



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Taxation Section

WSBA Tax Section Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 16, 2024; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. (Meeting via Zoom)

In Attendance

Megan Tahl

Bob Mahon

Kristi Richards

Rich Johnson

Jessica Bejerea

Jason Harn

Aaron Johnson

Al Mullins

Carolyn MacGregor

Dan Sito

Daniel Ng

Najja Bullock

Tina Poley

Darek Jarski

1. Called to order 8:08 am.
2. Call to Order, Attendance, Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - January Minutes – not enough in attendance for quorum; January minutes to be revisited for approval during March meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report (Al Sierra)
 - Discussed annual meeting budget—last year was a bit over anticipated cost; however, only by about \$800.
 - Budget was based on WAC as venue; CTC is more expensive—will need to do budget memo to address additional cost.
 - Sounds like June 7th works best for Justice Gonzalez; we understand that it's a Friday, which may impact attendance.
 - Darek Jarski: a good way to cut down per/person cost at CTC would be to forego drink bar.
 - CTC minimum attendees is 80 people.
 - Concern about WSBA's possible inability to provide support on June 7th.
 - Supreme Court is in the middle of June arguments, which may limit availability
 - Agreed to approach Justice Gonzalez about May 29th since a Wednesday would likely garner higher attendance than a Friday.

4. New/Ongoing Items

- Though it was believed a vote was had in September, it appears Daniel Ng was never actually voted into his co-chair position.
 - Based on meeting attendance, we don't have a simple majority to vote.
 - We will revisit vote during March meeting.
- Treasurer position interest for 2025
 - Aaron Johnson has agreed to run for Treasurer position.
- On-going discussion about possible meeting time adjustment
 - Tabled for now; will likely pose the question to the full committee at some point.

5. Committee / Liaison Reports, Ideas, Goals

- Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)
 - i. Not present/No report
- International Tax (Al Sierra)
 - i. No update
- Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)
 - i. Dan and Daniel met this week to discuss connecting with the transactional attorney community.
 - ii. Are considering an informal roundtable.
- IRS Liaison (Najja Bullock & Rich Johnson)
 - i. IRS has an outreach and assistance campaign going on
 - 1. Information available at the following link: <https://www.irs.gov/help/irs-face-to-face-saturday-help>
 - ii. Will approach Judge Buch's chambers to see if he's interested in a luncheon during May calendar.
- DOR Liaison (Kimberly Anderson & Tina Poley)
 - i. DOR publishes sanitized guidance on an annual basis and provides a comment period before publication.
 - 1. DOR Has received some feedback questioning whether process provides much value.
 - 2. Committee generally believes that comment periods are valuable; but understand resource constraints versus value may be an issue.
- Legislative (Brett Durbin)
 - i. Per Aaron Johnson:
 - 1. Due to voter initiatives, essentially all of the capital gains-related bills are dead.
 - 2. Wondering if it would be worth the tax bar making a statement with respect to unintended consequences of staling capital gains legislation.
- Communications & Website (Jay Jetter–Not in attendance)
 - i. Has been working with Jessica and Noah on the mentorship program application.
- Young Lawyers (Daniel French)
 - i. Not present/No report
- Outreach/Scholarship (Jennifer Gellner)
 - i. Not present/No report
- Pro Bono Committee (Darin Jensen)
 - i. Not present/No report
- State & Local Tax (Aaron Johnson)
 - i. No update
- CLE (Jason Harn)

- i. No update
- DEI (Jessica Bejerea)
 - i. Mentorship Program:
 - 1. Mentorship links have been sent out; asks that everyone circulate links.
 - 2. Will be opening application to law school students soon.
 - 3. Have also begun discussions with affinity groups.
 - ii. Beginning plans for possible classroom/street law-type volunteer opportunities.
 - iii. Having discussions with Noah about possible blog posting.
 - 1. Section does have a LinkedIn account; going to reach out to Jay to discuss practicality of actively using account.
- BOG
 - i. Not present/No report

6. Adjourned at 9:08 am