

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WSBA REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE & TRUST SECTION

Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Sun Mountain Lodge

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jessica Carr, Jessica Cohen, Adam Hattenburg, Matthew Reinikka, Emily Kelly, Michelle Mendoza, David Rubenstein, Taylor Kuykendall, Keaton Hille, Liberty Upton, Brent Williams-Ruth, Ryan Montgomery, Alex Hurt, Nathan Smith, Matthew Dresden, Kristy Hoad

	Item	Executive Committee Member
1.	Call to Order, Welcome (Roster), Introductions, Establishment of Quorum	Carr
2.	Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved	Carr
3.	Connection Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience as section member (best benefit)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CLEs (esp. midyear)○ Legislative tracker• Ideas for further support of members<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ More CLEs (free/reduced cost mini CLEs)○ Legislative advocacy○ Pro bono opportunities○ Networking (in person, students)○ Increase number of fellows, and delegate different duties/areas○ Revamp web editor role – membership manager (link to networking)○ Quarterly email from chair to all members	Carr/Hille
4.	Financial and Section Membership Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong, maybe too much money	Carr/Hille
5.	Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document management<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bar discontinued service after two years○ New Section Google drive; documents moving over currently (connected to Section Gmail account)	Carr/Smith

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move Newsletter and website documents to new drive as well ● Annual Calendar tracking for Section activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One resource to help track and keep on top of all events throughout course of year ○ First draft/sample circulated at meeting ○ Add Newsletter publications 	
6.	<p>RPPT Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fellows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need two new: 1 RP; 1 PT ○ Supposed to be appointed by midyear, but don't take office until 10/1 ○ Appoint by/at December meeting (but check to see if in person vote req'd) ● Update to Section Bylaws for 2026 elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shift election process to precede midyear ○ Add third fellow (not operative for current fellow situation) ○ Need someone to pickup work by Andrew Benson – review for internal consistency re: election timing, roles & titles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nathan & Keaton to do ▪ Complete by December and get approval by BOG in January ● Discuss EC recruitment at CLEs (both in person and online) 	Carr/Smith
7.	<p>Newsletter Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fallen behind by one edition, summer now to be published in fall ● Planning on January publication after that, and then back to regular quarterly publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DISCUSSION: change publication schedule to 2 or 3 times pers year ○ Maybe change one publication to be a little less formal/Section announcements ● Need authors/articles, and editing work for winter publication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruit 4-5 ● Schedule TBD, need to update 	Rubenstein/Hurt
8.	<p>Website and Technology Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Status of RPPT website cleanup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Almost finished, doing fine tuning currently ○ Should be finished by Thursday 	Hoad

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progress on solution for listserv <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Painfully slow to get movement ○ Hard to get current provider to share info with potential new providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D. Rubenstein had recommendation for new provider ○ Discussing what other sections are doing ○ Working fairly smoothly currently; internal improvements made ○ Timeline to get things moved: 6 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can test new system at that time 	
9.	<p>Continuing Legal Education Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Real Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12/9 date; on website and registration open ○ Speakers and topics set ● Probate & Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12/10 date; on website and registration open ○ Agenda needs updating 	Hille/Montgomery/Cohen
10.	<p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Real Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trying to enact Uniform Mortgage Modification Act ○ Ask Matt to review ● Probate & Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big proposed change to probate process – related to probate for profit scheme recently in news ○ AG’s office put forth proposals to Title 11, and shared with our group ○ Proposals weren’t narrowly focused, could have substantial impact on current efficient probate system ○ Met with drafters from AG’s office and submitted changes; received revised version from AG, and sent redline version back ○ Megan Farr, Elder Law Section, wants to discuss new law with our Section 	Hille/Montgomery/Cohen
11.	<p>Fellows/Young Lawyers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midyear event went well ● Want to get essay competition going again ● Announcements: Can we do better? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More compact/precise ○ Outreach to new/younger members/attorneys 	Romnor/Kuykendall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EP networking event at UW Law School on 10/9 – put on by Seattle EPC and Section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Something our Section could do as well • Matching law students with Section members for coffee / smaller engagements 	
12.	<p>Board of Governors Liaison Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 meetings since last Section meeting • Approved items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definition and name of young lawyer – less than 10 years of practice ○ Sections can purchase alcohol (Section will discuss at December meeting) ○ Oath review task force created ○ 3 year strategic plan – mostly high level goals ○ Changed license fee exemption based on financial need – can now claim three times ○ License fees going up \$10 next cycle, and then evaluated every year based on COLA • Legislative policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Desire to let sections continue doing what they’ve been doing – thinking about how to do that without incurring legal risk • Legal Technology Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivered report – most likely to create work group to review and implement proposals • New licensing pathways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SC authorized new alternative pathways to get licensed (other than bar exam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other than waiver, can do “internship” while in law school, or after graduation to gain “core competencies” ▪ “Capstone project” ○ Working on how to implement – should have something in Spring 2026 to proposed to SC to be implemented for class of 2027 • New version of bar exam – starts July 2026 (administered in Yakima) • Law clerk program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tutors can now take on 2 instead of 1 • Entity regulation pilot project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application period starting 10/21 	Dresden
13.	<p>Midyear Meeting Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 – Vancouver 	Hille

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 5-7, Hilton Vancouver ○ Liberty and Michelle are co-chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May have leftover topics from 2025 midyear ● 2027 - ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 4-6 ○ Getting pricing info currently; leaning toward Yakima or Wenatchee ○ Still need co-chairs <p>Midyear Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Usually in the spring ● Can we put application into online form? 	Montgomery
14.	<p>2026 Executive Committee Retreat - ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thinking Walla Walla, but not set in stone ● Maybe Leavenworth (Oktoberfest could be an issue) 	Hille
15.	<p>Adjourn/Expense Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approved <p>Lunch/RP and PT Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>Carr</p> <p>Montgomery/Hille</p>