



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Taxation Section

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 15, 2017

Perkins Coie, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4900, Seattle

### **Persons in Attendance:**

Claire Taylor – IRS Liaison

Sandra Veliz – President

Richard Johnson – VP

George Munro – Secretary

Sam Barnes – Website

Darek Jarski – At Large

Nick Nilan – IRS Liaison

Rob McCallem – At Large

### **Persons in Attendance by Telephone:**

Dan Jenson – DOR Liaison

Sandy Cairns – Estate and Gift

Jennifer Gellner – Newsletter

Emily Yamada – Pro-Bono

Julianne Unite -WSBA liaison

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8:00 a.m. - the meeting was called to order.

### **Initial Discussion**

1. A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report (Brett Durbin):
  - a. Tax Section 2016 / 2017 financial statements were passed out and reviewed by all. It appears that the Bar hadn't processed all Tax Section revenue. Also, it appears that scholarship revenue and scholarship expense is incorrect. It was decided that Brett should look into these issues.
  - b. The Tax Section 2017 / 2018 Budget was passed out and reviewed by all.

### **Individual Committee Reports**

1. Legislative (Brett Durbin):
  - a. Discussed current open proposal for Tax Appeal Court in Washington. Sandra plans to email the whole listserve regarding the issue.
2. DOR Liaison (Dan Jenson):



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- a. Dan Jenson is attending his first Tax Executive Committee meeting as the new DOR Liaison. He's replacing Jeff Mahon.
  - b. Motion made and passed to approve Dan to join Tax Executive Committee.
  - c. Dan is based in Olympia, but he hopes to attend some meetings in person.
3. State & Local Tax (Miriam Korngold):
    - a. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 10 at Garvey.
  4. Estate & Gift Tax (Sandy Cairns):
    - a. Upcoming Estate & Gift Committee Meeting Schedule was recently sent out on the Tax Section Listserve.
  5. International Tax (Megan Tahl): N/A
  6. Transactional Tax (Yesica Hernandez):
    - a. They held a meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the new partnership audit regulations.
  7. IRS Liaison (Nick Nilan & Claire Taylor):
    - a. The goal to schedule a brown bag lunch within next 30 days.
    - b. Also, they are hoping to hold another talk, but they are still in initial planning stages.
  8. CLE (Stef Taylor): N/A
  9. Website (Sam Barnes):
    - a. Working on getting new content up for the Tax Section.
  10. Young Lawyers (George Munro):
    - a. Now that George is Secretary, the plan is to have co-chairs for the Young Lawyer position – Kristi Richards and Miko Santos.
    - b. The Tax Section E.C. needs to vote on the new Young Lawyer Co-Chairs.
  11. Outreach/Scholarship (Tiffany Gorton): N/A
  12. Newsletter (Jennifer Gellner):
    - a. Next newsletter will likely be out in late October or early November. Jennifer will need committee reports before the newsletter is sent out.
  13. Pro Bono Committee (Emily Yamada): N/A

### Discussion

1. A one credit CLE Event was recently held in Spokane. Jennifer Gellner put on the event. The CLE had a good event turnout (47 total - 20 attorneys, 15 law students, 12 other guests). The CLE was videotaped.



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2. Judge Gerber is coming to Spokane on October 2.
  - a. Jennifer would like to do a Tax Court Judge Reception on either October 3 or October 4. The plan is to bill food for the event to Tax Section (anticipate \$500 total cost). The Executive Committee generally agreed that paying for the event food was a good idea.
3. Sandra Veliz is filing the Tax Section's Annual Report before our next meeting. She looked for any and all input from other committee members.
4. The Annual Fall Section Meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Veliz plans to attend.
5. Open Section Night is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> in Tacoma. Sandra Veliz plans to attend. One or both of the new Young Lawyer Co-Chairs will likely attend as well.
6. Now that there are new Tax Section Bylaws, we'll need to determine how to logistically and procedurally determine how to do Executive Committee elections.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**