



# MINUTES

## Executive Committee Call

May 28, 2025 | 4 PM

**Participants:** Laura Eshbach, Bridgett Fisher, Vanessa Hunsberger, Nandini Rao, and Anne Watanabe.

*Quorum achieved.*

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes taken at our April 2025 meeting.

### **FY2026 Section Budget**

Apologies! Vanessa just realized that her draft budget didn't save and therefore you haven't been able to review anything. She will resend it by tomorrow for your review by our June 6 submission deadline. We are proposing a very similar budget to last year with a couple differences: budgeting for travel to a BOG meeting outside of Seattle and a "smaller" Zoom license. We have proposed around \$11,000 in spending and we have around \$34,000 in reserves. WSBA discourages sections from keeping reserves in excess of two years of programming costs so Vanessa shared via E-mail a list of ideas for what to spend on. Some ideas include money for a high-profile speaker and a grant program to support access to civil legal aid. These could be appealing projects at a time when federal funding is being cut. Anne recalls trying to create law student internships in the past but the WSBA process was very complicated. Vanessa will see about budgeting for these things so that they are options for us.

### **CLE Planning**

Anne is working on a mini CLE on censorship and has been connected with two speakers, Dennis Klein at Kean University and Somaya Selim from the Congress of Nations and States. The idea is a 1.5-hour program in July or August. The WSBA guidance on developing programs is on the website; it starts with submitting a detailed form at least 60 days before the program. Anne will start on the paperwork and exploring the WSBA process for putting the CLE on. The program will be free since our budget can support it.

Randy is working on a CLE for the fall around commemorating the UN's anniversary.

### **Section Elections**

Bridgett, Laura, Dwight, and Vanessa are on the nominating committee. Applications closed on May 13 with two candidates. Voting will start on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and close June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dwight ordered a section roster for us so that we could do some outreach to prospective board members. Do we have outreach ideas? Shall we divvy up the roster for outreach, especially if we

already know any folks on the list personally? Bridgett will inquire first whether it's okay for the Executive Committee (as opposed to the nominating committee) to access the roster.

**June Executive Committee Meeting.**

Bridget will be travelling next month and so may send E-mails out about our June meeting earlier or later than usual. Folks may be unavailable to meet at our scheduled time because of the Juneteenth holiday.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.**