

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

**MAY 16, 2022**

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

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor welcomed the attendees.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al's minutes of our April 19, 2022 meeting were approved by Motion. The minutes will contain, as the suggestion of Jim, more ideas as to possible sources of stories for our newsletter, that were discussed at our April meeting. Also, This Writer changed one heading in the April minutes from "upcoming election elections" to read upcoming section elections."

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Eleanor reiterated that Steve will act as Interim Treasurer, with Joe assuming those duties next year. The WSBA Statement of Activities for March, 2022, attached to the meeting Agenda, reflected Section dues revenue of \$6,862.50, with a per-member WSBA charge totaling \$5,147.60. Our Section fund balance was \$15,183.52 as of March 31.

It is getting near to budget time. The first draft of the budget for the next fiscal year is due July 1. It was agreed that Joe and Eleanor will work on this.

Steve stated that the annual Section dues should remain the same for next year.

**STATUS OF SECTION ELECTIONS**

Carole, Mike Frost and Jeanine constitute our Elections Subcommittee. Carole indicated that we are all on the Section ballot or soon to be placed on the Section ballot. We also have two Senior Lawyers members who have placed themselves on the ballot, William Cameron of Lummi Island and Jennifer Rydberg of Kent. Al is on the ballot for Secretary and Joe is in the Treasurer slot. Alas, the position of Chair will be listed as "open."

**YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON**

Carole announced that Sabiha Ahmad intends to act as our Section's Young Lawyer Liaison. Carole recalled that Ms. Ahmad was a student of hers several years ago. She has recently passed the bar exam. It was suggested that Ms. Ahmad could also serve on the Webinar Subcommittee, along with Eleanor and David. Jim thought that would be a "great idea."

### **OUR MINI-CLE NEXT WEEK, MAY 26**

At this time, we do not know how many have registered for our show; Carolyn said she didn't have that information at hand. Carole said she has sent out the notice of the event. It was decided to discuss Webinars at our June meeting.

### **NEWSLETTER**

The Committee was very pleased with our recent newsletter. Jim praised Eleanor's column as well as Brian's tribute to our late Treasurer, Ron. Jim said his goal is to get another newsletter out by the end of June. He urged us to submit articles for this next effort. Articles need to be submitted by about the first week of June. He estimated that a typical newsletter would contain writings addressing about six to eight topics. It was mentioned that attorney Elizabeth Bottman, a new Senior Lawyers Section member, had suggested an article about retirement transitions. Jim opined that that would make for a good lead article.

Several other aspects and possibilities for our newsletter were discussed. The feasibility of providing links in our current articles to those appearing in earlier issues of our publication, or perhaps other publications from other sections, and the degree to which we wish to approach "hot button" issues such as those which will be raised under the anticipated treatment of *Roe v. Wade* by the U.S. Supreme Court. Eleanor express thanks to Britt Sutherland for her work getting our newsletter printed, and noted that she had done this work for under \$500. Jim concurred.

### **CONTINUEING BAR STRUCTURE QUESTION**

The BOG has scheduled several opportunities for Bar members to opine about the bar structure question---whether or not to bifurcate the WSBA, and any middle ground that may satisfy the concerns of the U.S. Supreme Court. The BOG will be accepting comments from the Bar members until sometime in August. Carolyn forwarded to all E.C. members, during the meeting, a link for WSBA members to express their individual views to the BOG. It was asked whether we should put together a statement from our Committee. Steve mentioned that it may be difficult to put a statement on these issues on the Bar website. Eleanor wondered if there have been any subsequent cases handed down by the Supreme Court since the *Janus* case of 2018. It was suggested that we may want to place this matter on next month's agenda.

### **A CHANGE TO OUR MEETNG TIMES**

The Committee decided to alter our traditional meeting dates to the second Wednesday of each meeting month. This change will go into effect immediately. The time of day of the meetings will remain the same.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on June 8, 2022 at 10:30 am.