

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

September 17, 2025

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

CHAIR'S WELCOME

Carole noted that this is her last meeting acting as Interim Chair, and that next month, David will assume the Chair throughout the coming fiscal year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our August 20th meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe reported that our fund at the end of July was at \$12,926.19, an increase of \$6.55 from the previous total, our net gain from one new member joining our Section.

Joe's report was approved by Motion.

OUR SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Noah Baetge, WSBA Program Coordinator, joined us to finalize our survey form, to be sent to our Section membership. It was decided to impose a response due date of October 10 upon our recipients. We also decided to ask the membership to rank the listed Section name preferences (most preferred to least preferred) on a 1 through 5 basis, with number 1 being the first choice. Other adjustments were also made. The final form of the survey was approved by Motion.

Noah said he would transmit the survey form to the membership within the next two hours.

OUR NEXT CLE

Carole mentioned that our CLE subcommittee, consisting of Carole, Laurin, Bill and Al, had met on Monday. Al indicated that the topics chosen included debtor-creditor matters, landlord-tenant issues, medical debt, bankruptcy and dischargeability issues, plus a plan to have Andy Benjamin address cognitive decline concerns regarding older attorneys. Lauren suggested we engage Todd Tracy, Chair of the Debtor-Creditor Section of the WSBA (and also a board member of CENTS), as a speaker, as well as Lauren Novack, an attorney specializing in tenant's rights. Laurin said she had access to attorneys specializing in creditors' rights as well as a landlord's attorney. Another issue that might be addressed is the inadvisability of bankruptcy in cases where the given debt or debts would be, for whatever reason, uncollectable in any event. It was mentioned that Seattle is contemplating a program of requesting landlords with vacant housing to consider renting to those with insufficient funds to pay full rent at less than market rates, and that Lauren Novack is or was connected to that program, called Housing Connectors.

Carole noted that Rachel had requested that we have the agenda finalized by mid-October.

ADJOURNMENT

Carole adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on October 15, 2025 at 10:30 am.