extent the next term members are similarly from King County, it makes sense to have the retreat in or near King County. An exception for a one night hotel compensation may possibly be made for those members not from King County or nearby places.
- The Woodmark estimate was valid until December 31, 2024, but Stephanie has managed to get them to keep the estimate open for a little longer.
- Stephanie will begin reaching out to other locations and ask for their estimates for comparison. We will continue discussing this at the next monthly meeting.

8. Subcommittee updates: Community Engagement (Adrian)

- Stephanie, Elena, Andrew and Adrian were able to attend a kick-off dinner with law school students helping us plan and host the Student Health Law Fair.
- The first kick-off meeting will be held in early February.
- Andrew has volunteered to work with the students to organize a potential presentation re the corporate practice of medicine.
- The Student Health Law Fair is expected to be held in April, but the exact date is still TBD.
- With respect to the canceled Kraken game social event, Adrian explained that it had to be canceled for the failure to adhere to two WSBA policies: (i) the reimbursement policy, and (ii) the plus-one policy. Specifically, any social event must include a business purpose in order for WSBA to reimburse costs, and any event that allows participants to bring plus-one's must be offered to the entire section members (and not just to the executive committee members).
- Carolyn also added that there is a reasonableness factor to consider for the next time. Specifically, when the proposed cost per person is significant, WSBA will look closely to see if such high cost is reasonable and/or justifiable given the stated event purpose. To avoid any cancellations in the future, Carolyn advised that any proposed event with high cost per person be brought to the WSBA's immediate attention so that WSBA can point out any concerns as soon as possible before the event gets advertised. Finally, Carolyn shared that WSBA's fiscal policies applicable to sections may be found on the Volunteer Toolbox in Chapters 6 and 10, respectively.

9. Subcommittee updates: Communications (Stephanie)

- Stephanie has submitted the keyword search updates to the WSBA's Legislative Tracking Team. Stephanie asked if anyone from the Community Engagement subcommittee would also like to receive updates from the Legislative Tracking Team, but no one volunteered on the spot.
- Preparation for the newsletter is underway, with the first edition slated to be issued on June 2nd. The subcommittee members are continuing to discuss structure/tone of

the newsletter. The newsletter is expected to be a one-stop shop for local health care community news, with sections dedicated to articles/editorials, community updates (e.g., internship/employment news, promotions, retirements), and pro bono / scholarship opportunities.

- Stephanie asked whether WSBA has sample language re disclaimer to include in the proposed newspaper, and Carolyn responded that she can send another section's newsletter from which we can pull out and tweak the disclaimer language.

- The one-credit CLE re "What to expect under the new administration for health care" is officially scheduled with WSBA. It will be held on March 11th during 11:30 – 12:30. There will be three presenters, namely two from the Washington State Hospital Association and one from the Washington State Medical Association. The CLE is expected to cover the topics of immigration enforcement, reproductive rights, gender affirming treatments, and government payment programs, among other topics.

- Stephanie is soliciting short biographies (2-3 sentences) for each executive committee member to put on the updated WSBA section website. In addition to the short biographies, people's LinkedIn profile links are also welcomed. Stephanie will circulate an email reminding people to please provide these information to her by March 1st.

10. WSBA updates (Carolyn)

- WSBA hosted the first of the Section Leaders Election Process Drop-In Sessions last week. (The next session will be on Tuesday, February 4th at 2 pm.) The presenters explained the election process and took questions from participants.

- WSBA's Member Engagement Council is requesting input from all section leaders to determine whether to propose to change the fiscal policy to allow the use of section funds to purchase alcohol. The input is due February 6th. To the extent it is determined to recommend changing the policy, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for further discussion.

11. Health Law Section Survey (Stephanie on behalf of Elena)

- WSBA will be circulating our section's survey to all section members in the next few days. The survey will ask what the members expect and want to get out of their health law section membership.