

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 17, 2020**

This meeting was our ninth consecutive meeting conducted entirely by phone, again due to the coronavirus crisis. As in the last few meetings, we met through Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Ron Thompson, Brian Comstock, Steve DeForest, Jim Riehl, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Morrie Shore, Carole Grayson and Eleen Trang of the WSBA. Not able to be present were Scott Osborne, Jeanine Lutzenhiser and BOG Liaison Tom McBride.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor welcomed the attendees. She indicated that BOG Liaison Tom McBride had informed her that the rumored Bar dues reduction was not to be, although the Client Protection Assessment would be lessened by \$5.00.

Regarding the question of “diploma privilege,” (doing away with the Bar exam for graduates of Washington law schools), this matter has been referred to the WSBA’s newly-formed Diversity and Equity group for study.

Eleen said that there had been a possible hacking of the WSBA’s financial files (credit card information) and that the Bar expects to have this problem resolved fairly soon.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al’s Minutes of our October 20 meeting were approved by Motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ron reported that he has not, as yet, received word of our fiscal year-end—September 30-- financial status. Ron also said that we, as of the end of August, 2020, had in the neighborhood of \$9,392.46 in our fund. Other than that, given we do not have more current information, there is not much to report, obviating any need for formal approval.

Ron also informed us that the WSBA has approved our budget for the fiscal year 2021, a copy of which had been furnished in the Agenda materials.

**OUR OCTOBER 30 MINI CLE AND PLANS FOR FUTURE PRESENTATIONS**

Eleanor said our attendance at our October 30 affair was 105. She was unsure of whether or not the seminar attracted any new members to our Section. Eleanor said the program went smoothly and that Carole was a great help. It was noted that the program grossed \$2,310. Brian noted that “that’s a success!”

It was mentioned that there are plans to have Yakima attorney Sarah Wixson speak at a Mini-CLE in January, possibly on January 22, 2021. Since she will speak about farm policy, it was suggested that our pitch should be “if you eat, this program is for you!”

Carole suggested that, given our success on October 30, we should consider having three mini-CLE’s a year, instead of just two. Eleanor agreed.

Steve indicated that Eleanor should receive recognition for her efforts in staging our program, and the E.C. agreed.

## **OUR ANNUAL CLE**

Carole indicated that she has conferred with the WSBA’s Devorah Signer-Hill, who has doubts that May 14, 2021 CLE can be held on an in-person basis, due to the worsening pandemic situation. Jim suggested that we not give up on our May affair, at least not quite yet. “Perhaps we should wait a couple of months before we cancel it.” Carole noted that the WSBA’s (and the Marriott’s) need for a firm commitment must be kept in mind.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Eleanor said that we have gotten permission from the American Bar Association to print its articles from its own “senior lawyer” publication. Eleanor asked all of us to come up with ideas for future newsletter articles.

Brian indicated that perhaps three book reviews per issue would be adequate. Morrie mentioned that we may wish to write an article about coming changes in the law with respect to Individual Retirement Accounts.

Brian advocated strongly that we find a way to get our newsletter directly to older attorneys, not merely through various section listservs or the like. Carole suggested that we ask the WSBA President or our BOG Liaison Tom McBride about how this might be done.

Jim congratulated Eleanor for her work on our nascent newsletter.

## **WE WILL HAVE A MEETING IN DECEMBER, UNLIKE IN PAST YEARS**

Carole suggested that we have a meeting in December, given the current uncertainty of how the on-going virus crises might affect our CLE plans. Convening in December was approved by Motion, with Ron noting that he will attend, despite the third Tuesday in December being his 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on December 15, 2020 at 10:30 am.