

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

July 16, 2025

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members and WSBA personnel were present at this meeting: Interim Chair Carole Grayson, Steve DeForest, Al Armstrong, David Sprinkle, Bill Cameron, Jenny Rydberg, WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor, Young Lawyer Liaison Ruth Apahidean. WSBA Education Programs Lead Rachel Matz, and BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price, Jr. Not able to be present was Joe Gordon and Laurin Schweet.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

Carole welcomed the attendees, noting that this is the first of three E.C. meetings she is to Chair on an interim basis.

Carole informed us that Joe had taken a fall at his home which required him to be hospitalized, preventing his attendance today. His legal assistant told Carole that Joe is "on the mend." Carole conveyed to the assistant her wishes for Joe's speedy recovery on behalf of all of us.

Carole asked us if we had each received a complementary a leather-bound note book and luggage I.D. tag, given in appreciation of our participation in the WSBACommunity pilot project. Most, if not all, attendees replied in the affirmative.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our June 18 meeting were approved by Motion. Jenny said she had not been a high school editor and therefore requested that her name be deleted from those listed in the minutes. Al said he would do this.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As Joe, our treasurer, was unable to join us this morning, the latest financial information from the WSBA (as of May 31) was shared by Carolyn. We had one new Section member join us that month, and our fund balance stood at \$12,919.64. There were no expenses in May. This report was approved by Motion. Carolyn noted that the WSBA generally issues its section financial reports for the preceding full-calendar month after our mid-month meetings; that is why the reports always seem to be a little behind.

Carolyn also informed us that Joe's preliminary budget proposal, which was approved by our Committee at our last meeting, will be submitted as a final budget as there were no changes deemed necessary.

SECTION ELECTIONS

It was announced that the slate of candidates, all running unopposed, were reelected. David will be our new Chair, and Al and Joe will retain their previous appointments. The election results were transmitted to Carole, who forward them to all E.C. members.

David indicated that he will reach out again to the current WSBA President, Sunitha Anjilvel, in an effort to persuade her to join our Executive Committee following the completion of her term as Bar president.

REBRANDING DISCUSSION

Laurin had prepared a notice-ballot regarding our possible name change, to be sent via Listserv to our Section membership, following our review. The notice draft set forth some renaming options, such as Older and Wiser Lawyers (OWL), Senior Leadership Section, Experienced Leadership Section, Lawyers and Leadership Section, and Senior Leadership Lawyers. Several additional suggestions were made by the meeting attendees. Carolyn wondered whether we should let the notice recipients make their own naming suggestions. There was then a discussion about how any new suggestions, made by any Section member recipients upon their receiving the notice, would be able to be put before the Section membership for consideration. Steve joked that we could have I.A.C. (I am confused Section as a choice. Bill said he didn't like any of the listed naming possibilities. Parvin said we should just send the notice out now and require responses before our next meeting in August. Carole said that she could have a Zoom meeting with Laurin prior to sending out the notice. David thought it would be best to hold off on any action until Laurin could be present before fine-tuning the message and sending it out.

OUR NEXT CLE

Rachel, as requested by Laurin, had sent Carole lists of our CLE productions for the last five years, both as to our mini CLEs (two hours or less) and our half-day CLEs. Carole then forwarded these lists to members of the Executive Committee. Rachel reminded us that, with regard to the mini-CLEs, our Section keeps all the net proceeds but we do all the work, without Rachel's help. Rachel mentioned that a recent Bar practice is to break up half-day CLEs into constituent parts and present them serially. Carole said she didn't have any interest in split-up CLEs, and didn't favor mini-CLEs either.

It was mentioned that "destination" CLEs in an in-person format have proven successful.

David reiterated his idea that perhaps we can present CLEs jointly with some other section or sections. Rachel replied that that might be difficult because she is empowered to help with only our CLEs not those of other sections. She said she could check with her supervisor for authorization to facilitate this.

Rachel suggested that we have smaller CLE subcommittees, as subsections with five or more members can become unwieldy.

A new CLE subcommittee was selected: Carole, Bill, Laurin and Al.

BOG LIAISON'S REPORT

Parvin stated that the BOG has not met since our last meeting, and that the next retreat and meeting will take place on July 17-19 in Walla Walla.

Parvin also explained that the BOG meets six times per year. On off-months, the BOG breaks out into committees to work out issues to be presented at the next regular BOG meeting.

YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON REPORT

Ruth stated there is not much to report as the Young Lawyer Committee does not hold regular meetings as such. Carolyn stated that the Washington Young Lawyers Committee was considering changing its name to the New Lawyer Committee, in recognition of the facts that an increasing number of newer lawyers are not "young" as such. Under the new proposal, anyone could join the New Lawyer Committee who had been admitted the Bar for less than 10 years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carolyn mentioned a change in Listserv's emailing format is about to change. This change is meant to avoid Listserv messages winding up in recipients' spam folders. The name of the sender will not appear in the notification line. In order to discern the sender, the recipient will need to "click" on the subject notification line. Carole suggested that perhaps the sender could reveal his/her identity on the subject notification line. Carolyn replied that this may work.

ADJOURNMENT

Carole adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on August 20, 2025 at 10:30 am.