

## **ELUL Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes**

In-person at Alderbrook and Conference Call – May 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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Present: Lisa, Kristie, Elizabeth T., Kelly, Brian, Darren, LeAnne, Pat, WSBA representative Joe  
By phone: Elizabeth B., Jacqui, and BOG Liaison

### **Meeting Minutes (Lisa)**

- Approval of the minutes for April 2017

### **Budget Update (Lisa/Elizabeth T.)**

- Financials through March look good. About 17 members under budget for membership, but only half way through the year. We are a little over budget for conference calls, but expected to balance out with fewer calls over the coming months.
- We will need to nominate a new Treasurer as Elizabeth steps up to Chair-Elect.
- Will receive budget materials from WSBA May 30 and need to respond by July 14.

### **Midyear Update (Kristie and Darren)**

- Really good turnout this year; registration closed last week. Rooms at Alderbrook were full in March.
- Four firms donated scholarships, plus the balance we had already. Awarded four scholarships, but one person had to withdraw. Will have a running balance moving forward (amount to be confirmed).
- Had a difficult time finding speakers this year; will discuss further at future meetings how we might recruit candidates more proactively. New WSBA reimbursement policy will make it more difficult to recruit speakers from NGO/government. Joe suggested using our budget surplus to supplement the budget from WSBA CLE department. Lodging for mid-day speakers will not be covered by CLE department.
- Next year we will be at Suncadia.

### **Election Nominations (Darren)**

- Jeff Weber led nominating committee. They identified five nominees, plus any nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Tried to very hard to find nominees outside of the “typical” pool (regulated/regulators), including from NGOs, but several candidates declined.
- Two spots are open (Jacqui, Elizabeth T.)
- Voting will be open for two weeks, with frequent reminders to vote. Joe is proposing WSBA send out two e-blasts to all members, and we can follow up on the listserv as well. (Joe is also following up on why some members are not on the listserv).

### **Communications Update (Brian)**

- Brian has been working with Joe on website updates. Content is good, but working on layout for the new website. Timing is still unknown; migration currently on hold.

- There was a request from the listserv to create a brief bank. WSBA would not host substantive briefs, but potentially forms. Kelly received some feedback that this may not be a good idea, but generally there is support for it. Will suggest that folks utilize the listserv or pursue an ad hoc (non-WSBA-sponsored) effort.

#### **Newsletter Update (Kelly)**

- No updates yet. Both editors are transitioning down. Cliff Cato and Andy King are on board to take over but have not kicked things off yet.

#### **Law School Outreach (Elizabeth T.)**

- Seattle social was good; smaller than expected (especially on law student side), but people interacted well. Arctic Club is not ADA accessible, so would be better to find a different venue (maybe Elysian?).
- No success on east side, but will keep trying for early fall. It has been hard to find a contact person at Gonzaga.
- Will try to streamline student fellowship program. Currently law schools advertise and select, then bar awards fellowship. Will discuss at future meetings whether there might be a better way to do this.

#### **Legislative Update (LeAnne)**

- Midyear agenda includes an in-depth legislative update.

#### **ADR Committee (Pat)**

- Had a conference call mid-April. Developing scope of work for a pilot project on land use and ADR, hopefully will have a plan in the next 6-7 months.

#### **Mini-CLE Update (Elizabeth B. & Kelly)**

- Kelly is doing an internal CLE on preemption and standing; pending approval, this may be able to be repurposed as a webcast for the section over the summer.
- Suggestions welcome – will announce at midyear, particularly for ethics speakers in December.

#### **WSBA/BOG and Section Liaison Updates (Joe)**

- By-laws update: Lisa working on conforming section by-laws to the new WSBA standard.
- We now have the option to add additional voting members from individuals who are not active/licensed members in good standing (e.g., emeritus, retired, licensed in other states, etc.). Question about whether judicial members could be voting members. Since we don't have a lot of membership votes, this does not present a conflict.
- Meeting notice: notice of membership meeting will be included with midyear brochure.
- Executive Committee: we could add the young-lawyer liaison as a voting member of committee in by-laws.

- Meetings and Voting: will list meetings on website. Can no longer vote by email; have to have a call and provide notice on website. What is required/reasonable is still unclear and will be a subject of further discussion.
- Elections: There was a lengthy discussion of this. Ultimately, we can keep the same system we have now (both for electing at-large positions and appointing secretary and treasurer). Joe confirmed that this meets the new WSBA by-law requirements, as long as the process is clear. Will add a provision for a run-off election in the event of a tie.

Next Meeting: Conference call, June 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.