

WSBA Professionalism Committee Meeting Minutes April 12, 2012

Present Absent

Gretchen Leanderson, Chair

Hunter Abell

Nancy Isserlis, BOG Liaison

Jackson Bennett

Mark Arthur

Jacob DeGraaff

Paul Gill

Linda FrischmeyerSarah LeeSean GambleJudith LonnquistTina MaresChristine PalmerSims WeymullerMatthew Pierce

Jim YandSuchi SharmaPam Inglesby, staff liaisonJuliana Wong

Chair **Gretchen Leanderson** called the meeting to order and welcomed WSBA staff members Executive Director Paula Littlewood, Professional Responsibility Counsel Jeanne Marie Clavere, and General Counsel/Chief Regulatory Counsel Jean McElroy.

WSBA Referendum

Paula Littlewood updated the committee on the passage of the WSBA License Fee Referendum, which will result in a \$3.6 million (28%) revenue reduction for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012. The first question the Board of Governors will address, at its April meeting, is whether the WSBA's mission, focus, and guiding principles will remain the same. After that discussion, the BOG will consider how to reduce the budget.

Law School Outreach Presentation

The new law school Professionalism presentation was demonstrated by Paula Littlewood, Sims Weymuller, and Gretchen Leanderson, who used it for the first time at the University of Washington on April 6th. The format (prezi), some of the talking points, and some of the materials are new. The prezi can be viewed at http://tinyurl.com/WSBAProf4-12-12. Committee members made several suggestions for the talking points and prezi which the subcommittee will consider for incorporation into the next version.

Member Outreach Subcommittee

Chair Jacob DeGraaff asked committee members to review:

- Information on what other bar association Professionalism Committees are doing, compiled by a law clerk in Hunter Abell's office. This information will be circulated by email.
- The Arizona State Bar Association's 2005 Task Force on Professionalism Report, which is available at http://www.azbar.org/media/64636/professionalism%20task%20force.pdf.
- Materials from the Western States Bar Conference, supplied by Paula Littlewood, which will be circulated by email.

Gretchen Leanderson suggested that the committee could serve as a clearinghouse for materials and speakers on professionalism and civility. It would need to develop a web page and marketing strategy, and obtain permission to reprint anything other than links.

For the good of the order

Jim Yand reported that he submitted an article on professionalism and social media for the May issue of the King County Bar Association's Bar Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Inglesby