



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Taxation Section

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 15, 2019**

Perkins Coie, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4900, Seattle

### Attendance

#### In Person

Rich Johnson – Chair  
Brett Durbin – Secretary  
Megan Tahl – Treasurer  
Bob Mahon  
Derek Jarski  
Alison Warden  
Claire Taylor  
Kristi Richards  
Eleen Trang  
Sam Barnes

#### By Phone

Alison Warden  
Tyler Winterton  
Dan Jensen  
Mary Loudon  
Nick Uren  
William Richard  
George Munro  
Dana Romans

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### Initial Discussion:

- 8:15 a.m. – Meeting called to order
- Minutes from last meeting approved
- Treasurer Report
- Tax breakfast is set and approved
- General notice that if people want to make plans, we have the funds to spend (currently \$60K balance – per Rob McCallum the Bar has historically preferred we stay below \$30K)
- Alison and Megan are going to follow up separately about a standard CLE budget for Alison's planned CLE
- A suggestion to subsidy members attending the tax meeting in Pullman in July was generally approved. Bob Mahon is going to talk to the event planners to determine what our best options are for payment (if it's possible to portion pay for tax section members on the website, though we discussed possibly paying for a lunch if member payment was exceptionally difficult)

### Individual Committee Reports:

- State and Local: Tyler Winterton
  - Held meeting to discuss issues regarding DOR
  - Trying to talk with DOR about forum for collaborative discussions on practice issues.
- Estate and Gift: Mary Loudon
  - Nothing new to report
- International: Nick Uren



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- Working on putting together a meeting
- Transactional: Dana Romans
  - First meeting at Fox Rothschild regarding impacts of *Wayfair* decision scheduled for March 22nd.
- IRS Liaison: Claire Taylor
  - Reception for tax court judge was well attended.
  - Spent \$500 on food.
  - William Richard approved as co-chair of IRS Liaison Committee.
- DOR Liaison: Dan Jensen
  - Nothing new to report
- Legislative: Brett Durbin
  - Tax reform study bill making its way through Washington Legislature, could have significant impact on WA tax structure.
  - Likely need experienced tax attorneys to participate in advisory work groups if passed.
- Communications: Sam Barnes
  - Nothing new to report
- Young Lawyer: Kristi Richards
  - University of Washington event approved for April 3rd at 7:00 am at Mayflower Hotel.
  - Looking for members to sit at tables to provide insights to law students.
- Scholarship and Outreach: Jill Fairchild (not present)
  - Bob Mahon raised potential for paying entire scholarship out of current fund balance
  - Consensus for keeping up outreach
  - Recommendation to reach out to clinics about funding needs
- Pro Bono: Emily Yamada (not present)
- CLE: Alison Warden
  - Targeting either May 20th or June 19th for CLE
  - Looking for speakers on SALT & International
  - Discussion around June 19th date

### Discussion:

- Discussed potential luncheon topics and speakers
  - Brett Durbin will reach out to potential speakers regarding WA tax reform imitative
- Reminder that officer and committee elections coming up, so need to make nominations soon
- Discussion regarding bar structure work group that is starting soon.



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- Discussion regarding changes to list service practices
  - Council approved change to allow list serve notices to go out without Eleen Trang's review.
- April 18th scheduled for spring section leaders meeting.
- Meeting adjourned