

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 18, 2022

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, David Sprinkle, Ron Thompson, Jim Riehl, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Carole Grayson, Steve DeForest, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Brian Comstock, Morrie Shore and Carolyn MacGregor, WSBA Sections Program Specialist. Not able to be present was BOG Liaison Jordan Couch.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Eleanor welcomed the attendees, expressing gratitude that we all apparently survived the recent snow.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's minutes of our November 16 meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron stated that the WSBA had finally gotten its financial information to him, after which he prepared two Treasurer's Reports—one for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, and one for the first month of the present fiscal year, October 1 through October 31, 2021. Ron explained that the WSBA, because their fiscal year starts on January 1 and the sections' fiscal year begins on October 1 (three months earlier), 25% of the membership revenue (as well as 25% of our membership total) would be subtracted from our section's fiscal year-end total and applied as income for the first month of our new fiscal year, that is, in this case, the month of October 2021. Ron thus noted that the dues revenue and membership numbers from 2021 are not fully reflected in our end-of-fiscal-year report, but the respective numbers total the same amount, when both reports are read together, keeping the Bar's rationale in mind. Our membership is now at 258.

Our fund balance at the end of the last fiscal year was \$13,474.88. Our fund total at the end of October 2021 was \$13,914.77.

Both of Ron's reports were approved by Motion.

BYLAWS REVISIONS PROCESS

On January 6, 2022, the Washington State Supreme Court approved the BOG's revisions of the WSBA's Bylaws allowing Bar sections to amend their respective bylaws to allow inactive members to act as voting members of the respective sections' executive committees.

The next step is up to us. Discussion was had about the intricacies of amending our Bylaws. Would the present meeting constitute an “official” meeting to consider and vote on the proposed changes to our current Bylaws? Carole and Eleanor had labored over and circulated the proposed revisions, set forth in red type. Julienne indicated that we would need to give a new, separate 7-day notice. Eleanor asked if we could have a discussion now and then vote in 7-days. Carolyn indicated we would need to give the 7-day notice before we have agreed to all the changes. Brian asked if the vote approving the changes could be submitted via email. Carolyn advised that only personal attendance would be acceptable. Carole asked if the BOG would consider the meeting today as just a first-read. Carolyn said the BOG wouldn’t. It was noted that the deadline to submit our final revisions would be January 28, if we wish to finalize the process before the upcoming section executive committee elections.

Eleanor said she would circulate an official notice of the revisions meeting. She noted that we needed at least 5 attendees to constitute a quorum.

UPCOMING SECTIONS ELECTIONS

On the previous Friday, Executive Committee officers received an email from WSBA Sections Program Coordinator Omar Abdulla alerting section members of the upcoming election of executive committee positions. It was agreed that Eleanor, Carole and non-executive committee member Mike Frost (should Mr. Frost agree) would once again constitute our Nomination Subcommittee. The Set-Up Form, included as an attachment to Mr. Abdulla’s email, needs to be completed and submitted to the WSBA by February 14. The Set-Up Form confirms the number and type of positions open, provides for the identification of the Nomination Subcommittee members and sets forth various election-related timelines, among other items.

ELEANOR WISHES TO STEP DOWN AS CHAIR THIS NEXT OCTOBER 1st

Our Chair Eleanor indicated that she anticipates extensive community commitments in the near future and thus wishes to relinquish her current Executive Committee position. She asked the Executive Committee members to give some thought to who her replacement might be. Eleanor said she intends to remain as a non-officer Executive Committee member.

OUR MINI-CLEs

Eleanor said she plans to have Pete Roberts (head of the old WSBA LOMAP program and Margeaux Green, current director of the Bar’s Legal Practice Management Department, speak at our next mini-CLE. This will be a 1 and ½ hour event. She and David are in the process of working with the WSBA’s Shanthi Raghu to learn about using webcast technology, which would allow viewers to see the presenters in real time.

ANNUAL CLE

Our Committee remains at the mercy of pandemic-necessitated precautions with respect to our annual CLE, planned tentatively in April or May. As we have not signed a formal contract with the Marriott, our provisional date of May 14 is no longer available. In the event an in-person event

is indeed held, proof of full vaccination and/or proof of a negative COVID test would be required of the attendees. Jim noted that the ABA's convention in April is set to be an on-line affair. Jim said it is doubtful that our CLE could be held on an in-person basis. Brian stated that in-person attendance in churches and other meetings are sparse these days. Carole said that she does not wish to keep our planned presenter in the dark about the nature of our program. Ron made a Motion to put the planning for our Spring CLE on hold for now. The Motion passed.

NEWSLETTER

Eleanor said that she, Morrie and Jim should convene soon to get the preparation of the next issue under way. Public Benefit Corporations were mentioned as a topic. Morrie said that Brent Sutherland was still willing to give us some materials on this subject.

ADJOURNMENT

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on February 15, 2022 at 10:30 am.