



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Taxation Section

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 22, 2021

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic

October 22, 2021: Meeting of the WSBA Tax Section

Persons in Attendance by Zoom or Telephone:

1. Claire Taylor -- Chair
2. Kristi L. Richards – Vice Chair
3. Cat Connell – Treasurer
4. Jennifer Gellner
5. Dan French
6. Rich Johnson (phone)
7. Ellen Gung
8. Sienna Boyd
9. Callie Castillo
10. Bret Durbin
11. Robert Mahon
12. Dan Jensen
13. Reed Jones
14. Daniel Sito
15. Sophia Meglioli
16. Jason Harn
17. Tuan Ngo
18. Ray Kahn
19. Carolyn MacGregor
20. William Richard
21. Sandra Veliz
22. Sam Barnes
23. Al Mullins

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- 8:01 a.m. The meeting was called to order
 - A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report (Cat Connell)

End of fiscal year

Still have fund balance; unable to spend on budgeted events prior year

Please send ideas for upcoming events



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New Items Discussion:

Carolyn MacGregor – WSBA liaison

She is available to assist. (Election process in spring, expense reports, survey or other communications, any questions)

Treasurer Position

Discussion regarding appointing Cat Connell as treasurer.

Motion to approve Cat Connell as Treasurer was made, seconded, and passed.

Secretary Role (Sam rotating off)

- Discussion regarding Sam Barnes rotating off board and moving Cat to Secretary or replacing Secretary role
- Appoint Cat as Treasurer; leave open secretary for time-being
 - If Megan Tahl available and can return, appoint
 - Jason Harn available to serve and appoint

Updated committee mission / goal statements

Discussion regarding committee mission statements and goals

Send final form to Rich Johnson for updating WSBA

New DEI co-chairs to receive and review the DEI statement

Goals

- No goals review; moved to individual committee reports

Individual Committee Reports

Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)

- Reed reporting
- Planned year w/scheduled meetings; please send any topics for committee to discuss at meetings
- November 5 is the first meeting (federal proposed changes / discussion for year)
- Meetings are mixed presentation, announcements, and open discussion



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International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)

- Tuan Ngo / Al Mullins reporting
- Want to work with CLE group to prepare winter CLE (international / global tax deal went through this past month)

Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)

- Had webinar presentation early in the year re Covid relief legislative items
- Will Reach out to Aaron Johnson for assistance with SALT (changes in WA w/Capital Gains Tax, etc. affecting transactions)
- Intend to continue in virtual format for now

IRS Liaison (William Richard & Tyler Jones)

- William Richard reporting
- Nothing new to report

DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)

- CLE scheduled for December
- Ins/Outs of dept admin review process; in particular highlight best practices and tips
- Like to draw new and
- Tentatively working on CLE series for early next year
 - Audit process
 - Highlight best practices; communication chains (auditor issues)
 - Different parts of audit process

Legislative (Brett Durbin & Callie Castillo)

- Bret Reporting
- Waiting for DOR feedback on requests re statute of limitations on fraud / evasion on criminal side

Communications & Website (Rich Johnson)

- Nothing to report today

Young Lawyers (Megan Lowe)

- N/A
- Claire Taylor – need to introduce Dan French



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Outreach/Scholarship (Eric Reutter)

- N/A

Pro Bono Committee (Jennifer Gellner)

- Jennifer Gellner / William Richard to connect regarding email received by Jennifer from non-attorney/non-law student seeking to volunteer
- Tax Court Schedule for Winter 2022 is out
 - Seeking volunteers; 1/31 is an in-person calendar; seeking volunteers;
 - Following calendars are virtual
- Should consider tax court judge meet and greet / social for 1/31 date

State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)

- Claire Taylor Shared Aaron Johnson's update
- Working on CLE for December

CLE (Jason Harn & Sofia Meglioli)

- Jason Harn reporting
- Working with SALT CLE on December
- Happy to help with International CLE
- Co-chairs work on big picture plans / structure - would like annual CLE schedule
 - Definitive CLE credits annually for members
 - Consistent Annual programming (annual updates)

DEI (Sienna Boyd & Ellen Tuan)

- Sienna Boyd reporting
- Met and working on projects
- Claire Taylor to send current mission / goal statement for them to review/revise

Any additional Items?

N/A

Reach out by email as needed



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TO DO:

- DEI mission statement from new co-chairs (Claire Taylor to forward existing and DEI to review/revise for presentation)
- All chairs to send full mission / goal statements to Claire Taylor

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 AM