



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Taxation Section

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 23, 2021

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Persons in Attendance by Zoom or Telephone:

Brett Durbin -- President

Claire Taylor -- Vice-President

Kristi Richards - Secretary

Bob Mahan

Darek Jarski

Cat Connell

Reed Jones

Jason Harn

William Richard

Dan Jensen

Megan Lowe

Dan Sito

Aaron Johnson

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- 8:08 a.m. The meeting was called to order.
 - A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report (Sam Barnes)

- Sam Barnes
- Not a lot to report; performing as expected for circumstances; budget surplus

Discussion/New Items

2021-2022 slate of candidates for commission members

- Due to Bar May 17
- Allison Foreman – applied to be on E&G committee; General consensus is add an additional individual to E&G committee
- Need treasurer

2021 Scholarship (\$5,000 expected this year w/or w/o donations)

- Reed reported
- Vote to approve scholarship donation up to \$5K, and \$2K per clinic depending on need?
- Move to approve donations was made, seconded, and passed.

DOR Civil Rights Conference?



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- Plan: Virtual in August, September, October
- Fees? (Reserve funds to contribute?); comparative to last year

DEI updated

- No feedback on statements
- Cat Connell will send for comments

Strategic Plans

- Questions related to plans/visions statements for committees?
- Request draft plans by May 7

Annual tax luncheon

- Virtual event with break outs as initial option
- June or fall?
- Darek Jarski – considering possible to meet in person by fall
- Goal: Focus on networking event for fall similar to annual luncheon (flexibility on in-person versus remote) need 3-month lead time for in-person/obtaining speaker

Old business:

- Ideas about broader event or activity/program that we could put on for the entire section?

Individual Committee Reports (as needed)

Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)

- Reed Jones
- Nothing pressing; meeting 2 Fridays ago
- Another meeting set for 5/16; watching Biden proposals

International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)

- No report

Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)

- First meeting of transactional committee last month (March)
- Tracking legislative changes; well-attended and good feedback
- Planning similar meeting in next month or wo



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IRS Liaison (William Richard & Tyler Jones)

- William Richard
- No updates; will have draft mission statement ready by May 7

DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)

- Settlement Coordinator transition

Legislative (Brett Durbin)

- See discussion from Aaron Johnson above
- Brett will provide fuller update in May with highlights after legislative session is complete
- Capital Gains law is going to happen

Communications & Website (Rich Johnson)

- No report

Young Lawyers (Megan Lowe)

- See discussion above

Outreach/Scholarship (Jill Fairchild)

- See notes above re scholarship; no additional report

Pro Bono (Jennifer Gellner)

- No report

State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)

- Capital gains bill – Sub SB 5096; senate rejected house amendments; committee started to work on processing in next 2 days
- Payroll tax related to LTC – HR function, but catching a lot of people off guard
- Seattle – new ordinance related to payroll expense tax; generally speaking, similar to San Francisco
- Legislative session ends on 4/25
- CLE coming (May/June) re appeals process in WA state; next CLE expected to be re Audit (no timeline yet)

CLE (Alison Warden & Jason Harn)

- Jason Harn reported
- Nothing additional to new info discussions above



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- Like to establish big CLEs on annual basis for approx. August timeline; broad annual update (federal updates, suggestions open) – consider timeline
- Looking for annual federal update for this year

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 AM