



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Taxation Section

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 19, 2021

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic

November 19, 2021: Meeting of the WSBA Tax Section

Persons in Attendance by Zoom or Telephone:

1. Kristi L. Richards – Vice Chair
2. Megan Tahl - Secretary
3. Cat Connell - Treasurer
4. Darek Jarski
5. Will Richard
6. Daniel Sito
7. Dan Jensen
8. Bob Mahon
9. Reed Jones
10. Megan Lowe
11. Sandra Veliz
12. Ellen Tung
13. Callie Castillo
14. Ashley Rivera
15. Sienna Boyd
16. Carolyn MacGregor
17. Sofia Meglioli

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- 8.09 a.m. The meeting was called to order
 - A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report (Cat Connell)

We have funds to spend on the annual meeting and additional meetings should they be necessary.

New Items Discussion:

- Megan Tahl will be filling the Secretary position going forward
 - Move to approve by Bob Mahon
 - Seconded by Darek Jarski
 - Voice vote approved
- The CLE and DEI committee will work together to create programing for DEI roundtable.



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- Mission statement of the DEI presented by Sienna Boyd
 - The mission of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the WSBA Taxation Section is to amplify voices, increase participation, and create opportunities for historically underrepresented groups in the field of tax law. Diverse representation allows for lived experiences to inform what is equitable for all taxpayers including but not limited to race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, veteran status, socio-economic status, and housing, family, and marital status. The Tax Section's DEI Committee encourages inclusive discussions and equal contributions in the Tax Section by attorneys and law students with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.
- Potential funding for a CLE, or other programs related to DEI.
- Potential events with the upcoming Tax Court
 - The judge didn't seem interested in a traditional networking event.
 - Options for an Event:
 - Prepared remarks as part of a speaking event within the court.
 - Subject to the court room rules regarding masking and vaccination.
 - Zoom meeting for networking.
 - Cancel the event given the limitations of the pandemic.
 - It is difficult to get into the court room and the court room is not a conducive space to networking.

Individual Committee Reports

Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)

- Next event is December 10th
- Emails are being sent successfully to the listserv, but attorneys are not receiving the section emails.
 - Send a blast email to the entire section not just the listserv.

International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)

- Both leaders are out but the communicated that there is nothing to report.

Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)

- Nothing to report but a potential meeting at the end of 2021 is

IRS Liaison (William Richard & Tyler Jones)

- Nothing beyond was discussed during new items.



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DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)

- December 6th meeting is upcoming and being coordinated by the leaders.
- Basic discussion of the 2022 Hoops conference and related events

Legislative (Callie Castillo)

- Nothing to report
- Callie had to drop early from the meeting

Communications & Website (Rich Johnson)

- Rich was not able to attend the November meeting, however, the final mission statement and goals for the DEI committee should be sent to Rich to be updated on our website.

Young Lawyers (Megan Lowe)

- Nothing to report at this time.

Outreach/Scholarship (Eric Reutter)

- Eric was not in attendance

Pro Bono Committee (Jennifer Gellner)

- Remote meeting date not an in-person meeting
- Jennifer was unable to attend

State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)

- Nothing to report at this time.

CLE (Jason Harn & Sofia Meglioli)

- Intention to create a roundtable program with the DEI committee

DEI (Sienna Boyd & Ellen Tung)

- Nothing to report beyond the items discussed as part of the new item discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 AM