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Executive Committee Call

April 15, 2020 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Mickey Moritz, Regina Paulose, Anne Watanabe, and Randy Winn.

Approval of March Minutes

The board approved the March 2020 meeting minutes.

Board Positions

Regina has made several attempts to reach Art Duncan, our at-large member, via E-mail and voicemail. Per our bylaws, Regina made a motion to remove him and appoint Randy Winn in his position for the remainder of Art's term. All participants voted in favor of Regina's motion.

Young Lawyer Liaison: Regina has submitted the paperwork to recruit. It's hard to say what the interest will be this year.

Regina has to check in on status of Hilja's application for Chair-Elect.

There is discussion of changing the timeframe and deadline for section elections. Elections are currently running from May to June 2020.

Dwight Van Winkle has applied to be an at-large member.

Board of Governors Proposal on Advocacy

BOG is speaking with Regina next week and will take the issue up at their next meeting. Current rules make it difficult for sections to be impactful through the WSBA. Regina proposes having sections collaborate on white papers on particular topics and propose action items. The BOG can then review and approve a way forward (on legislation, etc) based on the white paper recommendations.

Prison Book Ban Project

At recent Cultural Heritage CLE, a speaker from the Human Rights Defense Center raised the issue of arbitrary bans on reading materials available in prisons. Prisoners also have access to tablets but they are charged to use them. The Human Rights Defense Center looking for support on this work. They suggest forming a WSBA working group to develop a white paper on the issue and draft legislation on rules and oversight. Might not be possible for sections to work on legislation but members could participate in their personal capacities. Might need to include a disclaimer about this in informational E-mails. Anne is currently waiting for follow-up from the Human Rights Defense Center on possible next steps.

Another option would be to spread awareness of the issue through section events.

Virtual Section Meeting Options

Is Zoom an option for section meetings? The answer is no. Zoom is only available if WSBA controls the license or if someone is willing to let us use their personal account. Doesn't sound like we have either right now.

Regina will introduce Randy to Aline so that he can ask WSBA for the rules regarding using alternative platforms. Zoom would certainly be cheaper for WPTL than WSBA's current platforms. It would also give us more options for how to connect with our section. Randy will update the group by April 29.

CLEs

April Cultural Heritage Recap: went well despite need to move to virtual at the last minute. The speakers were excellent. Randy did a great job putting together slides to accompany the presentations so that participants could stay more engaged during the virtual sessions.

April 20th Cinema and Human Rights CLE: Camille liaising with Zoe to prepare. There are 34 participants registered so far.

Randy proposes to have a CLE coordination committee made up of the folks who are trained to produce CLEs -Randy, Camille, and Dwight. Anne would still like to be trained on producing although doesn't need to be on the committee. Regina will send around our list of upcoming CLEs so that the committee members can sign up for producing each one. Camille will chair the committee!

We will address future CLE ideas at our next meeting. Anne is working with Dwight on these ideas and needs a bit more information before providing a group update.

Sponsorship – Mass Atrocities and Human Rights

Request to sponsor the Mass Atrocities and Human Rights seminar scheduled for Sept 17-18 in Scotland. We've regularly given \$100 to sponsor. Registration will be 35 British Pounds, which is significantly lower than usual. Anne moved to provide \$500 towards the seminar this year. There were five votes in favor and one abstention.

Exec Comm Reminders/Open Items

Randy is going to work on an E-mail section update that we could start putting out regularly.

Library system is currently trying to figure out how to handle previously scheduled events like our book club. So this is on hold for now. Anne is working on possible books for next year and will request feedback and ideas by the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.