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Executive Committee Call

January 20, 2021 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Sara Anderson, Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Hildja Saas, Dwight VanWinkle, Anne Watanabe, Brent Williams-Ruth, and Randy Winn.

Approval of December Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the minutes for both the regular and special section meetings that took place in December 2020.

Upcoming CLEs and Events

Jan 27 – 12 pm: Complex Trauma – Challenges for Attorney & Client (*Camille producing*)

Jan 27 – 4 pm Listen In: Environmental Racism (*Camille producing*)

January 28: Climate Migration Conference (ABA/WSBA)

Feb 24 - 12 pm: Law in the Time of Climate Change (*Dwight producing*)

March 23 - 12 pm: Nonhuman rights and human rights – co-webinar with Animal Law Section (*Randy producing*)

April – tba: Anne is working on scheduling James Johnson, President of Loren Miller Bar Association, and other minority bar association presidents. Dwight is also trying to reschedule a CLE on unilateral use of force for April or perhaps another time (originally scheduled for last October 2020 but had to cancel)

May 17 - 12 pm: Restoration of Voting Rights with Molly Matter from Civil Rights Law Section

June – Drug decriminalization as path to ending mass incarceration – here and abroad. Half day co-webinar with Civil Rights Law Section. Might actually take place in May. Anne, Sara, and Hildja looking for a speaker on the global aspect of drug decriminalization.

WSBA Mini-CLE Tools – increasing capacity for section-sponsored mini-CLEs

Question from last month's meeting: can we use Zoom for our webinars so that we can do more of them than WSBA allows? Brent reached out to WSBA to ask about this. He learned that there are alternatives to ON24 available. Issue is registration so that CLE credit can be correctly given out. Brent and Anne talking to WSBA next week to follow up on how we might proceed. Because the Board of Governors (BOG) is reconsidering the future of bar services, if anyone has ideas or comments about how we approach the future of webinar delivery, reach out to Brent and Anne.

Public Comment on Resolution Concerning Detention of Immigrant Minors

Thanks to everyone for participating in December meetings to approve proposal to BOG, which in turn voted unanimously in support of the proposal during its January 15 meeting.

Advice for future when raising GR 12 issues: if we want BOG to weigh in, discuss what likelihood/risk is of lawsuit by aggrieved member of the bar because that is one of the BOG's main concerns in deciding whether to support a proposal.

Legislative Alerts during 2021 Session

We will possibly be receiving alerts from Russell Johnson. It's unlikely that we'll be able to respond to anything as a section because timing is so tight (we would only have 48 hours to respond) but Anne will share alerts for purposes of information sharing.

The WSBA Legislative Review Committee meets every Friday at 4 PM; meetings are open to the public. If there are things we would like the Committee to pursue, Brent is looking ahead to 2022 legislative drafting opportunities –let him know if we would like to approach BOG on particular issues. The Committee is currently only tracking two bills on behalf of sections. Brent also thinks the Committee will take action on the issue of voter rights restoration.

Would we like to pass on legislative updates to our members in case they are interested? Anne will do so when she receives WSBA alerts.

Other

Center for Holocaust and Human Rights (local Seattle organization) reached out about listing WPTL as a partner on a March 2021 CLE. Would we like to do this? Anne will forward information to us about the CLE.

Anne will be reaching out to us about next round of Section elections to gauge how involved folks want to be in the process.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.