



DRAFT MINUTES

Executive Committee Call

April 16, 2025 | 4 PM

Participants: Jill Dutton, Laura Eshbach, Bridgett Fisher, Vanessa Hunsberger, Carolyn MacGregor, and Anne Watanabe.

Quorum achieved.

Executive Committee Info on WSBA Website

A couple Executive Committee members tried to join this meeting via the WSBA website, which said that today's meeting was canceled. The link might not have worked either. Carolyn will look into fixing this issue.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes taken at our January, February, and March 2025 meetings.

Section Elections

The deadline for applications is April 21 and we haven't received any interest yet. Have we tapped into our professional networks to encourage folks to apply? Bridgett shared current Executive Committee testimonials with our listserv and has shared the opportunity with her contacts. We should also try asking these folks if they have any suggestions for others we could reach out to. If we do get interest after the deadline, WSBA can still accept their materials, just not through the portal. If they aren't section members yet, they can join and then apply and be eligible to join the Executive Committee.

CLEs

Last week, Anne heard from our former Section Chair, Regina Paulose. She's currently involved with the Congress of Nations and PEN America. They're hoping to do a webinar on censorship. Regina was interested in our earlier Section project on book bans in prisons, which we are no longer working on. Would we like to co-sponsor a webinar that would be free and open to the general public? Vanessa will reach out to a friend who works on freedom of expression internationally and will ask if she could be interested in speaking. Jill is supporting a program featuring guest presenters on democracy around the world and there could be intersections with this project. The nature of the co-sponsorship hasn't been determined yet.

Randy is working with Sally Romero (WSBA) on a CLE to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the UN on October 24. The scope of the CLE hasn't been ironed out quite yet. The plan is 4-6 speakers. Does anyone have speaker ideas to share with Bridgett and Randy?

WSBA Updates from Carolyn

The materials and recordings from last week's spring section meeting are in the volunteer toolbox.

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FY26 Budget

The budgeting process for the next fiscal year has begun. Vanessa will plan to have a draft budget to share at our May 2025 Executive Committee meeting. If anyone has budget requests or recommendations, please share them with her! For instance, we recently discussed the opportunity for Bridgett to attend a Board of Governors meeting in Port Angeles but we don't have the right budget line to pay for her expenses. We could include this in next year's budget in case the opportunity arises again.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.