



Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2024

Members Present: Chair Lesli Ashley, Chair-Emeritus Michael Cherry, Dr. June Darling, Rory Hardy, Michael Terasaki, Craig Shank, Sarah Bove, Ronald Satterthwaite, Sharon Josefy Hytten

Members Excused: James Nguyễn, Governor Kristina Larry, Ellen Reed, Professor Drew Simshaw

Also Attending: Terra Nevitt (WSBA Executive Director), Thea Jennings (WSBA Assistant General Counsel), Emily Crane (WSBA Paralegal), Jordan Couch (BOG Liaison), and Mark Alexander (DRAW) (member of the public)

Chair Ashley called the meeting to order once a quorum was established at 1:03pm.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 15 and July 10 minutes. The motion passed by full consensus.

1. Updates

- Administration:
 - Memo to BOG re GR 24(b)(6): The Board was provided a copy of a memo provided informationally to the WSBA Board of Governors regarding the Board's suggested amendment to GR 24(b)(6). It was then noted that the King County Bar Association recently published an article regarding the related legislation change and its effect on the courts.
- Innovation:
 - Regional Innovation Summit: Chair-Emeritus Michael Cherry put forth the idea of holding a one-day virtual summit with other states implementing innovations in regulating the practice of law. Invites would be extended to individuals in the Ninth Circuit (including the states of CA, OR, WA, HI, AK, and ID respectively). The Board agreed that holding a summit would assist in learning from other states considering or implementing regulatory reforms. A motion was made and seconded to hold a Regional Innovation Summit either in September or October as well as permission to approach the Court to request their approval to hold the summit. The motion passed unanimously.

- Education:
 - Update to Frequently Asked Questions: Staff notified the Board of a needed technical amendment to the Board’s Frequently Asked Questions to remove reference to the Moderate Means Program due to the program currently being on hiatus. The Board unanimously agreed that the staff should remove references to the Moderate Means Program from the FAQ document.
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) About Legal Help in Washington State](#)
- Coordination:
 - No update

2. Action Items (01:30pm)

- Draft Beta Test Order
 - Chair-Emeritus Cherry gave an overview of the beta-test of entity regulation and asked the Board to approve a draft order for the beta test for submission to the Court. The POLB article titled “A Framework for Data-driven Legal Regulatory Reform,” published by the Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law, provides the model for the beta test. WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt gave additional background on the beta test and the WSBA Board of Governor’s support of the beta test in furtherance of one of its strategic priorities.
 - A member of the public provided feedback regarding the process by which the Order was prepared and drafted for the Board’s consideration, noting that the draft had not yet been published for public comment. WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt noted that drafting the beta-test order is a process, and that the first step was showing the draft order to the POLB. Chair-Emeritus Cherry further explained that this pilot project is a partnership between the POLB and the WSBA, and that before publication and public feedback, the draft order first required Board consensus and approval. Shortly thereafter, Chair-Emeritus Cherry stated that he would be drafting his resignation from the Board and left the meeting.
 - Staff Liaison Thea Jennings then notified the Board of minor technical changes to the most recent draft of the order and that September is the next en banc at which the Court could consider the draft order.
 - A motion was made and seconded to change the name of the project from “beta test” to “pilot project” to make the project more accessible and promote clearer understanding. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

- POLB member Craig Shank gave a presentation on the background of the pilot project and gave a timeline of the project thus far. A motion was then made and seconded to approve for submission to the Court the most recent draft order, with technical edits, and to post the order to the website. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting adjourned at 01:45pm.