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Executive Committee Call

December 15, 2021 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Vanessa Hunsberger, Carolyn MacGregor, Camille McDorman, Brent Williams-Ruth, Pamela Van Swearingen, Dwight Van Winkle, and Randy Winn.

Approval of November Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the minutes from the November 2021 Executive Committee call.

Reports

Anne submitted our annual section report -thank you!

CLE Planning

- January: Randy and Pamela are working on a CLE on January 27 about the Afghan resettlement effort (Dwight will produce). Ask "Anila" to be our lead speaker and suggest who else to feature during the CLE. We can provide suggestions based on her guidance.
- February: Randy is working on another CLE about the Irish Peace Brigades (Dwight will produce)
- March: Randy is working on a CLE about international procedural law reform efforts (Camille will produce)

Recap from Yesterday's Board of Governors Meetings

BOG has reopened the bar structure conversation that previously ended in 2019 based on a new risk landscape. We are currently proceeding with business as usual, no changes to structure or approach to legislative work. Between now and the end of summer, at the request of the State Supreme Court, the BOG will have a series of special meetings focused on exploring what the best way is for us to serve our members and the public (as unified bar or not). Brent will share this schedule with us when it is out; two of the meetings will be dedicated to hearing from members and the public. Brent is happy to discuss this issue with anyone who wants to know more (brentwr.bog@gmail.com). Thanks to Randy, Anne, and other WPTL for submitting comments, which were very important for the BOG to review and consider in determining how to proceed.

Each Section is supposed to designate a point person for Sanjay to be in touch with about any legislative tracking we would like to do. If there are things that we want to make a statement on, we can officially ask the WSBA to come out in support/against a bill on an issue. Camille is interested in being our point person; she just has to confirm with work that there are no conflicts with work. Brent pointed out that nothing is done in her name even if she becomes a point person. It is all under the name of the WSBA.

The Board Legislative Review Committee meets every Friday at 4 PM where they touch bases and send info out to the sections (Camille as our point person) on issues they have requested to track. Camille would then disseminate info out to the section as necessary for response.

Approaches to legislative tracking/advocacy: we can propose legislation or we can put together a list of topics we want to track at the legislature. That way we can be made aware of bills we may want to support.

This Friday morning, Sanjay is hosting a legislative primer this Friday from 10 to 11:30 AM walking through how sections can become involved (event details [here](#)). Camille hopes to make it. It will also be recorded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.