

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

October 15, 2025

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

CHAIR'S WELCOME

David welcomed all to the meeting, loyally sporting a Mariner's jersey on this, the day of the third game of the American League Championship Series.

On behalf of us all, David extended our appreciation to Steve for his long service to the Bar, and to this Committee.

He also thanked Carole for her service as Interim Chair.

David said he is concerned about the shrinking size of our Executive Committee. He said he is going to reach out to Sunitha Anjilvel, our past BOG president about joining our Committee, and encouraged us to reach out to potential Committee members also. It was noted that we have seven Executive Committee members at present, and Carole said tht we do indeed have room for several more. Carole remarked that our bylaws allow up to a total of 13 E.C. members, including officers. Carolyn said that if we secure another Executive Committee volunteer, they could be appointed to the Committee as interim members, and would then run for election to that seat during the spring section elections.

David remarked that conducting our E.C. meeting on the third Wednesday of the month could result in a scheduling conflict for him, and requested that we consider a different meeting date. It was agreed that we would henceforth meet on the first Wednesday of each month, Our next meeting date will therefore be November 5, and all subsequent meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Carolyn said that she thought the same Zoom link would remain the same; if not, she would let us know.

The WSBA Annual Section Chairs' meeting took place on October 3. David said he couldn't attend the meeting, but had read the material relating to the meeting and had circulated them to us earlier.

It was mentioned that Parvin has been reelected to the BOG to serve the remainder of the September 2025-September 2027 term.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

AI's Minutes of our September 17, 2025 meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe reported that our fund at the end of August (the latest report available) stood at \$12,926.19; this is the same amount as the previous month, as we had no transactions during the month of August.

BOG REPORT

Parvin reported that the BOG met on September 26-27 at the WSBA offices in Seattle. Among the matters dealt with included the following:

The new BOG President is now Francis A. Adewale of Spokane. The new President-Elect is Kari Petrasek of Mukilteo. Sunitha Anjilvel is now the Immediate Past President.

The Legislative Committee of the BOG has formulated a procedure whereby Section Executive Committee could address our State Legislature about a given issue. In order to do this, a given Executive Committee would inform the BOG legislative Committee of its wish to address our State Legislature, and said Committee would vote on whether such permission would be granted, using General Rule 12.2 as a guideline. Parvin added that he happens to be on this Legislative Committee, and indicated that if our Committee desired to approach the BOG for permission to address the State Legislature, we could take it up with him at one of our Executive Committee meetings and perhaps he could facilitate our obtaining the necessary clearance to go forward.

The BOG noted that efforts need to be "redoubled" to familiarize the WSBA membership with AI, especially those members who do not currently use AI in their respective practices.

It was decided to allow tutors under APR 6 to tutor two persons "reading for the law" not just one.

The BOG gave WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt high marks in its annual performance evaluation. The evaluation is done by the BOG members and staffers.

Regarding non-lawyers providing legal forms to the public, a pilot project, just approved by the Washington State Supreme Court, will commence on October 21. This project represents an effort by the WSBA to exert some control over what has been seen as an

inevitable trend toward non-lawyer entities undertaking to advise the members of the public on legal matters. Parvin stated that other bar associations are taking, or considering taking, similar action.

SECTION-NAMING SURVEY

Laurin expressed surprise, as did other E.C. members, at what our survey revealed. The respondents overwhelmingly supported retaining our current name. Forty-six Section members completed the survey, and 85% of the respondents indicated they were satisfied with the term “Senior Lawyers.” Jenny remarked that the fact we consulted the Section membership shows we valued their opinions. Al noted that, seeing as how we are intent on increasing our Section numbers, it wouldn’t make much sense to change the name in the face of these survey results. Several other Committee members said that even though our survey showed that there was much support for retaining our current name, Laurin’s effort served us well; we now have an answer to a question that has been with us for several years.

David said he would table this matter until next year. Carole said we should post the survey results, including the graphics, on our Listserv, and David agreed.

OUR DECEMBER 12 CLE

Rachel joined us for this portion of our meeting.

She announced that our CLE will offer 4 credit hours, featuring speakers such as Mike Sperry and Todd Tracy (“Dealing with Debt,”) Lauren Novack (“Breaking the Cycle,” Landlord-Tenant,) Andy Benjamin (Cognitive Decline in Practitioners) and Evan Loeffler (“Ejectment v. Unlawful Detainer.”)

Rachel said “We have a full agenda now.” She said she would circulate the CLE schedule to the Executive Committee members.

David thanked the members of the CLE Subcommittee for their work.

CONTINUING SEARCH FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

David asked “Is there any ideas for a path forward here? He mentioned tabling this matter for next month. Jenny then indicated that acting as our editor is “something I have thought about” but she wanted to talk to Jim [Reihl] about the learning curve that may be required and the possible time commitment involved. Jenny said that she enjoyed editing the South King County Bar publication in past years. Jenny noted that she has had nine surgeries in ten months and is not ready right now to make a commitment. Carole assured Jenny that there would not be much of a learning curve with Britt Sutherland as our capable graphics person.

Laurin wanted to know how the decision is made as to what articles get published in the newsletter. It was remarked that priority in getting published isn't the problem, "a dearth of articles" is actually the chief concern.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn reminded us of the upcoming Fall Section Leaders Meeting on October 29. She indicated that she wanted at least one attendee from each section present at this function.

Carolyn also mentioned that our Young Lawyer Liaison (Ruth) is now our New Member Liaison. The requirement for membership is ten years or less of Bar membership. She remarked that New Member Committee is not called the New Lawyer Committee because the group includes LPOs and LLLTs as well as attorneys.

Carole mentioned that David had timely submitted our Annual Report to the WSBA.

ADJOURNMENT

David adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on November 5, 2025 at 10:30 am.