



DRAFT MINUTES

Executive Committee Call

March 28, 2023 | 4 PM

Participants: Laura Eshbach, Bridgett Fisher, John Gray, Carolyn MacGregor, Dwight Van Winkle, and Randy Winn.

Quorum achieved.

Approval of October 2022, November 2022, and January 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes taken at our October 2022, November 2022, and January 2023 meetings.

There being no motions for discussion and vote, participants discussed the following matters:

Nominating committee report:

Randy stated that there are 2 persons interested in being candidates for executive committee positions. His understanding is that Vanessa Hunsberger will continue to serve as treasurer. Randy plans to continue informing section members of the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee, and if there are more candidates, we will have contested elections. Bridgett F

Randy stated that there are 2 persons interested in being candidates for executive committee positions. His understanding is that Vanessa Hunsberger will continue to serve as treasurer. Laura Eshbach is Chair-Elect and will become Chair. Bridgett Fisher has expressed interest in running for Chair-Elect. She can't serve both as Chair-Elect and At-Large Position 2, but she can run for both. If she wins both, then she has to resign one (presumably the At-Large, so the then-Chair [Laura] would appoint a replacement for that seat, to serve until the next election. At-Large Position 2 is to complete a short term resulting from a prior resignation. Claudette Rushin has expressed interest in At-Large Position 3.

Fiscal Report: no expenditures to report.

Randy stated that he and Dwight were an informal CLE committee, which is free for all to join, and that the section was supporting a CLE on April 7 organized by Regina Paulose, Defending Human Rights Defenders.

Randy further reported on our May 25 CLE with Dr. Alfred De Zayas, human rights lawyer and author of Building a Just World Order, who will speak about the 25 Principles of Internal Order set forth in his book, and out June 29 CLE with Professor Olivier Corten, international law professor and author of The Law Against War. Who will speak about methodological approaches in developing customary law as relates to use of armed force.

John Gray asked about the possibility of CLEs related to war crimes, described his participation in the Great Decisions discussion program of the Foreign Policy Association which has included discussion of

war crimes, and related that the issue of how to obtain proof of war crimes had arisen a specific topic of discussion. John discussed how rewarding and lively the discussion has been in his group. John will contact Randy with information about the local Great Decisions discussion group.

The general website is: https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/

Randy stated he is working with Noah Baetge of WSBA on updating the WPTL web page.

Dwight asked whether all updates to the web page had to be done by WSBA, and Carolyn explained the need for WSBA review. Carolyn offered the Solo Practice section as an example of a section with an active web page, and in response to questions from Randy and Dwight about posting past activities of our section, suggested we could create sublinks by year and post past articles, CLES, etc. Carolyn graciously offered to assist us, and Dwight promised to be selective so as not to overburden WSBA with work updating the page.

Bridgett Fisher stated that she wants to produce a CLE on Business and Human Rights, which all participants welcomed as a worthy and interesting topic. Bridget asked about timing, and Randy and Dwight stated, and Carolyn confirmed, that there was no reason we couldn't have more than one CLE per month. Carolyn explained that avoiding conflict with other CLEs on the WSBA event calendar is desirable, although that is not a hard requirement if we are not using the On24 program. She also cautioned that events are not posted until all arrangements are made, and stated that upon request, WSBA-CLE would reserve CLE dates for us prior to formal submission of the Mini-CLE form.

Dwight asked about the possibility of Mini-CLEs longer than 1 hour, or with more than 1 speaker, and Randy advised that Mini-CLEs can be up to 2 hours, and opined that panels with 2 or more speakers are often more interesting, and that we are free to experiment with CLE formats.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.