Washington State Bar Association Solo & Small Practice Section Executive Committee



MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2015

<u>Members Present</u>: Greg McLawsen, Chair; Nancy Pacharzina, Chair-elect; Bruce Gardiner, Treasurer; Jennifer Willner, Secretary; Marijean Moschetto, Immediate Past Chair; Angel Base, Liz Bottman, Kari Petrasek, Shashi Vijay

Members Absent: Susan Fuller; Mark Jordan; Gil Price, ALA Liaison

<u>Liaisons Present</u>: Jerry Moberg, BOG Liaison; Kristina Larry, YLC Liaison

Advisors Present: Pete Roberts; Ann Guinn; John Redenbaugh

The Meeting was called to order promptly at 12:00 Noon.

- 1. **Welcome**. *Greg*: Roll call.
- 2. **BOG report**: *Jerry*: The Washington Supreme Court approved the BOG's requested changes to APR 11 in their entirety. Jerry also updated us on the LLLT program, the first class of technicians has graduated.
- 3. **Minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting**. Ann has a few typos that Jennifer will correct. A Motion to approve the March 26, 2015 Minutes passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Education - Ann

The Casemaker webinar was held on 4/21 to mixed reviews. There were significant technical problems. It will be offered again free of charge. The social media and blogging webinar will be on June 25. Ann will circulate a request for curriculum ideas for annual CLE in January. Our meet-ups coordinated around our webinars have not been successful. Yet.

b. Membership - Marijean

Nothing to report other than what's in our report. We sent out join-the-Section letters to Spring bar admittees.

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c. Electronic Communications - Kari

We are exploring a LinkedIn group. We want to create blog posts for NWSidebar to connect with members. Shashi offered to help with a blog. We want to post accomplishments, awards and shout-outs on our website landing page. Send items to Kari.

- 5. **Request to Co-Sponsor Resolution**. Kari requested Section support for an ABA Model Resolution involving representation of minors in dependency hearings. It was noted that to adopt policy as a Section, a majority of Section members must approve. A Motion was made to table this issue, it was seconded and passed without objection.
- 6. **Treasurer's Report.** Bruce gave the Treasurer's report. The 2015-16 budgeting process is underway. Sub-committee chairs please send in your budgets to Bruce.
- 7. **2016 Solo and Small Firm Conference**. The 2016 Conference Exploration Committee consists of: John, Ann, Jennifer, Marijean, Liz. The committee will study options for a 2016 Solo Conference and report back to the EC at the next meeting in July.
- 8. **Membership Directory**. Greg reports this project has been derailed. WSBA's General Counsel says a Directory is not feasible.
- 9. **WSBA CLE Policy Changes**: A draft letter responding to the changes in CLE policy was circulated to EC members. A discussion was led by Ann. Ann will incorporate suggested changes and send the letter to the BOG.
- 10. **Elections**. Bruce: We should get rolling on this. The election must happen in August so new EC members can attend September meeting. An Elections Committee was formed consisting of: Angel, Shashi, Liz, Nancy and Kari.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.