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Executive Committee Call

October 21, 2020 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Sara Anderson, Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Regina Paulose, Hildja Saas, Dwight VanWinkle, Anne Watanabe, and Randy Winn.

Approval of September Minutes

The board approved the September 2020 meeting minutes.

Reports on Recent Activities

Mass Atrocities Conference: went really well despite being moved online just days before start; about 30 people who are new lawyers from four different countries attended; WPTL logo included on certificates; and video recordings will go online soon.

Recorded events: Dwight will moderate the debrief session (date TBC); environmental crimes conference videos are available for purchase online.

Section leader meetings/Slack channel: the monthly meeting is not official but is a good forum for section leaders to touch bases on issues of common interest. The Slack channel was launched to keep the discussion going and as a record of past discussions. It's unclear how best to share Slack information with folks not on the Slack channel themselves. Randy will continue monitoring and can share with the Executive Committee when helpful.

Anne is in conversation with the International Law Section about ideas for helping new lawyers.

Use of Force CLE: Dwight stepped up at the last minute after the speaker became unavailable. It went well! Rescheduling for the original speaker: Dwight is in touch with her and wants to settle on a new date by October 23.

King County Library event on The Constitution & Marginalized Communities: no formal WPTL partnership but Anne provided support. Robust program and Anne hopes to be able to partner with the library in the future for CLE credit.

New WSBA guidelines on mini CLEs: up to two per month and 12 per year.

Upcoming CLEs

November: recorded CLEs will become available (SU Health Law, Environmental Crimes, Mass Atrocities)

December 1 - 11 am: Space and Environmental Law (Randy)

Jan 27 – 12 pm: Chronic Trauma

January 28 – Climate migration with ABA/WSBA: one-day CLE on empowerment, resilience, and climate migration; expecting really good attendance since have great speaker lineup; Regina should be wrapping up planning in November.

*Feb 24 - 12 pm: Climate Defense (Anne needs to send speaker information to Camille)
March and beyond: Black Lives Matter - James Johnson (Loren Miller Bar Assn); Nonhuman Rights Laws & Human Rights – co-webinar with Animal Law Section; co-webinar with Civil Rights Section on restoration of voting rights; cowebinar with Civil Rights Section on topic to be discussed later*

Other Events/Actions

October 22 – virtual open sections night with WSBA & Gonzaga: Anne and Randy will be prepared to highlight recordings of past CLEs that are available on our website and our schedule of upcoming CLEs.

Listen In series: will take the form of the debrief that Dwight is moderating; there is a recording from the Mass Atrocities Conference that will go on our website; the next session will be part of the January climate migration CLE. Regina would like to pass the organizing of these sessions on to the rest of the Executive Committee going forward. E-mail the group to discuss!

February – audio/livestream reading of Hold These Truths play co-presented with King County Library: Anne is working out the logistics.

Do we want to support any scholarships and/or internships? For example, Anne could use research support for the prison book ban project. Or we could provide scholarships to students to attend some of our CLEs. Should we coordinate with other bar entities on this? Focus on unemployed lawyers?

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.