



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Taxation Section

### WSBA Tax Section Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

#### Friday, February 17, 2023; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. (Meeting via Zoom) – Meeting Minutes

##### In Attendance

Kristi Richards

Megan Tahl

Cat Connell

Jason Harn

Reed Jones

Dan Sito

Logan Westerman

Jay Jetter

Dan Jensen

Richard Johnson

Sofia Meglioli

Jennifer Gellner

Aimee Miller

Ellen Tung

Darek Jarski

Darin T. Jensen

Brent Williams-Ruth (At Large)

Nam Nguyen (District 10)

Carolyn McGregor

1. Call to Order, Attendance, Approval of Minutes Meetings
  - Called to order at 8:03am
  - Cat noted minute modifications – minutes approved
2. Treasurer's Report (Jason Harn)
  - Dues paid
  - Reception expense for Spokane
  - Net deficit of \$1,000
3. New/Ongoing Items
  - Elections coming up
  - Treasurer role (2.5 years on EC required)
    - i. Please reach out if have any interest in this role
  - DEI co-chair - Jessica Bejerea
    - i. Jessica introduced herself and her background
    - ii. Moved and seconded, approved by vote
  - Luncheon
    - i. Extended invitation to Michael Desmond and he has accepted

- ii. Currently looking at mid-June
- iii. Scholarship and LITC donations announcement made at the luncheon
- iv. Jennifer will need some lead time in order to arrange for this in advance of the luncheon
- v. Stoddard award: Daren to circulate past winners
- vi. Comments from
- vii. Length of the luncheon – 11:30 – 1:30 will have the room, but lunch is supposed to be an hour
  - 1. Starting to breakout the meeting schedule – Jason is fine foregoing the treasurer’s report
  - 2. Darek to circulate one of past programs
- Scholarship
  - i. Jennifer just received the information from Rich so she’ll review; Claire will also share her past historical information

#### 4. Committee / Liaison Reports, Ideas, Goals

- Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)
  - i. Meeting last month with about 50 ppl
  - ii. Monitoring the estate tax and wealth tax bills
- International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)
  - i. Neither available
- Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)
  - i. No update this month
- IRS Liaison (Logan Westerman & Rich Johnson)
  - i. May be doing additional reception for Halpern (March), Goge
- DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)
  - i. Gave update on hiring at DOR and will send around new org chart soon
- Legislative (Brett Durbin & Callie Castillo)
  - i. Update on various bills sent by email from Brett
  - ii. From Brett: While the Senate margin tax bill SB 5482 had an initial hearing it has not been scheduled for executive action yet. The House companion bill HB 1644 is scheduled for an initial hearing Monday, February 20th at 8:00 am. The House version of the wealth tax bill (HB 1473) had an initial hearing on February 14, but has not been scheduled for executive action yet. The Senate version (SB 5486) has not been scheduled for a hearing yet.
- Communications & Website (Jay Jetter)
  - i. No update at this time
- Young Lawyers (Daniel French)
  - i. Moving forward on YL luncheon
- Outreach/Scholarship (Jennifer Gellner)
- Pro Bono Committee (Darin Jensen)
  - i. May have some volunteer opportunities for upcoming calendars / settlement days
- State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)
  - i. Not available
- CLE (Sofia Meglioli & Jason Harn)
  - i. Still working on AI CLE with Dan
- DEI (Ellen Tung)
  - i. Has upcoming meetings with a few folks later this month, so can give a better update
- Board of Governors Liaison (Brent Williams-Ruth & Nam Nguyen)
  - i. There is an upcoming meeting in two weeks in Olympia, open to the public

- ii. Bar licensor working group: coming up for public comment period; his office has received a lot of negative feedback (hateful and ignorant) so if you have any feedback, would also welcome that
- iii. Consider new bar headquarters, more offices throughout the state / satellite offices
- iv. Brent – discussion of hateful commentary received by his office; Ellen – strategy for speaking up, and how difficult that may be to respond to such comments as a member of a marginalized community
- v. Provided information for commentary

5. Adjourn at 8:42am