

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carole Grayson. Present were Executive Committee members Al Armstrong, Steve DeForest, Brian Comstock, Dudley Panchot, Morris Shore (by phone), Karen Klein, Scott Osbourne, Eleanor Doermann, Ron Mattson, Ron Thompson, John Bergmann, our new BOG Liaison Jill Karmy (by phone) and Julianne Unite of the WSBA. Not able to be present were Steve Crossland, Tom Wampold, Don Haley and Jerry Jager.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

The news of the day was the resignation of Fred Frederickson from our Senior Lawyers' Executive Committee. Steve declared that Fred was the kind of person on whom you could always depend. In unison the Committee members expressed sadness at his departure. Steve suggested that the Committee accept Fred's resignation with reluctance, with thanks to Fred for his years of service to the Executive Committee and elsewhere. Dudley moved that Fred be included, along with Roy Mocerri and Phil DeTurk, as Members Emeritus of the Executive Committee. Brian seconded the Motion. The Motion passed, but it was suggested that we get Fred's permission before making the inclusion final. [Since our meeting, Fred has indicated that he would be delighted to be included as a Member Emeritus-Ed.] Dudley stated that Fred will be missed. It was noted that Fred had received his WSBA 50-year pin along with John and Jerry recently. Someone suggested that we try to persuade Fred to continue doing his questionnaire for the CLE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the October Executive Committee Meeting be approved. The Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF JILL KARMY, OUR NEW BOG LIAISON.

Jill introduced herself and gave a brief recap of her background. She has been an attorney in the Clark County area for twenty years and now holds the post Treasurer of the WSBA, having been appointed by the BOG for fiscal year 2016. This is her third year on the Board of Governors representing the 3rd District. The committee members briefly introduced themselves to Jill one-by-one.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron T. indicated that he had not received the usual financial information from the Bar and therefore was not able to complete a Treasurer's Report. Ron did report

that, for fiscal year 2016 (ending on September 30) we are some \$300 under our 2016 budget.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Al gave a brief recap of the Section Leaders' Conference which he had attended on November 7 on behalf of our Section. The Conference centered upon the recent revisions of the Bar's Bylaws, both those proposed and adopted in late September, (effective January 1, 2017) and the proposed revisions to Article XI, which sets forth the concept of Bar sections and deals with section governance and related matters.

Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the "XI" revisions, such as the nominating procedure for membership in the sections and the procedure for selecting section officers. Julianne was instrumental in clarifying some of the new procedures.

LIFE BEGINS

Ron M. reported that the next issue of Life Begins should be out very soon. Ron indicated he would have another issue published this April, which would help spread the word about our May CLE.

CLE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Carole informed the Committee that our CLE subcommittee has had several telephone conferences over the past several months. Carole has contacted Estates and Trusts expert and Seattle University Law School Professor Lisa Brodoff. It is possible that Ms. Brodoff would be available to speak, at least at our morning session. Carole reported that she has emailed Washington Supreme Court Justice Susan Owens [Justice Owens has since indicated that due to a prior commitment she would not be available—Ed.] It was suggested that if Justice Owens was not available that Washington Supreme Court Justice Charles Wiggins should be approached. It was also suggested that we contact Governor Inslee after the first of the year. It was remarked that Nancy Williams has been contacted by Paula Littlewood [alas, Nancy Williams has also indicated she would not be available to speak.-Ed.] Juliane went over the subject areas that are required re CLE courses: ethics, law and legal procedure and "other," which according to the new rules has been broadened considerably.

Carole called for other suggestions for topics. Steve wanted to reach out to Baby-Boomers. Brian recalled that we have a potential market in age group consisting of over 14,000 members. Brian also said we need more black-letter law in our CLE. Karen suggested topics dealing with pro bono and amici briefs. Brian suggested that we tap into Baby-Boomer concern about retirement. Someone suggested cyber law issues, and John said that most older lawyers would not be familiar with these issues, making this a good topic. Steve said that one firm has a "cyber" group. Other

suggestions included presentations on tax law, employment law, and electronic applications to the practice of law.

Brian reminded the Committee members that we should be marketing to the entire fourteen-thousand-strong Baby-Boom cohort, not just the four hundred or so members of our Section.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting of the Senior Lawyers' Executive Committee will be at 10:30 a.m. on January 17, 2017 at the Broadmoor Golf Club. Happy Holidays everyone.