



# MINUTES

## Executive Committee Call

December 17, 2025 | 4 PM

**Participants:** Jennifer Calkins, Kelsey Jevitt, Vanessa Hunsberger, Carolyn MacGregor, Katarina Mitrovic, Nandini Rao, Dwight Van Winkle, and Anne Watanabe.

*Quorum achieved.*

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes taken at our November 2025 meeting.

### **Nominations and Elections Coming Up**

The first step will be setting up a nominating committee. In early January, WSBA will send out an E-mail specifying which positions will be open for elections. Our bylaws lay out the rules for our nominating committee. It will then be time for outreach to nominating committee members and prospective candidates.

Nandini will join January 22<sup>nd</sup> session about the process. Anyone can join the WSBA sessions on this process. Nandini will share out the E-mail with date options.

### **CLE Planning**

*Program 1:* Nandini has reached out to two attorneys about being speakers in a spring CLE. One does removal defense work and the other is an immigration attorney working on family reunification/citizenship. She's looking for ideas for how to put the program together.

Some think that more immigration content would be very interesting to attorneys right now. Attorneys want to know what is happening to people on the ground and how the law is working/impacting people.

Is waiting for the spring too long because things will have changed so much? The challenge is that there are a lot of unknowns right now on what is actually happening and what all the pauses mean. So a spring CLE might mean we have more clarity by then?

Mini CLEs are easier to put together because they're shorter. It is effort on the part of the producer though because we put mini CLEs on ourselves as a section. If it's a longer event, like half-day, we can partner with WSBA. We don't have any upfront expenses, expenses come out of event revenue, and after expenses are covered the revenue goes to the section. And the recording can be made available on demand for viewing and further revenue.

Could we do several shorter programs as a WSBA event? WSBA just had a CLE primer last month on how to decide which route to go. Carolyn will let us know as soon as the recording is available for us to

review (early next year). We could also contact the CLE leads about helping us to make a decision (Nandini will be reaching out to them). Let's discuss this and make a decision at our next committee meeting.

Doing the program towards the end of the year means that folks are looking for credits and may be more interested in attending.

Over the last 4-5 years, WSBA has observed that people tend to prefer online programs. But both virtual and in-person options are possible. Hybrid has not been as successful because organizers have to plan for in-person and then more folks wind up deciding to go virtual. You can also keep both options open and decide closer to the date which way to go.

Virtual events make speaker coordination easier. But may not be as easy for folks licensed in other states to get credit for attending. If we wanted other state bars to approve our programs for credit, we would have to independently go to each bar for review. It's easier for individuals who want the credit from out-of-state bars to apply on their own for credit. Although in some cases, being able to say that our programs are preapproved in other states may make them more appealing to more participants.

Is bringing in large numbers of participants a section goal?

We have designed this year's budget to promote free CLEs.

*Program 2:* Anne is involved with groups promoting healthcare as a human right. We could partner with the health law section. Let's articulate what healthcare is as a right. Anne will continue thinking about speakers and topics.

*Program 3:* Katarina is helping Jennifer finalize her CLE program. Everything is ready except for the date, likely May or June.

### **Upcoming WSBA Event**

Section leader discussion series on January 12 at noon that includes presentation time and breakout groups to meet other section leaders and discuss ideas. The topic will be communications & marketing tips (recruitment and getting the word out about programs). You can RSVP [here](#).

**Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.**