

WSBA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2019 @ Noon

MAY MEETING
STOEL RIVES LLP
600 University Street, Suite 3600
Seattle, WA 98101
Cascade Conference Room

CALL IN INFORMATION
Dial In # is: 1-866-577-9294
Participant Code: 501655
Moderator Code: 5016559

AGENDA

1. Welcome – J. Piskel
2. Approval of April 2019 minutes – J. Piskel (See Attachment 1)
3. Financial Report – J. Beyerlein
4. Midyear Meeting/CLE – R. English/ J. Beyerlein/ B. Hill
5. Road Trip CLE - Location – J. Piskel
6. Writing Competition – S. Millstein/A. Hardwick
7. Section Membership Benefits - .docx Documents – J. Piskel
8. Nomination Committee/Election Process – A. Hardwick (See Attachment 2)
9. Bar Issues Continued – J. Piskel/ A. Tramountanas
10. For the Good of the Order

ATTACHMENT 1

Construction Law Section Meeting Minutes April 10, 2019

Jason Piskel
Jennifer Beyerlein
Athan Tramountanas
John Evans
Lena Holohan
Paige Spratt
Amber Hardwick

Eleen Trang, WSBA (phone)
Colm Nelson
Rick Wetmore (phone)
Alex Jouravlev
Bryce Sinner (phone)
Todd Henry (phone)

The meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. at Stoel Rives and recessed at 1:00 p.m. Chair Jason Piskel presided.

Discussion

1. Approval of March Minutes - Minutes for March, 2019 were presented and approved.
2. Financial Report: Treasurer Jennifer Beyerlein gave a financial report stating that current cash was \$32,144 and that excepting the Amazon event in the fall of 2018, we are under budget. Section membership appears to be slightly down causing a \$700 drop in membership income.
3. Midyear Meeting/June 2019 CLE: List serve is out, everything is on track for the event to take place at Lane, Powell.
4. Winter Forum: There were 33 registrations and consistent with prior years, 15 no-shows for a net attendance of 18.
5. Spring Spokane CLE: The CLE took place March 22, 2019 with thirty three registered. Jason Piskel reported that evaluations were stellar.
6. Writing Competition: At the time of the meeting, there were four submissions. No information whether they were from Seattle U, UW or Gonzaga. The final day to submit is April 10.
7. Spring 2020 CLE: Vancouver, WA, Tacoma and Olympia were discussed as potential venues.

NEXT MEETING IS 12:00 P.M., MAY 8, 2019
AT STOEL RIVES

END OF MINUTES

ATTACHMENT 2

Nominating Committee Report

In 2019, the Construction Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association has openings for three at-large positions, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Vice Chair.

To be eligible for any position, the applicant must have been a voting member of the Section for at least two full years. The vice-chair position adds a requirement that the person must have been an executive committee member for at least two full years.

The 2019 applicants, by position, are set forth below. It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to put forward all names for consideration by the Section.

Vice Chair:

Colm Nelson. Mr. Nelson is the only applicant for vice chair. An applicant for vice chair must have two years serving on the executive committee. Mr. Nelson has served as an at-large member of the executive committee for nearly three years. Mr. Nelson is currently a partner at Stoel Rives, LLC in the construction and real estate group. He has fifteen years of experience in construction law and chaired the construction group at Foster Pepper, PLLC. In his statement of interest, Mr. Nelson states: "I am passionate about this area of the law and dedicated to growing the WSBA's Construction Law section and serving its members."

Treasurer:

Jennifer Beyerlein. Ms. Beyerlein is the incumbent treasurer and only applicant for this position. In her statement of interest, Ms. Beyerlein states:

I very much enjoy working with the Section and participating in its governance, special projects, and establishing and monitoring its budget and expenses. I have now been acting as treasurer for over two years and believe that I continue to be a good fit for that role in the Section. I also believe that I may be one of the only candidates willing to take on the role as treasurer, which makes me even better suited for the position.

Secretary:

John Evans. Mr. Evans is the acting interim secretary. He stepped in when long-time Secretary, Ron English retired. He is one of two applicants for the position of secretary. Mr. Evans has practiced construction law for several decades and is currently a solo practitioner. Mr. Evans has been an active participant and contributor at executive committee monthly meetings. In fact, Mr. Evans is a former chair of the committee. In his statement of interest, Mr. Evans indicates he is applying because he believes that his experience allows him to continue assisting in the committee's endeavors.

