

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro Tem Brian Comstock, acting in Carole's absence. Also present were Executive Committee members Al Armstrong, Brian Comstock, Dudley Panchot, Scott Osbourne, Eleanor Doermann, Ron Mattson, Ron Thompson, Morrie Shore, Steve DeForest, Karen Klein, Tom Wampold, John Bergmann, Juliane Unite of the WSBA, and Kevin Plachy (by phone) also of the WSBA. Available by phone on an as needed basis was BOG Liaison Jill Karmy. Not able to be present were Don Haley, Steve Crossland, Jerry Jager and Jerome Scowcroft.

Scott, our *de facto* caterer, provided fresh donuts for all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Executive Committee meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron T. prepared and circulated the Treasurer's Report, with figures as of January 31, 2017. Ron reported a total of 237 members (241 by Ron's count) as of January 31, including 112 sign-ups in the month of January. These new members paid their \$25 annual dues, bringing in \$2,800, netting out to \$700 when the per-member charge of total of \$2,100 is subtracted. This brings our total reserve to \$9,512.34, putting us well ahead of our projected total, for this period, of \$6,108. Ron cautioned that there are large expenditures yet to be made, such as the upcoming issue of Life Begins.

Ron also noted that next month's Report (through the end of February, 2017) will reflect 23 additional members, bringing our roster to 260. Our goal, said Ron, is 300 members.

Ron's Report was approved by Motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al noted that the procedure for the election of Executive Committee members and its officers has been changed as per BOG decree, and that the Bar will require these elections between March and May of any given year. Ron T. noted, however, that these new rules will not take effect until the 2018 fiscal year. Julianne reminded the Committee that the new election procedure will require electronic voting. Julianne also indicated that for the fiscal year 2017, the officer terms will run from May to May as we have done in the past, but when the election changes do take place the terms of

officers and members of the Executive Committee will run from October 1 to September 30. Karen suggested that if the mandated March-May selection period is an issue, we could schedule the electronic voting prior to our May business meeting.

Al also noted that our bylaws need to be revised as per the BOG's direction. Julianne said that we have until June 29, 2017 to amend our by-laws and to submit these revisions to the BOG for approval. Lacking that, the amendments set forth in the sample revised "red-line version" of the bylaws (submitted to the Executive Committee officers by email) would automatically take effect. It was noted that the Executive Committee could revise the bylaws on its own or submit the revisions to the general voting membership of our Section.

DISCUSSION OF CLE MATTERS

Brian announced that the title of our CLE has been selected by the CLE subcommittee, consisting of Ron M, Al, Carole and Brian. The title will be: Practice Transitions: Baby Boomers and Beyond!

The list of confirmed speakers was distributed to the E.C. members.

Kevin indicated we have two confirmed sponsors and that he has been and will continue to reach out to other potential sponsors. Karen indicated that she would send Kevin some leads for sponsors. She also suggested reaching out to the Association of Retired People, ARP. Some ideas were floated about making sure the sponsors could make their presence felt at the CLE, ensuring that they would wish to return in future years. Dudley suggested that perhaps the sponsors could give short presentations at the CLE. It was noted that advertising is restricted at CLEs, but the sponsors would be able to speak during breaks.

Kevin also confirmed that we will be providing remote-viewing for our attendees. It will only cost our Section \$775 (for the dedicated line at the Marriott) and the Bar will pick up the \$1,500 cost for Pro Lumina (the Bar's provider) for the use of the necessary equipment.

Pre-CLE publicity: Kevin explained that normally the Bar will send out postcard reminders to section members and others, followed by two e-blasts, one about a month prior to the event and one about a week before. However, this year there will be a third e-blast. Also, pre-CLE publicity will be sent to a much wider audience, the 40% of the Bar members who are baby boomers, in addition to the others who normally receive notice.

Kevin and Brian thanked Kevin for joining our meeting by phone.

Brian reported that he has received no word (other than a standard non-committal return email) from the Governor's office regarding our invitation to speak. Steve wondered, even if the Governor eventually indicated he would speak, that it would

then be too late to get the publicity out, but Karen said that even upon short notice, the Governor would still be a draw. She suggested that Brian reach out to the Governor through the Governor's attorney, Nick Brown. Karen noted that both our speaker Justice Wiggins and the Governor reside on Bainbridge Island, and that perhaps Justice Wiggins could help facilitate the Governor's travel to our CLE.

Karen said she knows (retired) Judge Riehl and that he is a great speaker.

BABY BOOMERS AND THE ABA

Discussion turned to how the American Bar Association is dealing with issues raised by the large number of aging baby boomers. One-third of the ABA membership are in the boomer category. It was noted that the ABA is considering, or already has, fashioned a section wherein all attorneys over a certain age would become automatic members of an ABA "experienced lawyers" section; no dues would be collected.

Brian noted that baby boomers regard retirement in a very different manner than those of his generation.

KAREN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Karen stated that due to current and anticipated future commitments, she will not be serving on the Executive Committee after this year.

LIFE BEGINS

Ron M. reported that the next issue of Life Begins is ready to go to print.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 10:30am on April 18 at the Broadmoor Golf Club.