

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING

Public Session Minutes

Seattle, WA

February 14, 2019

The Special Meeting Public Session of the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) by phone was called to order by President Bill Pickett on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 1:05 p.m. Governors in attendance were:

Dan W. Bridges
Daniel D. Clark
Peter J. Grabicki
Kim E. Hunter
Jean Y. Kang
Russell Knight
Athanasios P. Papailiou
Kyle D. Sciuchetti
Alec Stephens
Paul Swegle
Judge Brian Tollefson (ret.)

Also in attendance were President-elect Rajeev Majumdar, Executive Director Paula Littlewood, Chief Disciplinary Counsel Doug Ende, Chief Operations Officer Ann Holmes, Director of Human Resources Frances Dujon-Reynolds, Director of Advancement/Chief Development Officer Terra Nevitt, Chief Communications and Outreach Officer Sara Niegowski, Associate Director of Litigation and Operations Lisa Amatangel, and Executive Assistant Margaret Shane. Governors Higginson and Meserve were not present for the meeting.

President Pickett welcomed everyone in attendance and stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to rank the WSBA Sections applicants for the Washington Supreme Court's consideration in its appointment of members to its Workgroup on the WSBA Structure.

Governor Swegle reported that he met with President-elect Majumdar, and Governors Clark, Meserve, and Sciuchetti, discussed the applicants, and propose the following recommendations to the Board for its consideration:

Large Sections

1. Mark Johnson
2. Thomas Satagaj
3. Geoff Gibbs

Medium Sections

1. Kim Hunter
2. Richard Johnson
3. Linda Larson

Small Sections

1. Randall Winn
2. Hunter Abell
3. Lawrence Ward

Discussion ensued regarding individual ranking preferences of various Governors; factors considered in making the specific recommendations for each group; and the lack of geographic, cultural, age, race, and gender diversity of the recommendations. Governor Sciuchetti noted that the group did the best it could with the information it had, but not much related to diversity could be discerned from the applicant materials provided. Governor Grabicki moved to accept the rankings as recommended. Motion passed 9-1-1. Governor Hunter asked that she be allowed to abstain from the vote on the Medium Sections ranking, and vote “yes” for the Large and Small Sections rankings. Since the motion was not bifurcated, she is listed as an abstention in the vote tally.

In response to an inquiry, President Pickett announced that Executive Session had been cancelled since General Counsel Shankland and Outside Counsel were not available. He advised that discussion would be held at the upcoming Special Meeting Executive Session via conference call on February 19, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Session meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula C. Littlewood

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