

## **ELUL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2015 - 2:00 p.m. (Seattle City Attorney's Office)

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**PRESENT:** Kelly, Darren, Jeff, Kristie, Lisa, Elizabeth B, Jacqui, Elizabeth T, Brian, plus our new Young Lawyer rep Caroline and Bar Liaison Joe

**MINUTES:** Meeting minutes for Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> conference calls were approved.

### **BUDGET (Elizabeth T)**

Our budget through July is in good shape. Need to review Midyear financials from last year though.

### **SECTIONS POLICY WORKGROUP (Joe)**

Overview for new board members and update for all: Workgroup completed. Many issues were unresolved, but a new body will need to be empaneled to address these. Revisions include Article 11 amendments (re: sections). Proposals were approved and will be before BOG for vote Sept. 29/30. Some changes include creating minimum standards for section governance, election process and timeline, term limits, increasing minimum # of sigs to express interest in creating new section (From 100 to 150), allowing sections, in their own bylaws, to allow anyone (judges, e.g.) to be section members and executive committee members, fiscal policies (can no longer buy alcohol though can get sponsor and cover banquet permit plus bartender; enforcement of the reimbursement maximums for meals, travel (\$175 is room limit for Seattle)).

Our section comments re: timing of elections with regard to our Midyear, etc., were considered and Joe will consider and discuss with us how to make the changes workable in the future. We should, for example, still be able to have people nominated from the floor at the Midyear, then run our election towards the end of May.

As to the new bylaws, the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of each section now need to be elected. No timeline for implementation was discussed, so it's unclear if we need to implement this right away. We presume there is some lag time as all section bylaws will need to comply.

Changes left unresolved for a future discussion include pooling of section reserves; relationship of bar to section CLEs; methods of communications & resolutions between bar & sections. All these are ripe for future discussions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sections Night – Oct – Elizabeth & Brian to see if can cover

Fall Sections leaders meeting in Nov.

## MINI-CLE UPDATE (Kelly)

Topics discussed for the December ethics CLE included a focus on the state's new envt'l crimes unit (ethical issues in criminal enforcement, Bill Sherman heads unit, and/or an Oso-related discussion and ethical boundaries for consulting experts, plus the latest updates to RPC.

- Board liked all ideas, Kelly will pursue which one (or a few) that work(s) best.
- Tentative date picked – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> based on this being only day around that time available at the Women's University Club. Kelly will double check availability to confirm, and also look into availability there for our Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> retreat. (If the Women's University Club doesn't work out, Darren will find a room for the Nov. Retreat)
- The new policy re: alcohol mean we will need to change how we fund the social portion of the December CLE, as changes take effect Oct. 1 The idea of partnering with KCBA or finding a sponsor were discussed.

## LAW SCHOOL UPDATE (Kristie)

The new policy re: alcohol will also change how we coordinate with law schools and fund the yearly student-professional socials, though perhaps the schools, or the KCBA or ABA could fund that portion of the bill.

Update provided that, for past 2 years, Gonzaga didn't utilize the grant they were awarded (they did not select a fellow for the Mike Chappell fellowship). UW used roughly half its funds to date, but hasn't been paid, and has requested to use the remaining funds for travel costs for students and their families to attend an educational event at the Elwah Dam on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board voted on whether to fund the educational event, and the majority decided to fund the event and issue a \$1,000 check to cover both events to the school (subject to the condition that the travel funds only fund student travel).

## ELUL ADR COMMITTEE

It was unclear who volunteered to take over Dave Mann's role on this Committee (Kristie to look into notes for who volunteered.)

No communications or newsletter update

## 2017 MIDYEAR CO-CHAIR SELECTION

Suggestions included Alexandra Guilliland, Tim Fischer from Elizabeth T's firm, JT Cooke or Donya Burns (Houlihan Law). All suggestions were met with favorable review, though it was decided that Kristie will call Donya and Tim first to see if they are interested.

## NOVEMBER RETREAT:

Section Executive Committee roles to be discussed on the 6<sup>th</sup>, with many roles open.

Adjourned.