

**PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**September 1, 2020 – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nick Larson, Althea Paulson, Paul Okner, Bonnie Aslagson, Naiomy DeLaRocha-Minckler, Yuan Ting

**Guest:** Denise Diskin (Executive Director, QLaw Foundation)

**Not Present:** Nancy Chupp, Yuan Ting,

**WSBA Staff:** Paige Hardy

Meeting called to order at 1:17 PM

**RPC 6.5 Updates**

Bonnie shared that this was a proposal that came up last year; goal is to amend RPC 6.5 to allow QLSPs to serve potentially conflicted clients so long as they provide notice. Intent of this change is to give notice to parties at intake rather than when conflict arises, because this could put DV survivors at risk of notifying their abusers that they are seeking legal assistance. CPE was in support of the goal of the proposal, but disagreed with some of the language. CPE worked with the Pro Bono Council to make some revisions. Draft proposal is attached to the materials: includes revision to the rule and supplemental comment.

**ACTION:** Bonnie moved that PBPSC submit a comment in support that will go before the Board of Governors for final approval. Paul seconded. Unanimous approval.

**August Meeting Minutes**

Tabled for next meeting.

**Emeritus Pro Bono Updates**

Nick shared that the Workgroup has submitted the GR9 coversheet and cover letter to Rajeev. Rajeev has submitted the materials to the Washington Supreme Court. Workgroup has received some letters of support from QLSPs and law firms; these will be submitted to the Court as well.

Paul shared that he sent out this information to the Seattle Pro Bono Coordinators group to have their firms write letters in support.

Nick shared that ATJ Board is considering a letter. Nick and Yuan will be meeting with KCBA's legislative committee to get support from KCBA.

Paige will be sending Denise the proposed rule for a possible letter in support.

**Workgroup Updates**

*CLE Workgroup*

Nick shared that Brendan has been coordinating with Professor Kim Hyde Pearson from Gonzaga University and will be presenting at the October Legal Lunchbox. We are still looking for one more presenter.

*Technology Workgroup*

Paul shared that things have been on hold for some payment issues for the vendor, but that the project will be underway soon.

*Strategic Planning*

Nick shared that this is the last meeting in fiscal year 2020. A new crop of members will be joining in October. These are two-year terms with the opportunity to renew for a second term.



**Liaison Updates**

Nick shared he reached out to the ATJ Board to get their support for the emeritus pro bono rule changes. The ATJ Board has a lot going on with the pandemic.

**Thank You's and Good Bye's**

Nick thanked Paul for his service and dedication to the Committee during his four years. Nick said thank you to Brendan and Kristina for their time and work on the Committee. A thank you for Nancy for being a co-chair this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.