

Construction Law Section  
Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2017

Attendees:

Athan Tramountanas	Colm Nelson
Ron English	Seth Millstein
Jennifer Beyerlein	Amber Hardwick
Julianne Unite	Rob Crick
Todd Henry	Bart Reed
Bob Olson	Rick Wetmore
Bryce Sinner	

Not participating: Zak Tomlinson, Janelle Brennan, Bret Hill, Rick Wetmore, Jason Piskel, Sean Skillingstad

The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm at the law offices of Short Cressman, and recessed at about 12:50 p.m. Athan Tramountanas chaired.

Discussion

1. Approval of October Minutes - Minutes were approved as presented.
2. Financial – Jennifer reported that we will not get a final fiscal year report until January. Preliminary indications are that we a little above projected revenues and a little above expenses as well, with a projected loss of about \$3,200. End balance is projected at about \$33,000. Our budget for fiscal 2018 was approved as submitted by WSBA.
3. Writing Competition – Athan reported that Tom has indicated that the law schools have all received the announcement. The announcement is more specific in than in the past, based on input from the schools. Tom has asked for input on an event to generate interest in the competition. Suggestions included putting a table in the lobby around the middle of the day or outside writing classes, perhaps including an ice cream bar, or perhaps speaking at the writing class. Announcement at writing class. Discussed options to reach out to law students.
4. Fall CLE (Tri Cities) – Amber volunteered to assist John and try to schedule something for this coming spring. No report from John Evans. Athan commented that we should still try to hold a seminar in the Tri Cities at some time in the future.
5. Fall Forum – The Forum is this evening from 5:30-7 at the WSBA offices. The topic will be the recent changes to AIA forms, with CLE credit. Jennifer reported that we have 54 registrations and that Navigant is sponsoring the drinks, to be provided by Gourmondo. A reminder will be sent out.

6. June 2018 CLE: Ron and reported that the CLE will be on June 8, at WSBA. Paul Cressman, Steve Goldblatt and Chris Soelling have agreed to make presentations on their usual topics. The Council discussed whether to include a judicial panel for a third year and strongly favored doing so. Possible topics include: an appellate focus; how to preserve errors at trial; hot topics in discovery; topics in jury trials, such as selecting a jury, voir dire and instructions; 10 most common mistakes. Ethic topics suggested include joint representation issues, such as representing the contractor and bonding company; representing insured while also representing insurance companies (Colm Nelson has an example), the insurance triangle of conflicts, and multiple enrollees. Finally, the Council discussed the main topic for the seminar, and decided to focus on the Deskbook. Suggestions for chapters to present include: Owner Responsibilities; Performance Issues; Environmental Issues; Subcontract Issues; Inspection, Acceptance and Warranties.
7. Winter Forum – Athan reported that Bob Olson is willing to coordinate the forum again, but that the Council needs to suggest a topic. Bob is still seeking a speaker. Athan suggested bringing in someone bring in BIM presentation, with actual training, perhaps a teacher at UW.
8. Deskbook – Ron reported that as of November 3, with seven of 25 chapters still need to be reviewed. This is 4 less than last month. Ron and the Editorial Board are contacting the peer reviewers to determine when they will be completed. Comments have been incorporated for 10 chapters, which are now ready to be submitted to WSBA.
9. Newsletter update – Athan asked for suggestions for topics for the next newsletter.
10. WSBA website transition changes – No report.
11. New Lead/Liaison – Julianne reported that Korrinna Hernandez will be the new section liaison, and will be our primary contact with WSBA for administrative issues. There is separate from the WSBA BOG liaison, who is a member of the BOG. Athan invited Kevin Plachy to talk about CLE programs. He will come December meeting.
12. Open Sections Nights (Fall: Nov. 1 Tacoma; Winter: Jan. 24, Seattle): Colm will attend the January 24 Night in Seattle.
13. Young Lawyer Liaison – Sean Skillingstad will not be available to continue to serve, and has suggested another individual in the AG's office to replace him.
14. New Business – None

NEXT MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 13, 2016

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**END OF MINUTES**