

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

**CRIMINAL LAW SECTION**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for *Saturday, June 7, 2014*

**Meeting Location:** 13 Coins, Seatac      **Called to order:** 9:17 am      **Adjourned:** 10:32 am

**Present:** Hugh Birgenheier, John Fairgrieve, Ronald Hammett, James Hershey, Kim Hunter, Jana Jorgensen, Blythe Phillips, Dale Slack, John Strait, Mark Vovos,

**Absent:** Edwin Aralica, Tessa Gorman, Jimmy Hung, John Sheeran, Aaron Wolff

Meeting Discussion

- **Minutes from Last Meeting:** Hugh moved to approve, John Strait seconded, motion passed
- **Financials:**
  - Report on member fees
    - 71 for February, totaling \$2087.75 revenue
    - 13 for March, totaling \$257.75 revenue
    - 3 for April, totaling \$90 revenue
  - Membership count from WSBA shows that as of the end of April, the Criminal Law Section was 3 members away from budgeted target membership.
    - There is some inconsistency between the member fee breakdowns and the membership count sent each month by the WSBA. Blythe is waiting to get more information on how the calculations for each figure are made.
  - 2015 Budget due July 14:
    - Section will not increase membership fee this year
    - Send Blythe suggestions for new lines in budget – do we want to come up with new goals and do things that might bring in new members, etc
- **Membership**
  - Discussion of membership: Why doesn't the section have more members? What can we give members?
    - Better use of the list serve:
      - Share articles or items of interest – Kim suggested that **each member of the committee get assigned a month to be responsible to send items to the list serve.** Those present at the meeting volunteered for months and those absent were or will be assigned a month. Kim will compile a list and send it out to the committee. There is no required number of emails or postings to the list serve for each month.
      - send out legislation under review by the committee with an introduction – John Strait said he would draft introduction
        - Regarding legislation-voting process: Since vote on legislation to recommend to the WSBA to support it, John Strait says we should talk to lobbyists about giving us more lead time to consider their legislation
      - Use list serve to distribute newsletter
  - Law school visit at Gonzaga: Mark coordinated and Dale came up and spoke. The event went very well – 40 or more students attended, there was a good presentation about reasons to join with an emphasis on the networking benefits. We hope that some of the new members we have acquired in the last few months are from the law school.

- John Strait – can do a Law School event in the fall at SU. School starts 3rd week of August. John Strait will coordinate with the criminal law student group.
  - Sadly for us, Leesa Manion stepped down due to schedule overload. We now have 1 prosecutor position open on the executive committee
    - Looking for proposed new member – we would like to find someone out of eastern Wash, or maybe Kitsap?
    - Jana knows some folks in Jefferson & Grays Harbor – she will reach out to them
- **CJI 2014** (Hugh & Kim)
  - Oct 9 & 10 are firm dates
  - Topics: keeping many of the traditional topics and speakers plus exploring new ones. The new lawyer session last year was very successful, so exploring topics for that. Also discussed having a presentation on mental health issues and immigration issues. An action items list will be sent out to the committee separately from these minutes.
  - Still searching for finale, following up on some ideas
- **NEWSLETTER** (Dale)
  - THANK YOU, DALE, for putting together a NEWSLETTER!
  - Dale is still interested in getting items for content – even if it’s just a paragraph
    - Will add in CJI information
    - If anyone sees typos or anything let him know
  - Aiming for July publication – newsletter will be sent out electronically
- **Member Benefit CLE Schedule** – Usually on Saturday morning at SU, 4 hrs for 4 credits – members of section can go for free; often members of executive committee speak
  - Location: SU? John Strait will work with SU CLE director to coordinate
  - Date: Nov 22?
  - discuss it more at next meeting
- **Next Meeting:** August 16
  - Board meeting right after CJI?
- **WSBA Spring Section Leaders meeting** – THANK YOU, JIMMY, for representing the section!!
  - Jimmy sent out an email to the executive committee following the meeting, if you have any questions please feel free to contact him.
- **Old Business**
  - Still no 2013 minutes
  - Want to get the executive committee list updated on the website.
- **New Business**
- **Good of the Order**