

# Minutes WSBA ELUL EC Meeting and 2023 Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Icicle Village Resort, Leavenworth and via Zoom

<u>Section Members Present</u>: Donya (1), Martha (2), Kyler (3), Tom (4), Rachel (5), Jason (6), Robie (7), Albert (8), Austin (9), and Gabby (10). There was a quorum (> 50%) of the 11 current EC voting members since all were present. Matt Clark was also present.

WSBA Staff present: Carolyn MacGregor

## 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 April meeting, which had been distributed to the EC by email dated April 15, 2023. He noted changes to be made based on EC requests (Kyler's request to add a note about soliciting EC applications and her action to request sponsorship from Miller, Nash), and moved the EC for approval. Kyler seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The motion was approved.

# **Updates and Assignments**

### 2023 Midyear Updates (Matt, Nico, Jason, Martha)

The EC engaged in general discussion of the status of preparations for the meeting and extended thanks to Martha, Matt, and Nico for a job well done.

# Mini-CLE Update (Jason)

Tabled until June 2023 meeting.

### Communications and Website (Gabby)

Recent website and social media updates. There was no discussion of this topic.

#### Articles/Blog (Gabby)

There was no discussion of this topic.

## Law School Outreach (Rachel, Albert, Gabby)

Mentorship program, status. (Tabled to June meeting.)
Recap of Law School Networking Event
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)

There was no discussion of this topic.

### **WSBA/BOG** and Section Liaison Updates

There was no discussion of this topic.

### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

### 2023 ELUL Fellowship Application (Rachel, Gabby, Carolyn)

Questions re next steps: Award marketing, application & selection process, award delivery Rachel and Gabby explained the proposal distributed with the agenda for this meeting. The proposal was identical in most respect to the one approved last year with a notable change that persons with paid internships would be eligible this time. The amount and number of scholarships has not changed from last year. The EC discussed the proposal generally, with focus on the new eligibility for persons with NGO or government. There was unanimous support.

<u>Decision</u>: Kyler moved to approve the proposed fellowship program, Donya seconded the motion. There were no objections. It was unanimously approved.

Action: Rachel, Gabby, & Carolyn will move forward to distribute the proposal and solicit applications.

### Adjust meeting time going forward? (Donya)

The EC discussed Donya's proposal to change the time (later in the day) due to reduced participation since the decision to adopt an earlier time. There was no decision.

Action: Donya will send the EC a Survey Monkey designed to determine the most convenient times for everyone.

## Section Leaders Meetings, Emails (Donya, Kyler)

Ref. Gmail

There was no discussion of this issue.

## Venue choice for next year



2025: Donya reported that, based on the Bar staff's inquiries, Alderbrook is the only venue which can offer availability for our dates.

2024: Also based on Bar staff inquiries, Donya also reported that the only May 2024 availability is at Skamania and Icicle Village. The EC discussed the options. The consensus was Skamania is not favored for this event due to the distance from Seattle and various negative reports on previous events. Donya reported there is availability for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April 2024 at Suncadia. There was discussion about this option and a requirement to provide an answer (yes/no) today if we want to accept. There was consensus we should answer with an acceptance, but that the EC should start planning for future meetings earlier in order to seek more options and flexibility. Gabby suggested the EC should develop a description/guidance for a year long planning process for planning and execution of conference plans. There was consensus that should be done and Martha noted she already has such a planning document started.

<u>Action</u>: Donya will contact Bar staff and advise the EC would like to accept the Suncadia dates in April 2024.

Action: Martha and entire EC will develop a conference planning process document.

# Other business? (All)

No other business was raised. The meeting ended at about 11:45 am.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 via Zoom

#### **Annual Meeting**

As publicized in advance through the 2023 Mid Year CLE meeting agenda, the ELUL conducted its annual meeting on May 12, 2023 in person at the Icicle Village at 1:30 pm. Approximately 50 members of the section were present. Donya called the meeting to order and she and Kyler jointly conducted the session. The sole agenda item presented was a review of pending Section elections for two open positions, description of the voting process, and invitation to vote.

- 1. First, for the position of Chair-Elect to date, there has been one application Tom Wilcox
- 2. Second, there are two at-large EC positions currently there are 5 applicants: Jessica Pilgrim, Robie Russell, Luke Sanders, Dylan Stonecipher, and Allison Bolgiano.
- 3. Kyler solicited any additional nominations from the floor. One nomination was made, Nico Wedekind for the EC.
- 4. Kyler advised that Application portal is online and open until May 16. If anyone else is interested, can fill out information. She also asked Section members to submit their votes.
- 5. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.