



Minutes WSBA ELUL EC Meeting and 2023 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Section Members Present: Donya (1), Martha (2), Kyler (3), Tom (4), Rachel (5), Robie (6), Caroline (7), and Gabby (8). There was a quorum (> 50%) of the 11 current EC voting members since 8 were present.

WSBA Staff present: Carolyn MacGregor, Kevin Plachy, and Shanthi Raghu.

Call to Order, Introductions, Consent Items

Donya called the meeting to order and reviewed the proposed agenda.

Presentation of Prior Meeting(s) Minutes (Tom)

Tom presented the draft Minutes from the May meeting, which had been distributed to the EC by email. He noted changes to be made based on EC requests (Martha's request to correct typos, i.e., Skamania, Icicle, and stray reference to her name), and moved the EC for approval. Martha seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The motion was approved.

Updates and Assignments

Midyear Seminar

The EC conducted a high-level discussion of the Mid-Year seminar results. No decisions were made. A more detailed session is scheduled for next month.

Kevin Plachy provided comments regarding the Bar's fiscal policies regarding reimbursement policies, as they relate to venue selection. There was general discussion.

2023 Midyear thank you notes. Donya led a discussion of her proposal to send thank you notes to faculty. She asked the EC for agreement each to send an assigned allotment of notes. About 40 people will be thanked in total. The EC agreed with Donya's request.

- Action: Donya to organize a project for personal EC thank you notes to Midyear Faculty.

Martha and Donya solicited the EC for help on the planning committee for the Mid-Year Seminar. Caroline and Donya expressed willingness to help.

Fellowship Applications.

Rachel led a discussion of the three applications received for fellowship applications for 2024 summer interns. There was consensus all three applicants were impressive. The EC discussed whether it had an option to allocate more to the unpaid applicants. Carolyn and Kevin advised there is no barrier from the Bar's requirements point of view as long as we stay within budget



and provide justification. After thorough discussion there was consensus that the EC had discretion to do so long as it stayed within the \$9,000 budget. Donya moved to award two \$4,000 fellowships and one \$1,000 scholarship. Rachel seconded the motion. Caroline abstained. There were six votes in favor. The motion passed.

- Decision: ELUL will award \$2,000 fellowships to Kevin Logue and Cassidy Freitas. ELUL will award a \$1,000 fellowship to Caitlin Clarke.
- Action: Rachel to draft award notifications and work with WSBA to get the funds distributed.

Budget Workshop

Review, discuss, and annotate FY24 budget worksheet.

Will likely defer voting to a special meeting in a couple weeks.

Donya led the EC in a discussion of the ELUL budget for 2024. She provided an overview based on documents and figures provided by the Bar, following up on the spreadsheet she emailed to the Committee with the budget. The EC and Bar staff conducted a detailed discussion of each of the budget line items. No decisions were made. Donya and the EC agreed to conduct a “special meeting” to finalize budget review and the 2024 budget request.

- Action: Donya to call a “special meeting” to complete the 2024 budget discussion and seek EC approval of a budget request.

Mini-CLE Update (Jason)

Tabled until June 2023 meeting.

Elections, Treasurer Role (Kyler)

Status, process going forward

Issue of partial term(s)—Austin and Tom’s positions

There was no discussion of this topic.

Communications and Website (Gabby, Caroline)

Recent website and social media updates.

There was no discussion of this topic.

Articles/Blog (Gabby, Caroline)

There was no discussion of this topic.

Law School Outreach (Rachel, Albert, Gabby)

Mentorship program, status. (Tabled to July meeting.)

There was no discussion of this topic.



Legislative Updates (Gabby, Martha)

There was no discussion of this item.

Budget Issues and Financial Review

Section Financials and Budget Update (Carolyn, Austin)

See discussion above regarding budget workshop.

WSBA/BOG and Section Liaison Updates

There was no discussion of this topic.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other business? (All)

No other business was raised. The meeting ended at about 1:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Special meeting re budget (tbd)

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 via Zoom (next regular meeting)