

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**February 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Comstock. Present were Executive Committee members Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson, Ron Thompson, Steve DeForest (by phone), Jeanine Lutzenhiser (by phone), Eleanor Doermann (by phone), Morrie Shore (by phone), Dudley Panchot, WSBA Liaison Patrick Mead, and Kevin Plachy of the WSBA (by phone). Not able to be present were Scott Osborne and Jim Riehl.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Brian distributed the Agenda for today's meeting (and had emailed it to E.C. members prior to the meeting).

Brian noted that three of our number (himself, Jeanine and Al) attended the Open Sections Night on January 31 at the WSBA headquarters downtown. It appears that our \$50 voluntary contribution to this event was moved from our general account to the WSBA's funds. All of our attendees reported that they enjoyed meeting representatives from other sections at the event.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al noted that he may have some short revisions to our January 2019 Minutes. The Minutes as submitted were approved by Motion, with the understanding that any revisions would be considered by the Committee at our March meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ron indicated that he had still not received any updates to our financial situation, and so had nothing to officially present.

Ron stated that he thought our membership currently stands at 170 or 180. It was mentioned that this number should increase when this month's (February's) enrollment figures are released.

**PUBLICATION SUBCOMMITTEE (NOW COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE)**

It was noted that without having to publish our customary newsletter, we would save a large amount of money, as the printing and postage has been a big part of our regular budget in past years. As we may not really need such a publication in the future, the Subcommittee has changed its name to the Communications Committee. Carole said that she felt our old newsletter did in fact bring in some CLE attendees. As far as publicity for our CLE, it was mentioned that we could send an email from our

section as well as some note or flyer by regular mail. We could also utilize our list-serve for this purpose, and, as Carole noted, there can be an attachment to the list-serve announcement, such as a registration form.

### **REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER EXECUTIVE MEMBER RON MATTSON**

At our January meeting, Ron mentioned inviting Tacoma attorney Joe Gordon to be an Executive Committee member. Ron was authorized by the Committee to contact Mr. Gordon to see if he would be interested in becoming a Senior Lawyers' Executive Committee member. [As of this writing, Mr. Gordon has accepted the invitation and will be joining us for our March meeting.]

### **ANNUAL CLE**

It was mentioned by Kevin that the publicity flyer for our upcoming CLE will be coming out next week. Kevin will contact Pat, Carole and Brian when the flyer is available. As stated above, it was decided to utilize our Section list serve (and the Section Leaders' list serve as well) to circulate our flyer. It was decided to send the flyer, along with a personal invitation by Brian, via list-serve, along with a link to the WSBA CLE Store and the registration form. Pat and Carole will compose the email and send it to Brian for approval prior to circulation.

Kevin said he would send e-blasts about our CLE to all bar members as of 2004, as he did last year.

Brian emphasized again that there is a huge potential audience (13,000 plus) out there of eligible attorneys that we must try and reach. He again implored the E.C. to try and come up with additional means of drawing in our huge potential audience.

There were some additional suggestions about what to include with our publicity emails. Jeanine thought we should state that "all are welcome," to address the concern that recipients may feel that our CLE is just aimed at a certain age group.

Carole mentioned that she did not like the stock photos that tend to appear on Bar-generated CLE flyers.

Steve mentioned that we need to, as we have done in the past, contact our friends and associates and urge their attendance at our function.

### **SENIOR LAWYERS' SECTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Brian noted that Carole has drafted an excellent set of five questions to be sent to our current and former Section members in our effort to discern how our Section is perceived and how it can better serve our Section members. Steve suggested that the questionnaire also ask why the recipient is still a member or is no longer a member of our Section. The 5-7 question survey shall be finalized and be sent via e-blast to

the Section members' listserv by Brian with the assistance of Pat. Carole Grayson and Pat will finalize the questions, which will incorporate suggestions by Steve.

### **MINI CLE**

Kevin noted that he and Eleanor will be working on this. Eleanor is the chair of this subcommittee. It was noted that this event should be offered sometime in September, possibly featuring an ethics topic, in order to appeal to those attorneys who may be short a few ethics credits at the end of their reporting years.

### **JEANINE CONFIRMED BY WSBA YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON**

It was noted that Jeanine was officially designated by the WSBA as our liaison with the Young Lawyer Section.

### **SUPREME COURT WORK GROUP**

Pat said he would keep us all informed about this soon-to-be-formed work group, which will look into possible courses of action by the WSBA in light of recent U.S. Supreme Court cases with anti-trust and free speech implications for our Bar.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Brian adjourned the meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place at the Broadmoor Golf Club at 10:30 am on March 19, 2019.