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Executive Committee Call

August 19, 2026 | 4 PM

Participants: Noah Baetge, Jennifer Calkins, Bridgett Fisher, John Gray, Vanessa Hunsberger, Kelsey Jevitt, Nandini Rao, Dwight Van Winkle, Anne Watanabe, and Anita Yandle.

Quorum achieved.

Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes taken at our May and June 2026 meetings.

July Board of Governors Meeting

Parvin could not join us today but he shared notes with Nandini to go over. The Board of Governors held two meetings to hear from July bar exam applicants and they learned facts that the Supreme Court may not have been aware of when it issued its order in response to the bar exam failure.

The BOG reviewed temporary licensure for veterans and individuals from non-licensed law schools.

New WSBA Secretary selected.

Constitution Day is September 17 and WSBA is looking for volunteers to speak in classrooms.

CLEs

Sally Romero reached out to Nandini and Dwight about supporting our upcoming programs.

Dwight follows two scholars that he thought could offer some commentary on the future of international law. He is going to approach them about coming up with a CLE program.

John Gray also reached out about a CLE on the ICC and US sanctions on its staff. 1-2 hours. Ask the speakers to discuss its formation and the Treaty of Rome. Dwight will share an article link that John found about this and we can make a section decision next month.

Jen would like to do a CLE on the Endangered Species Act; she is working on a proposal for us to discuss at our next meeting. The timing would be flexible. What about a follow-up CLE to the last one on environmental justice and indigenous rights in May 2027? It could address more current developments/topics.

If you host a CLE on Zoom, you can't record it so it isn't available for watching in the future. You can't get credit for watching a recording of a mini-CLE (1-hour program). Noah recommended that we talk to Sally's team (cle@wsba.org) to discuss the options and how to structure things in the way we intend (i.e. what the requirements are for making a CLE available on demand). The CLE team is always looking

for good CLE ideas and these ideas sound like ones that they would be very interested in supporting (about the future of the rule of law).

Nandini will be reaching out to Kelsey to coordinate an immigration-related CLE.

We're looking at possibly four CLEs scheduled for next year.

Article on WPTL

Dwight is going to reopen this task. Originally, the idea was to sync up with the 250th celebration of independence but now that that has passed, there isn't so much pressure on timing. Jen is still interested in supporting this project.

Law School Fall Event

Katarina couldn't join today but we'll want to follow up with her next month on planning for a fall event at UW Law.

Website Update

It looks like the website lists the wrong dates for our Executive Committee meetings.

WSBA Updates from Noah

E-mail voting for sections: first read by BOG in September allowing voting on topics by E-mail and making sure this is notated in minutes. This would allow sections to vote by E-mail if they don't have a quorum at meetings.

Member Engagement Council recommendation: there should be a policy and not a bylaw and specific process for how it should work if a section dips below 75 members two years in a row. Because large sections may be doing little for their members and small ones could be doing a lot. So the numbers are not the full story.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.