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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 18, 2021

12:00pm – 1:30pm PST – Via Zoom

Present: Mel Simburg, Adrienne Wills, Emily Martin, Tommy Statkiewicz, Carol Betts, Alan Alhadeff, Joanna Roth, Dee Knapp, Roger Moss, Sasha S. Philip, Lish Whitson, Mary Juetten

12:00: Reflective Check-In

[**Note:** there will be a Zoom break at 12:45 for 5 minutes. At that time, please rename yourself to a figure you admire (living or dead). We will discuss one or more of the names for 5 minutes, then resume the meeting.]

Mel shared that Lisa Brown has resigned from the Executive Board due to the demands of her practice.

12:10: Opening

Welcome Emily Martin. Confirm quorum (majority: 7 of 13 current voting members)

Agenda Additions and Changes: None.

May Meeting Minutes Approval: Approved.

12:15: Updates from the Chair

Nominating Committee (Joanna, Roger, Mary, Mel). Report on voting for 2021-2022 positions: Elections close this weekend. There's one candidate for each position currently.

YLL Rep: (Dee is Section Contact). YLL solicitation out – no candidates at this time. Dee has reached out but those potential liaisons have not had the bandwidth. We discussed the possible strategy of involving recent graduates who have not yet passed the Bar but who may pass the Bar later in the year.

WSBA News (Carolyn MacGregor): Carolyn not on the call to give a report.

Retreat Planning: A date hasn't yet been set. It's typically been held in October or November.

Mel hasn't not received reply information from Sleeping Lady on pricing. He also conveyed that there's been some interest in a one-day retreat that would not include an overnight. Sasha gathered information about an

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option at St. Edwards in the Seattle Metro area as an alternative to Sleeping Lady. Mary has volunteered to help gather information re: other one-day options. Carol suggested Talaris Conference Center (Seattle area/Laurelhurst) in the chat, however it's closed.

Roger spoke up in favor of directing significant funds to supporting the dispute resolution conference and thus in favor of minimizing retreat expenses. Sasha expressed that she also thinks conserving funds for the conference should be a priority.

Alan proposed a one-day on a Friday of about six hours' meeting time that would be an easy drive based on his view of the value of getting together in person.

Mel spoke in favor of a retreat, although he acknowledged that we don't have to set details in today's meeting.

Dee spoke in favor of a retreat sooner rather than later because it will help with Conference planning and that we haven't seen each other in person for so long. Roger commented in the chat that we would need to have a retreat over the summer in order to impact producing the Conference. (The next planning meeting will be at noon on June 28 and Roger will provide updates afterward. The target date for Conference to be held this fall is October 20-22, 2021.)

Emily clarified that, based on her office policy, she can't commit to being anywhere in person until January 2022.

Mel quickly created a Zoom poll to ask about interest for a retreat of 6-8 hours for this Summer or Fall. The majority of responses were "yes". Mel reflected that it's been difficult to involve attendees virtually in the past, however he spoke in favor of improving that for this event. Dee suggested we look for a place with strong technology to support an inclusive hybrid option.

- Mel will continue to gather information from Sleeping Lady; Sasha noted that Sleeping Lady is not strong on technology.
- Sasha has provided information about the lodge at St. Edwards
- Mel requested committee members check into alternative locations
- In response to a comment by Alan, Mel "assigned" Alan and Mary to work on retreat planning.

As to timing, Mel suggests July is too soon. He polled meeting attendees re: August 13 and 14 and the votes in favor were equal for both days. Having a retreat sooner than typical (mid/late Fall) helps us do more related to Conference planning/support. Alan and Mary will take the steps to get input on dates.

12:20: Outreach

Within Section

Action Items:

Supporting Diversity (Dee, Sasha, Tommy Statkiewicz) (Coordinating with WSBA Diversity Specialist) (Diversity for ADR Leadership means: ethnic, geographic, age) (Sasha and Dee commit to creating an agenda/leading for "Diversity and Inclusion" as a topic for mini-retreat.) – No additional information/updates at this meeting.

