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Executive Committee Call

October 16, 2019 | 4 PM

Participants: Art Duncan, Vanessa Hunsberger, Pat Mead, Mickey Moritz, Regina Paulose, Kyle Sciuchetti, and Anne Watanabe.

Introductions of Executive Committee members to launch the new term.

Executive Committee member goals for the coming year:

- Regina: have the section increase diversity in kinds of people engaging with the section and the issues that we cover.
- Anne: greater public partnerships and outreach within the state.
- Mickey: reach more young attorneys.
- Vanessa: reach more young attorneys
- Art: get involved in putting on CLEs.
- Kyle: greater involvement with ABA.
- Pat: support committee goals and increase webpage content.

Why might young attorneys not be so interested in the section? Because we're not practice-based and because we haven't necessarily found the right ways of communicating with them.

WPTL award:

- Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington (MELAW) award is first one that we've given out to recognize outstanding achievements and develop new partnerships. We should share this story on the WSBA website (we need to obtain consent for photos first). The award is already opening new doors for further partnership with MELAW.
- Next award is with Black Law Student Association, with others being considered/interested.

Recent teleconference on *Humanitarian Issues and Nuclear War* and webinar on *Taking Indigenous Environmental Claims to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights* went well. Next one is *Enforced Disappearances in Iran: Legal Responses* on November 5. Our in-person CLE on *A Human Right to Health* is coming up on November 15.

Book club has the following group discussions coming up:

- Feb 25: *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton
- Aug: *Biased* by Jennifer Eberhardt

Anne is looking for discussion facilitators at the library.

February reading of *Hold These Truths* by Hirabayashi: Anne has been in touch with a local producer who is interested in facilitating the play reading. She is thinking about other groups to involve in this. Regina will ask her point of contact at MELAW about interest in participating. Anne will do a writeup that Mickey and Vanessa can use to reach out to UW Criminal Law professors' students to see if they'd like to participate. Also can ask the book club participants.

Seattle Human Rights Day planning is coming along. This year's issue to highlight is missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. We should help advertise once the details are available.

CLEs are all scheduled out through May. Ideas are welcome for planning what comes next.

Anne and Regina are planning a cultural heritage CLE. They are considering doing a writing contest and cash prize. Have the winners present at CLE? Tentative date is April 3 and we have one speaker from Federal Trade Commission on indigenous crafts. MELAW would also like to present. Ask UW SID program if they'd like to participate?

Bar association responses to human rights crises: more engagement with WSBA as well as communication with ABA would be valuable to endorse resolutions on certain relevant topics.

August and September 2019 executive committee meeting minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.