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Executive Committee Call

February 18, 2026 | 4 PM

Participants: Jennifer Calkins, Bridgett Fisher, 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 December 2025 meeting.

Section Elections

We have an elections committee made up of Nandini, Kelsey, and Vanessa. Randy has offered to serve as the non-Executive Committee representative. We are just requiring a statement of interest and not a resume. WSBA has given us a timeline with election voting going from June 1st to June 15th. The Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and At-Large Member roles will all be open. Jennifer offered to spread the word to her network!

Comments on last year: we didn't get a lot of applicants and extended the submission deadline. Folks did personal outreach to encourage applicants. That is how Nandini became aware of our recruitment. Kelsey found this opportunity on her own by looking through the list of roles available through the different sections.

Upcoming CLEs

Healthcare as a human right CLE: being offered on March 24. Anne is getting a lot of support from the Health Law Section and the International Law Section in promoting and running the CLE. Registration is open to all WSBA members with no registration fee; one of the other organizers is barred in Oregon and is looking at making this available through their bar.

Environmental Justice and Indigenous Law in Washington State: being offered on May 4. Would like to do it through Zoom and charge \$20 for non-WPTL members. A lot of people register but don't show up to free CLEs. Sometimes, interested people can't even sign up if registration has closed after a lot of interest in the free CLE.

We have budgeted \$200 for each speaker. Carolyn can work with Jennifer on the paperwork for processing those honoraria.

Encourage folks to join the section (\$25) to get access to the CLE for free! Jennifer will explore the options with WSBA's Mini-CLE team.

We have the option of purchasing an add-on that increases our Zoom account capacity to 5,000. This may be an option that Anne wants to use for her CLE.

Endangered Species Act and international law: Jennifer is exploring this as a CLE topic. She thinks there is a gap for this kind of content as other entities that have traditionally hosted presentations on this topic change their focus. She already has speakers in mind. She is not thinking of offering honoraria for speakers. It may be interesting to partner with other sections. She is thinking of offering a creative exercise as part of the CLE: review a list of species proposed for delisting from the Endangered Species Act because they are already extinct, learn about the species, and think about what they would work with. Is that too outside of the scope of a CLE? The purpose would be for lawyers to think about how to tolerate loss and uncertainty. One consideration is how to make sure to encourage participation via Zoom. Could we all participate as facilitators to make sure people don't check out. Timing is flexible between July and November.

Immigration CLE: Nandini is thinking of focusing on habeas petitions in end of May or June. Or how about human rights violations within the detention centers - not just laws, but giving voice to the actual things occurring in detention centers (health violations, abuse etc.). Nandini also brought up pregnant women in detention centers (La Resistencia). Dwight brought up that legal remedies should possibly also be addressed. Jennifer mentioned possibly also discussing the hearings as this is an ever shifting legal landscape.

There is a concern that the CLE will grow too long, so Nandini will talk to those on the ground at the detention centers for info since she is not doing that level of work. This may help narrow it down.

For immigration CLE (and possibly CLEs in general) we would like to include law students and others not seeking CLE credits. There seems to be lots of interest around this issue w/college-aged individuals.

Katarina will ask if we can post about the immigration CLE to the law schools (UW and how others like SU & Gonzaga do this as well).

Dwight brought up AMICUS Dahlia Lithwick podcast episode w/ Andrea Pitzer about the warehouse-ification of detention centers. This brought a lot of action items for citizens.

Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.