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Executive Committee Call

May 20, 2020 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Mickey Moritz, Regina Paulose, Eleen Trang, and Anne Watanabe.

Approval of April Minutes

The board approved the April 2020 meeting minutes.

CLEs

April CLE – thank you to Camille for handling this! The CLE went very well and we had good attendance (around 40 people). Regina will send reimbursement documentation to Vanessa for processing.

May CLE – great content! Regina is organizing a meeting with the speaker and Sanjay (Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager) to discuss whether indigenous data sovereignty is an issue that could be considered for WA legislation. We must make sure to coordinate with the Indian Law Section on this subject.

June CLE – to be organized by Dwight on June 4.

We are set for the rest of the summer!

October CLE – Dwight is working on the speaker.

November CLE – Regina is working on an ethics CLE on trauma and vicarious trauma. Maybe we could make it free to raise awareness of WPTL's work ahead of section signup.

December CLE – is Dwight is working on this one?

CLE trends review: Anne will circulate information on past CLE attendance numbers for us to take a look.

Member Survey

Eleen is working on this with Regina. The survey will help us put together an info sheet on who's in the section and whether they're interested in offering CLEs based on their areas of expertise and relevant to WPTL's mission. Eleen suggests circulating this after section elections to avoid confusion. She'll be sending a draft to Regina tomorrow.

Prison Book Ban Work

This comes out of a discussion at our CLE on cultural heritage issues. Together with the Civil Rights Section, we're looking into potential legislation this topic. Level of WSBA involvement will depend on whether the working group on the prison book ban can exist under the WSBA. If not, the work might also be done by individuals outside of the WSBA. Sounds like we would need a white paper on the issue by the end of June for the WSBA to consider it, which might be an overly ambitious goal.

WSBA Action Groups Status Update

Action groups would apply to WSBA to form. They would be cross-sectional and be advertised to all membership to recruit participants (wouldn't have to be in a section to join, groups wouldn't be section-specific). Action groups could put on CLEs, events, and publish white papers. WSBA's legislative committee would work with the action groups group on their legislative priorities and commenting on legislation. We should know by end of July how WSBA intends to proceed with the action groups.

WSBA Section Discussion Series

Date & Time Via Zoom	Theme	Description	1-2 Facilitator(s) Each
Thursday, May 28 12:00 – 1:30pm	Executive Committee Best Practices: Onboarding, Retention & Leadership	Section Executive Committees are the most important tool you have toward a thriving section. How can you best leverage the time, skills, and enthusiasm of your executive committee members, bring in new members, and keep them engaged?	Interested? Contact Elen
Thursday, June 4 12:00 – 1:30pm	Technology	In light of COVID-19, many sections have reassessed their operations to deal with in-person restrictions. How can sections use technology tools to make their EC more effective, as well as to further engage with their members?	Kari Petrusek Chair, Solo & Small Practice Section Jordan Couch Solo & Small Practice Section Chair, Washington Young Lawyers Committee
Thursday, June 11 12:00 – 1:30pm	Member Engagement & Recruitment	Looking for ways to increase membership? How might the goals behind Open Sections Night be achieved differently? How can you strengthen the value of membership, effectively communicate with members, and retain members year after year?	Interested? Contact Elen

RSVP here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw3u_OX3lpoY5hsYbhHoKqb1Q4XSFoDUow1jkFhbSBNSMO1Q/viewform.

Elections

The Family Law section issue has been fixed, appears to have only affected their section. 18 people have voted so far for the WPTL positions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.