Allison Murphy. Ms. Murphy applies to be the secretary. Ms. Murphy is currently a partner at Groff Murphy in Seattle and has been a member of the Construction Law section since she started her practice in 2010. Recently, she contributed as a co-author for a chapter in the 2019 Washington Construction Law Deskbook. The 2019 Deskbook was just recently released and will no doubt be an invaluable resource to construction industry practitioners. In her statement of interest, Ms. Murphy states:

I thoroughly enjoyed working on the Deskbook, and would like to continue to serve our section. Although I am specifically applying for the Secretary position, I am interested in serving the section in any way that I can. It is certainly an exciting time to be in our industry and I would welcome the opportunity to meet and collaborate with colleagues on issues that impact the construction industry as well as our specific construction legal community.

At-Large (three positions open):

Brian Guthrie. Mr. Guthrie has applied for one of the at-large positions on the executive committee. Since 2008, Mr. Guthrie has been practicing construction law at the law firms of Lukins & Annis and Ashbaugh Beal. He is a member of Ashbaugh Beal's construction law group, and has significant experience representing owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and material suppliers in all phases of complex construction projects, including contract drafting and negotiation, government contracting, lien and bond claims, bid disputes, L&I disputes, claims consulting, mediation, arbitration, and litigation. In his statement of interest, Mr. Guthrie states:

I am an active participant in local construction trade associations. I am a member of the AGC of Washington's Diversity Committee and a board member of the CFMA Puget Sound Chapter. I frequently present at construction law seminars and CLE's. I enjoy working in a team environment and my outgoing and positive personality would be a great asset to the Construction Law Executive Committee. I will bring my passion and energy for the construction industry to the table every day and strive to build a more robust and collegial construction law bar in Washington.

Alex Jouravlev. Mr. Jouravlev has applied for one of the at-large positions on the executive committee. He is currently an Assistant Attorney General for the Washington Department of Labor and Industries and part of his practice revolves around the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act. As part of that practice, Mr. Jouravlev is regularly involved in commercial and residential construction litigation. He is familiar with the issues that arise for attorneys practicing in this field. In his statement of interest, Mr. Jouravlev states: "[A]s a representative of the Attorney General's Office, I would bring a perspective to the committee that is not often represented." In his statement of interest Jouravlev states:

As the young lawyer liaison on this section, I have regularly attended the committee's meetings and I am familiar with the section's goals, plans, and work. One of my first efforts for the section was to assist in editing the Construction Deskbook. I worked extensively on the workplace safety chapter and I would look forward to assisting with the next update. I have also assisted with outreach to law schools and young lawyers about our section and our annual essay scholarship. I have helped represent the section at the WSBA's annual Section Night, and even appeared in a video with Amber Hardwick promoting membership in our section. I would look forward to continuing these efforts over the next two years as an at-large member.

Rick Wetmore. Mr. Wetmore has applied for one of the at-large positions on the executive committee. He is currently an at-large member and would like to renew his position as an at-large member of the executive committee. Mr. Wetmore is a principal with Dunn & Black, in Spokane. He has been with Dunn & Black since 2012. Many of his clients are some of the prominent eastern Washington

commercial general contractors T.W. Clark Construction, Clearwater Construction & Management, Baker Construction, Lydig, Bouten Construction, Bethlehem Construction, Walker Construction, Meridian Construction and more. He also represents subcontractors. In his statement of interest, Mr. Wetmore states: "My practice includes litigation in all construction related areas, as well as, contract review, editing, and drafting and insurance coverage related issues. I would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may need."

Masaki James Yamada. Mr. Yamada has applied for one of the at-large positions on the executive committee. He is currently an attorney at Ahlers & Cressman, PLLC. He has been practicing construction law for over 10 years. For the last five years, Mr. Yamada has dedicated more time to giving seminars to contractors around Washington State and CLE courses. In his statement of interest, Mr. Yamada states:

During these past several years, I have learned that there is more to construction law than practicing it from your office; I have learned there is a community in this practice area – a tight community. I believe the WSBA Construction Law Section is a great extension of that community of which I would like to be a part. The partners at my firm have encouraged me to sign up, so I think it is the right time to apply. I believe I am dedicated, a good team player, and would be a great candidate for the At Large Member position on WSBA Construction Section Executive Committee. I appreciate your considerations.

End.