



ELUL Executive Committee April Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 10:30 AM – 12 (Hybrid)

Suncadia – Barich Room

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In attendance: A. Bolgiano, R. Sinsheimer, G. Gurien, D. Carnell, T. Wilcox, C. Cress, M. Wehling, J. Foust, D. Burns, C. MacGregor, N. Sweeney.

1. March Meeting Minutes Approval and April meeting agenda additions/changes – *Full EC* – **Vote Required**

J. Foust moved to approve March minutes; R. Sinsheimer seconded; unanimously approved.

2. ELUL Budget Overview (Annual Goal #4) – *Martha and Darren*
 - M. Wehling gave presentation on current state of the EC budget.
 - Sources of revenue include member dues, mini-CLEs, midyear conference.
 - Dues: brief discussion of raising or modifying dues levels. That process would go through WSBA
 - Mini-CLEs: low cost to put them on; will continue hosting at the WSBA Seattle office to keep costs down.
 - Midyear conference: historically a source of revenue, but recently not the case; WSBA fronts the costs of the conference, including lodging, food, presenter fees, and charges CLE costs; attendance fees go to WSBA until costs are paid, and “profit” is split 50-50 between WSBA and ELUL; WSBA estimates revenue based on in person attendance and assumed digital purchases of recordings.
 - Discussion of current budget issues and how to address them;
 - Expectations are that midyear and new 1-day CLE will not break even.
 - increasing membership through new or prior members identified as one aspect of closing budget gap; will require improvements in communication and outreach, like improved list-serv.
 - Fundraising as well, but utilize it in a targeted way, like fundraising for student scholarships.

- Partnership with local bar groups and ABA chapters to increase cross-over membership and attendance.
 - Sponsorship of activities and events has continued to be successful.
 - *Reminder how to submit reimbursement for Mid-Year (and what is reimbursed)*
3. 2026 Mid-Year Venue Selection (Annual Goal #1) – *Darren, Jason, and Nick* – **Vote Required**
- *Select 2026 Mid-Year Venue Location: Kitsap Convention Center, Great Wolf, or Heathman*
 - N. Sweeney, D. Carnell, and J. Foust discuss the pros and cons of each location, and reasons why Heathman strikes the appropriate balance of EC's priorities for location selection.
 - Discussion of future themes and topics with the 2-day, 1-day split.
 - M. Wehling moves that EC ask WSBA staff to pursue Heathman as the preferred option for 2026 midyear; R. Sinsheimer seconds; unanimous approval.
4. One-Day CLE & Mini CLEs (Annual Goals #1, 4) – *Martha, Gabby, and Jason*
- *Additional volunteer or solicit for a chair/co-chairs?*
 - *One to two volunteers to take over the mini-CLEs beginning this fall*
5. Law Student and Young Lawyer Mixer – *Rachel and Gabby*
- Recap: successful event, with 50 attendees
 - Process is in place for repeating the event successfully.
6. Election process – closes on April 26
- *Nominations from the floor*
 - *Chair, chair-elect*
 - *At-large positions (5)*
 - *Two for 10/1/24 – 9/30/27*
 - *One for term ending 9/30/24*
 - *One for term ending 9/30/25*
 - *One for term ending 9/30/26*
 - *Young Lawyer Liaison (separate process)*

Discussion of application process – J. Pilgrim has previously had suggested making a form, which is being considered. D. Carnell suggested emailing prior members about experience.

7. Project/Goals Discussion – *Full EC*
- *Change to commercial list-serv*
 - *Tiered dues*
 - *Silent auction and brewery fund raisers (combined with fall networking)*
 - *Set up a “chair” email for institutional knowledge*
 - *Set up a members-only section on WSBA website*
 - *Tree planting, trail work*
 - *Minis virtual or WSBA office*
 - *Future mid-years:*

- *one-day registration or reduced rate both days*
- *awards*
- *tiered registration (reduced for virtual, NGO, government)*
- *sponsors go to Foundation instead of WSBA-CLE*
- *create fillable form for scholarship applicants, expand?*
- *Alderbrook 2025 – going to hit in-person capacity, strategy*

Discussion is tabled for a dedicated meeting on the subject.

7. Agenda process – *Full EC*

- Draft agenda process is not productive, how can it be better utilized.
- Goal should be to get officers providing input on the agenda; that can be achieved by a standing first agenda item that asks members to volunteer additional items at beginning of meeting; alternative, send email asking for anything members want added.

9. Round-up Content – *Full EC*

- M. Wehling identified 5 categories of content coverage: (1) significant appellate decisions; (2) legislation (only during session) – cross post to law firm blogs; (3) job openings for that month that are still open; (4) upcoming ELUL events; (5) reminder about social media and listserve.
- M. Wehling is doing the April roundup.
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10. Roundtable and project assistance – *Full EC*

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 8 – 3:30-4:30 –Zoom

- Law Student Fellowships (Annual Goal #2)
- Approve draft budget (Annual Goal #4)
- June & July Round-up volunteers (Annual Goal #3)
- One-day planning (Annual Goals #1, 4)

Upcoming Dates:

- May 8: ELUL EC meeting (virtual)
- June 12: ELUL EC meeting (virtual)

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

Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals & Priorities:

1	Commitment to make ELUL CLEs accessible for all Section members, regardless of practice or geographic location.
2	Active engagement in law school outreach, provide scholarships, and provide law students with networking opportunities with experienced practitioners.
3	Increase utility of and current content on blog.
4	Decrease expenses and increase revenue to balance the Section budget.
5	Provide timely legislative updates on all bills that affect environmental and land use practitioners.