

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

April 19, 2023

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members and WSBA personnel were present at this meeting: Interim Chair Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Eleanor Doermann, Carole Grayson, Al Armstrong, BOG Co-Liaison Jordan Couch, David Sprinkle, Jenny Rydberg, Jim Riehl, Steve DeForest, Bill Cameron, Brian Comstock, Joe Gordon, Young Lawyer Liaison Sabiha Ahmad, WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor, and Rachel Matz, WSBA Education Programs Lead. Not able to be present were BOG Co-Liaison Kevin Fay and Morrie Shore.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

This third quarter Jeanine is serving as Interim Chair. Jeanine welcomed the attendees and treated us to a meeting with her first granddaughter, two-day-old Ambrose. Ambrose joins her older brother, two-year-old Auden.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's March Meeting Minutes were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND OTHER BUDGET MATTERS

Joe reported that he has received the latest WSBA's Statement of Activities, which reflects a Section fund balance of \$17,117.82. Joe also stated that we gained seven new Section members during February.

Carolyn noted that we have overspent our FY23 budget for Life Begins by \$114.90. There are of course funds in our general fund to cover this overage, but Carolyn felt that we should direct a memorandum to the WSBA Director of Finance, and possibly to the WSBA Executive Director, requesting to use unbudgeted funds from our general fund to cover this additional incurred expense. Also included in this request would be the payment of the anticipated expense of our Spring Life Begins, thought to be approximately \$950. A Motion to make such a request was approved. Joe, Jeanine and Carolyn will work to draft and direct the memorandum to the appropriate offices of the Bar. David wondered whether \$50 prizes (to be awarded in connection with our recent survey) should be included in this request. It was determined that this sum could be paid from the amount previously budgeted as Executive Committee expenses, and therefore needn't be included in the request.

OUR UPCOMING JULY CLE

It was confirmed that our CLE will take place on Friday, July 14 at the WSBA Conference Center. Three hours of CLE credits are contemplated.

Carole reported on the progress of our CLE Subcommittee in rounding up presenters for our upcoming in-person/remote CLE. Jeanine has confirmed two speakers, Richard Tizzano and Tony Hinson of the Poulsbo firm Sharrard McGonagle Tizzano & Lind. Mr. Tizzano has just retired, having specialized in general estate planning, and Mr. Hinson is an estate and tax expert. Carole and Rachel have reached out to and confirmed the WSBA's Jean Marie Clavere as our ethics presenter. Carole contemplated an hour presentation from each speaker. There was some discussion of perhaps a fourth speaker; Jenny had suggested a presentation about volunteering opportunities for retired attorneys. However, there was recognition of our time constraints as well, given that we are only planning a half-day CLE. Jim suggested having a judge give a brief introduction; Justice Madsen was his choice in this regard. Having Justice Madsen as the kickoff speaker, addressing the CLE attendees via a Zoom connection was thought appropriate. Jim noted that this would send a message that "in-person CLEs are back."

Brian spoke wistfully about our old CLE haunt, the Sea-Tac Marriott. Al also said he missed the Marriott. But Carole cautioned that even before the pandemic, our attendance had been dropping, even at that venue, and cost must be a factor in our choice of CLE sites. Brian was also concerned that attorneys far removed from Seattle will not get to attend our event, but Carole assured Brian that persons from all around the state can attend our function via Zoom. Steve added that the dangers of COVID must still be a factor in planning our CLEs; he mentioned that his daughter had recently contracted the malady.

Carole addressed the food issue; a catered lunch is contemplated. Rachel has looked into this. There will be box lunches that can be ordered in advance. The prices will vary from \$18 to about \$22. Coffee and snacks will also be provided. The cost of the lunches should be included in the price of tuition. As the box lunches will need to be ordered no later than two days in advance, someone mentioned that our walk-in attendees will be left with no food. David suggested that we leave this question for the Subcommittee to deal with. It was suggested that our speakers should be invited to stay for lunch.

LIFE BEGINS

Jim stated that our spring edition is now out. He also opined that we may wish to devote our energies toward our CLE and skip a summer edition of *Life Begins*. It was decided by

Motion to adopt this approach. Carole suggested that we include a story about our CLE in the fall edition.

Carole lauded Britt Sutherland's efforts at getting our newsletter published. She is great to work with, said Carole, and is creative and proactive too. Jeanine thanked Eleanor, Carole, Jim and everyone who contributed to our publication.

ELECTION

It was mentioned that all current Executive Committee members had entered their respective names as candidates for the next fiscal year, except for Morrie. The deadline for our ballot posting is May 15. As of yet, no one has applied to run for the Chairperson position.

It was noted that Brian has volunteered to act as Interim Chair for the last quarter of FY 2023.

YOUNG LAWYER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Sabiha stands ready to address the Young Lawyers' Committee about a mentorship arrangement with our Section. Jeanine indicated she has done some research about mentorship within the WSBA. She suggested that a structured mentorship program might be a possibility; the WSBA has materials dealing with this. Jeanine said she would compose a memorandum about this and distribute it to us prior to our May meeting, whereupon we could authorize some mentorship proposal that Sabiha could offer to the Young Lawyers. Carolyn suggested that we consider a mutual mentorship program to the Young Lawyers—Millennial technical training from young to us oldsters, and sage advice from us to the young ones.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeanine adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on May 17, 2023 at 10:30 am.