

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

**September 8, 2022**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson, Joe Gordon, David Sprinkle, Steve DeForest, Brian Comstock, Young Lawyer Liaison Sabiha Ahmad, and Carolyn MacGregor, WSBA Sections Program Specialist, and Shanthi Raghu, Education Programs Manager. Also attending were Jenny Rydberg and William Cameron, who will be officially joining our Committee at the beginning of the next fiscal year, October 1. Not able to be present were Jim Riehl, Morrie Shore and BOG Liaison Jordan Couch.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor welcomed the Committee attendees, noting that two of our new Executive Committee members, Jenny Rydberg and William Cameron, were joining us in advance of their official October 1 formal installation. Jenny, admitted to the Bar in 1978, comes to us following her retirement from her south King County private practice. William, an attorney since 1975, currently practices on Lummi Island. [Next month's Minutes will be more detailed as to their respective legal backgrounds.]

**SELECTION OF ELEANOR'S REPLACEMENT AS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

We still have not come up with a volunteer to take over Eleanor's duties as Chair of our Executive Committee. Eleanor has very capably acted as our Chair for three years, and must step down for her position to allow her to work on the establishment of a facility for gay seniors. Regarding our replacement, Carole suggested a "rotating" Chair position, with volunteers serving one to three months in the Chair position in succession. Carole also suggested having discrete functions intrinsic to the Chair's duties undertaken by different individuals. Jenny said she has a Zoom account that we could use. Steve asked if anyone had approached Jim about the Chair position.. Jeanine said she understood that Jim intended to decline the position. Brian suggested that Jim might consider acting as Chair if he gave up his work on Life Begins. Steve, for his part, said he could not give the time that the Chair position deserves. Al said he did not wish to cease being the Secretary in order to take the job. Carolyn wondered whether we should reach out to the general Section membership for a volunteer.

Carole said she would act as Chair for October, November, and December. This course of action was approved by Motion. Jeanine said she would also volunteer for a three-month term, possibly during the summer.

Jeanine noted that Eleanor deserves thanks for all the diligent work she has done as Chair. The Committee agreed.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Minutes of our July meeting were approved by Motion.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our Interim Treasurer, Steve, indicated that he has not received July's financial report from the Bar. There being no current financial information available, there was nothing to approve.

Joe indicated that he had timely submitted our fiscal year 2023 Budget Request to the WSBA.

## **PLANS FOR A 2023 IN-PERSON CONFERENCE**

Steve said that he continues to be very skeptical about the feasibility of holding an in-person May conference. "It could be a disaster." Eleanor suggested a possible hybrid presentation of our conference. Brian opined that he didn't think we will ever get back to where we were prior-pandemic. Brian thought that our program needs to be "fundamentally redesigned." Sabiha thought that a possible solution would be to hold the program out of doors, but Eleanor recalls attending an outdoor event, and some attendees there came down with COVID. Brian voiced concern that there are potentially thousands of senior-lawyer-eligible Bar members that we are not reaching. Eleanor suggested that we continue this discussion at a later meeting.

## **NEWSLETTER**

It was mentioned that Jim (not present at this meeting) was continuing to work on our newsletter. He has prevailed upon Justice Madsen to write a column for our publication. Steve will be penning a travel column. It was mentioned that Brett Sutherland has been a real help in getting our newsletter out.

## **ETHOS QUESTION**

The BOG has determined that the recent federal court decisions to not mandate our Bar to institute any structural changes; it was mentioned that the general feeling is that the ideal structure is indeed the integrated model.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on October 12, 2022 at 10:30 am.

