

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WSBA REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE & TRUST SECTION

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 12:00 PM
Stokes Lawrence, PS

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AGENDA

	Item	Executive Committee Member
1.	Call to Order, Welcome (Roster), Establishment of Quorum	Carr
2.	Approval of Minutes December 3, 2025 – approved	Carr
3.	Financial and Section Membership Report Only big expense was retreat	Carr/Hille
4.	RPPT Elections; Bylaws Update; Recruiting - Changes around items discussed at last meeting - Defining criteria for “fellows” - Adjusting title for web editor to be more of a “membership coordinator” & increase to 2 - Shifting to 4 fellows (up from 2) - Need memo to BOG outlining changes - Need to build this into procedure for updates - Plan: online meeting in March to review - Redoing election timeline to better integrate with annual meeting - GOAL: get in place for next election cycle after upcoming elections - Nathan will circulate draft - Recruiting – make it a group effort	Smith/Hille/Carr
5.	Newsletter Update Winter publication deadline pushed back; on track to publish in March/April	Rubenstein/Hurt

	- o Missing RP case law update • Spring publication – need help recruiting • Recruiting – might be easier if we rebrand: idea “RPPT Journal” - o Reach out to EPC quarterly speakers to see if they’d be willing to convert presentations into articles	
6.	Website and Technology Update • Listserv alternatives - o Trial: Groups.io - o Pilot with whole group - o \$100-\$150/month - o David spearheading • Current listserv: Mailman - o Very old/rudimentary • How do we get everyone who wants to be on listserv? - o Auto enroll? - o Send new link to all members when new listserv is active • New website: are there issues with launch? Not sure - o What is cost for website management? \$2,400 per year + line item costs - o Budget: \$5,000 per year	Hoad/Rubenstein
7.	Continuing Legal Education Update • Real Property - o 4/21 – virtual; half-day (2 to 3 hours) ▪ ISSUE: Same date as next RPPT exec mtg ▪ Do CLE 9-Noon, then RPPT exec mtg 1-3 - o Coordinate with June CLE - o Topics ▪ Residential evictions and foreclosures ▪ Recent court cases re: brokers • Probate & Trust - o Sally Romero putting on general EP training – might be good to pass along info to members - o Midyear + Dec CLE is sufficient	Montgomery/Hille/Cohen

	- o Maybe have fellows put something on - o TEDRA not scheduled; who is in charge? ▪ Ryan to “nag” Tiffany • Should RPPT have social event instead of CLE in winter? - o Maybe have fellows put this on	
8.	Legislation Update • Real Property - o Number bills related to increasing housing supply • Probate & Trust - o “Probate for Profit” bill from AG’s office ▪ Updated version from about a week ago accepted most of RPPT’s proposals ▪ Floor amendments adopted today - o Charities named as beneficiaries – have trouble getting paid timely ▪ RPPT killed this bill in WA - o Reminder: estate tax rates and exemption amount increased 7/1/25 ▪ Bill introduced to reduce rates back to pre-7/1/25 rates; don’t have confidence this will pass • Legislative Tracker	Montgomery/Hille/Cohen
9.	Fellows/Young Lawyers Report • Spoke at SU Law to Real Estate Law Assn - o A lot of opportunities for law school outreach • Essay writing competition for mid-year attendance for law students - o Fellows to come up with topics by March - o Winning essays to be published in Journal • UW networking event 3/31 - o RPPT merchandise ideas ▪ Notebooks, water bottles, can koozies	Romnor/Kuykendall/Sevier

10.	WSBA BOG Liaison Report • At last mtg, presentation on new pass score for next gen bar exam – 266 (other states range from 260-270) - o Adopted recommendation to keep it the same at 266 - o Went to WA Supreme Court – adopted 260 passing score and made it retroactive to 2020 • Entity regulation pilot project - o Rolled out in October; only one application so far (AI powered estate planning company) • Jan Mtg - o Charter approved for work group to brainstorm justice gap - o Section viability review – if section under 75 members 2 years in a row ▪ Work on ways to assist • BOG applications now open	Dresden
11.	WSBA Alcohol Policy • Brent suggestion – amend bylaws to not have section pay for, but don't need separate invoices (help streamline actual logistics of getting alcohol to location) - o Lots of discussion around policy; no consensus; reserved for further discussion - o Don't need to incorporate new policy into bylaws	Carr/Williams-Ruth
12.	Midyear Meeting Updates • 2026 – Vancouver Hilton (June 5-7) - o Things coming along well; locking down final speaker spots • 2027 – ? - o Slow process in nailing down site; either Marcus Whitman in Walla Walla or Yakima Convention Center - o Still need a co-chair - o Timing will be later in June (maybe, 11th-13th)	Hille Montgomery

13.	2026 Retreat No date or location set yet	Hille
14.	Adjourn/Expense Approval – approved RP/PT breakout sessions if needed	Carr