

## **Minutes**

### **WSBA Juvenile Law Section, Annual Meeting 2021**

**Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**[meet.google.com/zps-scbx-azw](https://meet.google.com/zps-scbx-azw)**

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Attendees: Michael Addams, Jill Malat, Lisa Dabalos-McMahon, Jim Richardson, John Hitt, Elton Chen, Julianne Unite, Jennie Cowan, Meghan Casey, Bailey Zydek, Gerry Coleman, Hillary Madsen, Laura Baird

- 1) Welcome & Introductions**
- 2) Approval of agenda**
  - a) Approved**
- 3) Approval of October and December minutes**
  - a) Approved**
- 4) Review of financial statements**
  - a) Current funds: \$10,356.33**
- 5) Committee Reports**
  - a) Civil Legal**
    - i) trying to find topics of interest to work with**
  - b) Juvenile Justice**
    - i) no report**
  - c) Child Welfare**
    - i) AAGs recently had a training re RCW 11, might be good for other orgs to have similar trainings**

**(1) repeal of RCW 26.10 was pushed back, NPC can be completed if already filed, new actions should be under RCW 11**

**d) Legislative**

**i) session well under way**

**ii) HB1219 - changes have been made to original bill**

**(1) sub bill: amended to counsel for ages 8-17, under 8 will get counsel when term petition is filed**

**(2) Contact Bailey if you have input on the bill**

**(3) section members have only provided input on this bill**

**e) CLE**

**i) no current committee**

**ii) Lisa appointed as chair, unanimously supported**

**6) Officers/Structure of Executive Committee**

**a) by-laws amendment proposed to change officers to chair, chair-elect, secretary, treasurer**

**b) quorum present, motion passed**

**c) Julianne will assist Jill and Mike to get this change submitted properly**

**7) Elections and Recruitment**

**a) as a section- currently not doing much**

**b) can we connect w/ orgs like AAG, OPD, etc to promote participation?**

**c) can we offer discount/free section membership for new attorneys**

**i) free section membership in first year**

**ii) use current funds to cover section memberships**

**iii) What can we have as an elevator pitch for joining?**

**(1) Jill will develop some talking points/simple email summary of what we do and benefits**

**d) Gerry: the section could also benefit from active members reaching out directly to colleagues that are leaders that can help increase activity and direction to the section**

**i) attendees encouraged to recruit colleagues**

**8) Mission, Vision, and Purpose of the Juvenile Law Section**

**a) read by-law section 1.2**

**b) should we issue a statement against systemic racism?**

**c) write an article for the state bar magazine?**

**d) We need to do a CLE - possible topics:**

**i) Jill interested in ABA presentation - A Conversation about the manifestation of White Supremacy in the institution of child welfare**

**ii) juvenile delinquency issues: Mike can coordinate with WAPA to find a presenter**

**iii) ICWA**

**iv) Seattle/King Co - funding shift from juvenile probation to family services**

**v) Special immigrant juvenile status**

**vi) We will start with Jill's suggestion for sometime this year**

**9) Future annual meetings - what month each year?**

**a) group agreed to October, starting in 2021**

**i) in-person again when possible**

**ii) SeaTac as potential site**

- iii) **gives new Executive Committee a chance to start the year with a plan for the year**
- 10) **Monthly meetings date and time**
  - a) **lunchtime is best**
  - b) **new meeting time - 3rd Friday of each month at noon**
- 11) **Open discussion**
  - a) **continue with Google Meet?**
    - i) **Zoom is preferred by many, but this works fine. Will continue for a few months and reevaluate**

**Proposed officer language in by-laws:**

**ARTICLE 5 –OFFICERS**

**5.1 Officers.**

The officers of the Section shall be the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

**5.2 Chair.**

a. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and shall appoint committee members as needed. The Chair shall have such other powers and perform such duties as usually pertain to this office consistent with WSBA and Section Bylaws.

b. In the event the Chair anticipates a temporary inability to carry out the Chair's duties, the Chair may designate the Chair-Elect (or another member of the Executive Committee if the Chair-Elect is not available), to temporarily act as Chair in the Chair's absence.

**5.3 Chair-elect**

Upon the death, resignation, or during the disability of the Chair, or upon his/her refusal to act, the Chair-elect shall perform the duties of the Chair for the remainder of the Chair's disability and then only during so much of the term as the disability continues. The Chair-elect shall succeed the outgoing Chair as the Chair for the next term of office.

**5.4 Secretary.**

The Secretary will take minutes at each meeting of the Section and executive committee, and provide approved minutes to the Bar for publication and record retention. Further, the Secretary will perform any additional duties incident to the office of Secretary as may be assigned by the Chair or the executive committee, consistent with the Bar's policies and procedures. The role of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same member of the Section.

#### 5.5 Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining financial records for the Section, communicating with the WSBA and other organizations on financial matters, reporting to the Section on its financial position, shall draft a proposed budget each year for Executive Committee approval and submission to the WSBA for approval, shall review the financial statements to the extent provided by the WSBA for accuracy and provide any corrections to the WSBA, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall work with the WSBA to ensure compliance with fiscal policies and procedures. The role of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same member of the Section.