Inviting Guest Section Members to ExCom Meetings or Committees; Outreach by County (All) Mel encouraged us to invite guests, particularly now that we have an opening for an Ex Comm member as a result of Lisa's resignation.

12:45: Break/Rename yourself - Skipped

12:50: Outreach Not Limited to Section Members

CLE development (Alan, Paul, Carol, Lisa, and Lish) (Collaboration outside WA?) (Mediation and Domestic Violence?) (Collaborative Law Outside Family Law?) (Other?) - No additional information/updates at this meeting. Alan indicated he would be reaching out to Roger.

Cross-Section & MBA Collaboration (Alan & Sasha) - No updates

Academic Partnerships (Craig, Dee, Sasha) (Q- plans for each law school?) (Combined law school event?) - No updates

Events: Happy Hour Northwest: (Roger) – No updates

1:05: Reports (Rotating Order) (And if not covered above)

NWDRC (Adrienne, Sasha, Roger, Mary) (Redirecting conference website; future direction of conference?) (**Action:** Roger will prepare a summary/status report on what has been decided and what has yet to be decided, along with specific recommendations to move this topic forward.) – The cross-border CLEs have been a collaboration between the CLE Departments of the BC Bar and WSBA, and organized by the International Law Section. As to a future NWDRC, Roger summarized that there is a lot of enthusiasm to collaborate per his e-mail of earlier today. We need to come up with a working committee to support Conference development. Roger conveyed his understanding that WSBA has more flexibility to approve CLE activities with more notice. He also expressed there may be a more formal continuing education program as well as something else where folks can participate on a flexible schedule. Mel relayed some 'institutional memory' that there used to be a cross-border CLE and so there may be useful logistical information from that. Mel expressed that we're all committed to supporting a resurgence of the Conference.

Media & Communications (Adrienne, Carol, Mary, Emily) (Ending Ning Website; obtaining record of List Serve entries; onboarding packet/email; possible use of groups.io; marketing the Section (welcome to Members, changes to WSBA website.) – Adrienne to follow up with Carol and Mary.

Legislation & Public Policy (Paul & Joanna) (L/T eviction mediation; foreclosure mediation; family law mediation.): No report.

Treasurer's Report (Courtland): Report submitted in writing.

Professional Development & Membership (Alan & ?) Need another co-chair.

Anything Else?

Retreat Follow-up: (Mini-retreats?)

Other?

1:25: Reflective Check-Out**1:30: Adjourn**

ZOOM CHAT LOG

12:08:45 From Joanna Roth to Everyone : And Emily! How are you doing?

12:16:31 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : Apologies for my late appearance! I can only be here for a few minutes, as Neil has commitments that require our internet bandwidth...

12:19:06 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : What is the roundtable and how can I join next time?

12:19:31 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : I believe you need to be a AAA arbitrator/mediator in order to attend? But I can send you the announcement next time so that you can try to register.

12:20:26 From Mary Juetten to Everyone : I am back and figured out how to mute

12:23:59 From Mary Juetten to Everyone : I will help Sasha

12:24:05 From Mary Juetten to Everyone : I am dialing in

12:24:26 From Mary Juetten to Everyone : What is the planned date for retreat?

12:24:37 From Carol Betts (she/her) to Everyone : One day retreat venue possibility: Talaris conference center in Laurelhurst

12:24:59 From Lish Whitson to Everyone : I cannot get my audio to work. Lish

12:28:12 From Joanna Roth to Everyone : Talaris is permanently closed.
<https://www.theurbanist.org/2020/09/23/talaris-mansion-plan-is-an-unmitigated-disaster/>

12:29:10 From Carol Betts (she/her) to Everyone : Well, that makes it less desirable.

12:29:18 From Adrienne Wills to Everyone : My new favorite place is Semiahmoo which is north (Blaine). I-5 - about two hours

12:30:36 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : Semiahmoo (and all of Birch Bay) is amazing.

