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Executive Committee Call

August 19, 2020 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Regina Paulose, Eleen Trang, Anne Watanabe, and Randy Winn.

Executive Committee Transition and Young Lawyer Liaison Update

Regina and Anne in constant touch to prepare for Executive Committee transition in October. It's important to be flexible as new folks and ideas take root. It's great that the board will be full again!

In October, we'll have a new Young Law Liaison, Sara Anderson. Would she like to join the CLE production team?

2020 Programming Survey Debrief/Sharing

- Overall, very positive views of WPTL activities; don't feel the need to address outlier negative comments. That being said, in response to one respondent's comments: at end of CLEs, we could consider clearer calls to action for members to consider? Not always appropriate.
- Respondents have a wide range of backgrounds
- Diverse suggestions for future CLE topics

CLEs

- Recap on July webinar on Quebec: speaker was very thorough; around 20 participants
- Recap on August webinar on Catalan self-determination: good program but the presentation was one-sided. This was intentional because it was a perspective that isn't often heard. Maybe we can arrange a future program to hear the other side of this debate? The speaker could have provided a bit more of a roadmap of the presentation and submitted his presentation materials a bit sooner (so that there was time to make sure the presentation was the right length, etc). Good to keep in mind that lawyers from different countries present information differently. In many cases, our CLEs don't present both sides of an issue because that isn't the point. Instead, it's to share a lesser-known perspective or to ask experts to share their particular expertise and perspective.
- Scotland seminar update: Regina sent out a preliminary listserv message today about this. She will be applying to WSBA for program CLE accreditation. Program includes a wide range of topics, including race issues in Scotland. Registration is open. Program is entirely virtual. It will be recorded so that people can watch when most convenient. Eleen can post information to the WSBA website.
- "Listen in" conversations: first one on Black Lives Matter was excellent! COVID-19 one was also great and Regina encourages us to watch the recording to get our thoughts on some controversial issues/perspectives that came up.
- Anne working with Dwight on October CLE

- Regina will be scheduling the next listen-in for October. Thinking of a couple university professors. Looking for moderators so let Regina know if you're interested!
- Anne working on setting a date for November CLE
- December: space law (speaker is overseas)
- January: trauma/human rights violations
- February: Climate Defense Council on climate change movements
- CLE's have been scheduled out until February 2021

Book Ban

Anne working with Civil Rights Section on this. Hoping to use the Civil Rights Sections' summer interns to contact corrections facilities and get information on their policies and practices for supplying reading materials to prisoners. Will probably be a time-consuming project. This information gathering will help us to assess how best to proceed. Maybe the Young Lawyer Liaison will be interested in supporting this project.

Approval of June Minutes

The board approved the June 2020 meeting minutes.

Budget Update

Vanessa submitted a revised FY 2021 budget for approval last week. Next step is review by the Budget and Audit Committee and incorporation into the WSBA budget. The Board of Governors will vote on the budget in September.

All Other Business

ABA started working group on race. If there's something that WPTL wants to contribute, let Regina know so that she can connect.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.