



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## **Taxation Section**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 22, 2022**

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic

### **April 22, 2022: 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. Derek Jarski
5. Brett Durbin
6. Bob Mahon
7. Dan French
8. Ellen Tung
9. Sienna Boyd
10. Dan Jensen
11. William Richard
12. Sandra Veliz
13. Rich Johnson

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- 8:10 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)**

Nothing to report.

Balance is the same w/small change based on dues that came in.

#### **New Items Discussion:**

- Comments to BOG re tomorrow’s meeting – section issues
  - Small group of individuals put a letter together
  - This letter was sent to ETHOS committee on behalf of the section (no change necessary / desirable)
  - Email Claire Taylor for copy of the letter. Claire may have her assistant send a copy to the entire EC.
  - Meetings continuing through August (Fall timeline for response to Supreme Court?)
  - No known deadline on report to Supreme Court
  - General sentiment is making changes to structure (from comments from BOG members)



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- Annual Luncheon
  - Substantive discussion regarding annual tax luncheon.
  - The Executive Committee agreed to postpone the lunch and reevaluate the timing at a future date.
- Late May/Early June Happy Hour –
  - This event would be separate from any hosted CLE events.
  - Consider June 9
  - Tax section can sponsor food
  - Stokes / Lane Powell sponsor alcohol
- Elections
  - Several members of the EC have rotated or are rotating off the EC.
  - Tyler rotated off IRS liaison – Rich rotating into that position
  - Communications / website opening – anyone interested, let Claire know ASAP
  - Megan Lowe rotating off; Dan French rotating in; will send application
  - Only opening: Communications!
  - Nominating committee nominated Jason Harn to be Treasurer moving into that role, but keeping CLE co-chair role
    - If have anyone for co-chair of the CLE committee the EC will take applications.

### **Individual Committee Reports**

#### Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)

- Final meeting coming in May w/speaker; not sure on CLE credit

#### International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)

- No updates

#### Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)

- No updates

#### IRS Liaison (William Richard)

- No report

#### DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)

- No updates



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### Legislative (Brett Durbin)

- Working with DOR on annual tax conference; in past, supported WSBA registrations
  - 50% of fee for WSBA members?
  - Last time was \$175 for early and \$225 for late registrations (in person – keeping rates this year)
    - Rich Johnson – tax section members box in application checked against tax section list after registration closed
  - Treasurer reviewed – funds available for project
  - Need an agreement signed at WSU and WSBA
- Motion to approve 50% subsidy of WA state tax conference made, seconded, and approved

### Communications & Website (Rich Johnson)

- No report

### Young Lawyers (Megan Lowe / Danie)

- Planning meal for tax students
- Send Dan French an email if willing to speak to students
- No hard date yet – early May (1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> week, Wednesday or Thursday)

### Outreach/Scholarship (Eric Reutter)

- No updates

### Pro Bono Committee (Jennifer Gellner)

- No report

### State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)

- See above from Brett

### CLE (Jason Harn & Sofia Meglioli)

- Contract signing issues
- Jason and Sophia spoke to WSBA regarding a CLE event.
  - It is possible to hold the CLE in the WSBA offices
  - We should also consider a hosting a Happy Hour at a nearby restaurant, preferably within a block of the WSBA's offices
    - A private room at a restaurant would be preferable.



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- Restaurant Options
  - Frolik Kitchen + Cocktails
  - Olympic Bar
  - Bourbon Steak Seattle
  - Purple Café and Wine Bar
  - The Capital Grille
- This event would be tentatively scheduled for the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>.

DEI (Sienna Boyd & Ellen Tung)

- No report

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 AM**