12:35:20 From Roger Moss to Everyone : Someone want to make a motion on Allan's suggestion?

12:38:42 From Roger Moss to Everyone : If the retreat is to have an impact on producing the conference, it needs to me this summer

12:40:08 From Joanna Roth to Everyone : Restating here—the motion would be a 6-hourish block of time over the summer. Preference for in-person, although virtual is also possible.

12:40:19 From Joanna Roth to Everyone : Or I may have missed something

12:47:09 From Dee Knapp to Everyone : I like how creative and different the conference direction is taking.

12:48:42 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : I don't see a poll.

12:49:42 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : Just found it! Popped up on my second screen. :]

12:51:08 From Roger Moss to Everyone : Thank you Dee!

12:51:34 From Roger Moss to Everyone : And it's not that being on Zoom is harder, it is just different. All venues have challenges.

12:52:22 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : Mel, Lish raised his hand (since you can't see those)

12:53:02 From Roger Moss to Everyone : Yes Alan thank you!!!

12:54:21 From Carol Betts (she/her) to Everyone : I'll note that Mary is not here now. I also noted that Microsoft has a conference center. Not sure if it is available to public. Food is available. I would imagine tech is good.

12:54:48 From Roger Moss to Everyone : I am relaying info to Mary through WhatsApp

12:55:11 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : The tech at Microsoft is amazing. However, it is my understanding that at least one attendee has to be a Microsoft employee.

12:56:25 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : Sasha, what are those 3 Fridays? That may help narrow down the dates.

12:57:46 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : I currently have July 16, August 13 and 20.

12:57:53 From Emily Martin to Everyone : does anyone one else find Fridays especially challenging?

12:58:27 From Emily Martin to Everyone : In the summer, that gets complicated for me

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12:59:18 From Dee Knapp to Everyone : I'm available July 16, Aug 6 and Aug 27
12:59:52 From Adrienne Wills to Everyone : The weekend of Aug. 19-21 is not workable for me.
12:59:56 From Joanna Roth to Everyone : I'll be out of town August 18-31
12:59:58 From Carol Betts (she/her) to Everyone : I am unavailable on Friday or Sat on Aug 20/21
13:00:03 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : Is it possible to do a poll, Mel?
13:00:08 From Dee Knapp to Everyone : Can we do a doodle poll?
13:00:20 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : May I suggest our regular meeting date of September 17? That is still before October, and gives the planning committee (and the facility) a bit of a buffer.
13:00:28 From Roger Moss to Everyone : On with Lish now
13:00:35 From Emily Martin to Everyone : I can't do Saturdays in august, of the Fridays I can't do the 6th or 13th
13:00:57 From Roger Moss to Everyone : Lish sent me email with dates
13:01:39 From Roger Moss to Everyone : Sasha is right. Let knew committee drive it
13:01:41 From Adrienne Wills to Everyone : @roger - what would be your suggested timeframe/deadline to enable the Committee to have meaningful impact on Conference planning?
13:01:48 From Emily Martin to Everyone : doodle sounds great. and if you pick a date I can't do, I am ok with that
13:02:00 From Adrienne Wills to Everyone : (To frame dates for the Doodle poll)
13:02:03 From Roger Moss to Everyone : Lish's email is not in my inbox
13:05:14 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : Thank you, Roger, for your comment and your push to get more folks actively involved!
13:05:38 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) - (425) 298-7839 to Everyone : My apologies, but I need to leave. I will respond to a poll if it comes my way.
13:06:09 From Emily Martin to Everyone : I'm not available either date
13:06:18 From Dee Knapp to Everyone : I'm not available either date
13:16:34 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : Roger, are you hoping this committee provide feedback / vote for a favorite working title?
13:24:29 From Adrienne Wills to Everyone : I have to sign off. Re: Media and Communications - I sent an e-mail to Mary and Carol recently and will follow up to ensure it was received. Bye!