



### ELUL Executive Committee March Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 3:30 – 4:30 PM via Zoom

Call-in: 1-253-215-8782, Meeting ID: 447 697 8565, Passcode: 882151

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In attendance – M. Wehling, J. Pilgrim, J. Foust, D. Carnell, R. Sinsheimer, T. Wilcox, D. Burns, G. Gurian, N. Sweeney

1. February Meeting Minutes Approval and March meeting agenda additions/changes – *Full EC*  
– 3:30 – 3:35 – **Vote Required**

#### **J. Foust moved to approve, seconded by D. Carnell – Results: 7 aye, 1 abstention**

2. 2026 Mid-Year Venue Information (Annual Goal #1) – *WSBA-CLE, Jason, Nick, and Darren* – 3:35 – 3:45
  - *Information on the three venues selected by the EC at December 13 meeting: Kitsap Convention Center, Great Wolf Lodge, and Heathman Lodge*
  - *Average attendance 2008-2023 is 112, including faculty*

WSBA Staff (Kevin Planchy and Natalie Gray) Joined meeting to discuss venue selection efforts–

M. Wehling recaps our last direction to the WSBA staff on venue selection.

Group discussion of goals with selecting 2026 midyear site, and necessary trade-offs in site selection.

Discussion of Great Wolf Lodge focused on setting not conducive to professional conference, sponsors indicating they would not support conference at the location.

Discussion of issues with Icicle Village and Leavenworth generally as a destination.

3. 2024 Mid-Year (Annual Goal #1) – *Jessica, Martha, and Full EC* - 3:45 – 4:00 – **Vote Required**
  - *Select two recipients for Mid-Year scholarships*
  - *How to increase applications in future years*
  - *Allow additional (3<sup>rd</sup>) night reimbursement for EC members traveling more than 150 miles*
    - *Budget for EC Mid-Year is \$12,500 (row 58300)*

There was no discussion of midyear scholarship recipients. There were only two applicants and both were qualified.

**J. Pilgrim moved to select midyear recipients. J. Foust seconded. Result: unanimous approval, no abstentions.**

Discussion of low applicant pool. J. Pilgrim circulated notice of opportunity through ELUL EC social media accounts, M. Wehling sent notice to local bar groups with similar practice areas.

Discussion of future applications for midyear conference, possible changes to application process. J. Pilgrim suggested making the application a fillable form to replace need for a cover letter.

M. Wehling brought up the possibility of adding a third night of reimbursement for any committee members who travel more than 150 miles for the midyear – including travel and food costs. The extra costs would fit within the existing reimbursement budget.

D. Burns points out the switch to a 2-day midyear conference will lessen the budgetary strain on reimbursements. EC members presenting at midyear conference saves EC members presenting saved approximately \$12,500 in the budget.

Further discussion of budget led by M. Wehling.

**Vote on approving third night of reimbursement for qualified EC members. Unanimous approval, 7 ayes, 1 abstention (M. Wehling).**

4. Legislative Wrap-up (Annual Goal #5) – *Gabby, Caroline, and Nick* – 4:00 – 4:05
  - *Thank you letters to students*

Legislative wrap-up – ELUL EC sent out penultimate legislative update. ELUL EC and law students assisting will provide final update once signatures and vetoes happen.

5. Volunteers for April and May Blog Round-up (Annual Goal #3) – *Full EC* – 4:05 – 4:15
  - *Feedback on content after first two months*

**M. Wehling volunteered for April Blog Post. P. Pilgrim volunteered for May.**

6. Additional volunteer to assist with August 13 one-day CLE planning (Annual Goals #1, 4) – *Martha and Gabby* – 4:15 – 4:20

Discussion of item 6 moved to April meeting.

7. Agenda process – *Full EC* – 4:20 – 4:25

Discussion of item 7 moved to April meeting.

8. Roundtable and project assistance – *Full EC* – 4:25 – 4:30

Next Meeting:

**Thursday, April 18 - 10:30 - 12:00** – Suncadia & Zoom

- Budget & Annual Priorities/Projects (Annual Goal #4)
- 2026 Mid-Year Venue Selection (Annual Goal #1)
- August one-day CLE planning (Annual Goals #1, 4)
- ELUL projects and opportunities

Upcoming Dates:

- April 4: Law Student and Young Lawyer Networking Event at Stoup Brewing
- April 18-20: Mid-Year; EC meeting April 18 & annual ELUL meeting April 19
- May 8: ELUL EC meeting (virtual)

ELUL EC Annual Goals 10/1/23 – 9/30/24:

<b>Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals &amp; Priorities:</b>	
<b>1</b>	Commitment to make ELUL CLEs accessible for all Section members, regardless of practice or geographic location.
<b>2</b>	Active engagement in law school outreach, provide scholarships, and provide law students with networking opportunities with experienced practitioners.
<b>3</b>	Increase utility of and current content on blog.
<b>4</b>	Decrease expenses and increase revenue to balance the Section budget.
<b>5</b>	Provide timely legislative updates on all bills that affect environmental and land use practitioners.