

Draft minutes – Executive Committee meeting of April 17, 2019

Present: Mickey, Regina, Camille, Randy, Anne, Chalia, Vanessa,

Minutes from March executive committee meeting were approved.

Young Lawyer Liaison. Committee agreed to engage again this year with the YLL program. Camille and Vanessa have agreed to take the lead in this. Also, the UW mentorship event was well-received and UW has encouraged the section to participate again.

Special Projects Committee. Randy will be chairing this subcommittee, which will handle section social media and website needs, and other projects, with the intention of recruiting section members to become involved in these projects.

Awards update. Regina has contacted a number of entities/affinity associations and several have expressed interest, e.g., LGBTQ has said yes, others want to be contacted as they commence their planning for their events.

Human Rights Day – December 2019. Regina has been in contact with the City of Seattle’s Human Rights Commission about involvement in the annual Human Rights Day this year. The Commission will be discussing the event during their May 2 meeting at 6 pm in the Boards and Commissions room at City Hall. Vanessa has offered to attend the meeting.

Corporate responsibility state resolution. Mickey & Regina spoke with the WSBA lobbyist, who indicated that WSBA can help find a sponsor but have advised that we will need to figure out how the resolution will fit within GR 12’s limits. The committee discussed GR 12 and strategies for adhering to its limitations; one possibility is for individuals to encourage a sponsor for the resolution, and individual members should contact their legislators.

Book club. King Co. Library Systems continues to be supportive of partnering with its book groups. One option - identify titles for the library’s existing book groups (the groups choose the titles in late summer); or, have a standalone event with a presentation/discussion from our section. Anne will continue to develop both concepts with KCLS; let her know if there’s a book title or a book group that seems particularly apt (e.g., the Shoreline Social Justice book group seems to have titles that trend human rights).

Philippines Senator Risa Hontiveros visiting on June 3 and 4. Martha Schmidt is involved with the Senator’s visit, and contacted the section about support. Vanessa will be added to the email chain for planning the events during the Senator’s visit.

CLEs and other events now scheduled:

April 22 – teleconference on human rights issues facing Uyghurs in China.

May 29 – World Oceans Day CLE webinar.

June 19-21- Mass Atrocities and Human Rights CLE in Dublin

July 29 – Land Rights Litigation in Kenya CLE

Sept 4 – Youth Criminalization CLE co-hosted with the Juvenile Law section, addressing the foster care-prison pipeline.

October 4 – webinar with a speaker from India to speak on the response to the rape epidemic in that country

Date tbd – CLE on the petition to the North America Human rights Commission on behalf of Alaska and BC Tribes

Digitization of healthcare – status unsure – appears that SU has cancelled recent health law program.

Also, Mickey will be participating on a panel at the April 18 spring section leaders conference. Our section's busy webinar schedule will be part of the discussion.

Bar structures workgroup comments. Mickey noted an email from WSBA asking for input into the structures workgroup; comments are due May 1; Mickey will draft a comment letter.