

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

February 16, 2021

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Eleanor welcomed the attendees. Steve announced that he has assumed Honorary status with the WSBA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our January 19 meeting, as orally amended, were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron noted that our Section is continuing to do well financially. He reported that our fiscal year-end balance was \$9,195.05; our balance as of December 31 was \$11,543.09. Part of our financial success lies in the fact that we have had no Broadmoor expense or publication costs. There was a discussion as to what we could do with any potential surfeit of riches. It was agreed to discuss this matter at a future meeting.

With respect to our membership, Ron indicated that only 22 individuals had joined or re-joined our Senior Lawyers Section. He noted that most people pay their dues and section membership fee in January, so more are expected to come on board. He estimated that the final Section membership would be in the neighborhood of 230, but Ron cautioned that we are not doing so well regarding attracting new members.

Ron indicated that he has not yet been provided the financial information regarding our January mini-CLE.

SOME STAFFING CHANGES AT THE WSBA

Eleanor announced that Devorah Signer-Hill has accepted a position at the Davis Wright firm, and Eleen Trang, as of February 1, will be with the Seattle Department of Transportation. Julianne Unite will again be acting, for now at least, as our WSBA Section Liaison.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor reminded the Executive Committee that the annual section elections are upon us. That would entail choosing the Nominating Committee: two Executive Committee members and one non-member. Jeanine and Carole agreed to serve on the Committee. Carole will contact and attorney Mike Frost to see if he wishes to remain on the subcommittee as the non-E.C. member. Preliminarily, Eleanor filled out and timely submitted the WSBA's "Section election Set-up Form." This form listed all of the current members of the Executive Committee. Following the submission of the form, others may also stand for election to our Committee. Applications will be accepted beginning March 15, and on April 16 the application period ends. The voting will take place between June 7 and June 20.

Brian suggested that we consider expanding the Executive Committee to 15 members.

OUR MAY CLE (AND OTHER OPTIONS)

Shanthi Raghu, WSBA Interim Education Programs Manager, joined our meeting to discuss our main CLE event in May. She indicated that the WSBA is working on modifying or cancelling our contract with the Marriott.

She said we should let her know if we decide to sponsor a longer CLE in addition to mini-CLEs. Regarding our mini-CLE last month, she indicated that 53 people attended. Twenty of these were non-section members, with the revenue at about \$700, gross. She said that the January program received good reviews.

Ms. Raghu presented a scenario of a hypothetical one-half day CLE via screen share. It featured a presentation that would charge \$159 for non-section members and \$129 for section members; 3.5 credits would be granted. This would be a video CLE, meaning that the direct expenses would be minimal (the indirect expenses would remain the same as always) and additional revenue would be gained through on-demand sales following the program itself. Ms. Raghu said this program could be quite profitable for its sponsor.

It was suggested that we include a short recap (150 words) of our past mini-CLEs in our newsletter.

Regarding our April 9 mini-CLE featuring attorney Miriam Korngold, it was decided, by Motion, to keep the tuition structure the same as before.

NEWSLETTER

Eleanor mentioned that our Publication Subcommittee will be meeting soon. Ron had a suggestion for the book review section: John Grisham's *A Time for Money*. Eleanor suggested he send the review to Morrie. Ron said that we should place a notice in our newsletter about the upcoming section elections.

ARCHIVES

The question was asked: How should we archive our printed material, e.g. meeting minutes and agendas, and/or publications? Al volunteered to contact the WSBA about this. Al said he would contact Julianne.

ADJOURNMENT

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on March 16, 2021 at 10:30 am.