



Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2017

12:00 – 1:30pm

1. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order at 12:05pm.
 - a. In-Person: Alan Alhadeff, Adrienne Keith Wills, Julianne Unite,
 - b. On phone: Craig Beles, John Butler, Courtney Kaylor, Sasha Phillips, Mel Simburg, Lish Whitson
2. **Update from Julianne Unite:**
 - a. The WSBA is asking for sections' feedback on publishing section membership on an opt-in basis. The committee had no objections.
3. **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Approved unanimously.
4. **Financial Report (Treasurer – Courtland Shafer):**
 - a. Courtland Shafer was absent, but he forwarded on the proposed budget. The committee had no comments regarding the proposed budget.
5. **Chair Updates (Craig Beles, Adrienne Keith Wills, Courtney Kaylor):**
 - a. At January BOG meeting, BOG adopted Article 11 amendment to WSBA Bylaws as proposed. To some extent, every section will now need to amend its bylaws to be in compliance. Goal is to have all section bylaws amended by the end of the fiscal year. For the ADR section, WSBA is asking for bylaw amendments from sections by June 29 to get them on the agenda for the July BOG meeting. WSBA will be providing a compliance redline to each section of its bylaws, which are anticipated in early March. Spring Section Leaders possibly meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017. Technically, currently anything in a section's bylaws that conflicts with the new Article 11 is preempted by Article 11.
 - b. Adrienne proposed that the EC set aside time during our March meeting to discuss a timeline for changes to our bylaws, to which no one objected. Adrienne also proposed discussing elections at the March meeting as well, to which no one objected.
 - c. Reminder that March 17 meeting will be 2.5 hours long to review progress on tasks from retreat. Lish, Craig, Mel, and Courtney all offered conference rooms, since the WSBA offices will not be available. Committee agreed that March 17 meeting will be at Courtney's office on floor 66 of the Columbia Tower.

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April meeting will be at Mel's office in the Wells Fargo building. May meeting will be at Courtney's office.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Professional Development Committee:

- i. John thanked the committee for filling out the Doodle for the SU ADR Board Networking Event, but none of the dates in February looked like a majority could make it. John instead proposed Thursday, March 9, in the evening on Capitol Hill. Mel pointed out that that evening is the Corporate Counsel Section meeting with the presentation Mediation in Business, and Sasha pointed out that's ABAW's happy hour, so that probably won't work.

*John will see if March 8 or perhaps some evening in April might work.

b. Legislative Committee (Paul McVicker):

- i. Paul was absent, so Adrienne reported in his place. WSBA is sending out bills that may be of interest, and Paul is monitoring.

c. Media & Communications Committee (Adrienne Keith Wills):

- i. Adrienne is working on optimizing the Ning site.

d. Land Use and Environmental Mediation Committee (Courtney Kaylor):

- i. Courtney reported that they have added one new member in eastern Washington.

e. Law School Partnership and ECCL Taskforce (Alan Alhadeff):

- i. John and Alan met and discussed programming for young lawyers. Alan proposed asking John's alums from the SU ADR Board if they would be interested in gaining experience from experienced practitioners. Adrienne suggested that a part of the budget for section recruitment would be available.

* John will reach out to fellow SU ADR Board alums to see what their interest would be in programming for young lawyers, particularly a lunchtime event.

* John will also explore if the AAA Seattle office might be interested in getting more involved with local law schools.

f. Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference Planning Committee (Sasha Philip, Craig Beles, Adrienne Keith Wills):

- i. Craig suggested making the ADR Section's sponsorship of the conference more prominent at the conference. Sasha suggested taking graphic from sponsors' page and putting it above table.

* John will bring the section's banner to the March meeting and will also bring 20-25 sign-up forms for section.

- ii. Attendance free for students, but students are asked to pay for lunch.

* John and Sasha will both reach out to SU to encourage students to attend.

7. New Business:

- a. SU ADR Board desperately needs judges and mediators for their mediation competition at SU the afternoon of Friday March 3 and the morning of Saturday, March 4. CLE credit available. Contact John for details.

8. Adjourn – 1:30