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WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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The meeting of the Washington State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education was called to order by Acting Chair Efrem Krisher at 9:55 a.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012, at the WSBA Conference Center in Seattle, Washington. Board members in attendance were:

Stacy A Bjordahl John W. Chessell Efrem Krisher Aaron Scott Okrent Karen L. Sayre

Absent was Chair John Tappan Menard, Board member Kay L. Verelius, and BOG liaison Carla C Lee.

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Kathleen Todd	MCLE Board Executive Secretary
Adriana Castano-Agudelo	MCLE Analyst

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20 and January 30, 2012, meetings were approved by motion.

AUDIT OF CLE COURSE

The Board heard a presentation regarding a CLE course that was audited by a Board member. The auditor determined that the course was technically very good, the content was highly useful, and it was accreditable under APR 11. He had four recommendations:

- (1) Make each CLE presentation more pedagogically sound by encouraging presenters to use a variety of techniques for engaging the attendees, e.g. visual aids, hypotheticals, asking about policy issues to get the audience involved in a discussion, etc. --- instead of doing a straight lecture;
- (2) Presenters should limit the number of main points to be covered to ensure that all are covered adequately in the time allotted;
- (3) The sponsor needs to ensure that the speaker(s) for each session are prepared, and
- (4) The course needs to follow the start and end times printed in the agenda so that the attendees get the credits paid for and their time is respected.

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AUDIT OF CLE COURSE

The Board heard a presentation regarding another CLE course that was audited by a different Board member. The auditor determined that the course was informative, had good practical applicability to a lawyer's practice, and it was accreditable under APR 11. Most of the speakers were highly engaging. In addition, the order of the presentations was well crafted so that the presentations built on each other to effectively convey the content of the course.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APR 11

The Board of Governors requested that all the Admission to Practice Rules (APR) be reviewed and amendments proposed to send to the state Supreme Court later this year. The MCLE Board did a first reading of proposed amendments to APR 11, the MCLE rules. The amendments include suggestions from stakeholders who made presentations to the Board over the past year.

SPONSOR REQUEST

The Board considered a request from a sponsor for accreditation of an online interactive course on sexual harassment. The Board tabled the request pending the Board being able to review the online course.

SPONSOR REQUEST

The Board considered a request from a sponsor for accreditation of a 32-part non-legal DVD course with an associated 30 minute legal presentation – and to be able to submit the whole series on one Form 1. The Board denied the request by motion and asked for more specific information and materials related to the presentations if the sponsor wants future accreditation of each course to be considered.

SPONSOR REQUEST

The Board considered a request from a sponsor for accreditation of a leadership course. The Board denied the request because leadership, as a general topic (not specifically related to law office management), is not accreditable under the current APR 11.

LAWYER PETITIONS

The Board reviewed and approved by motion 124 petition decisions made by the Executive Secretary. The Board also considered 28 lawyer petitions. Each of these petitions was considered and resolved by motion. No listing of these motions is attached to these minutes to protect the confidentiality of the members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the MCLE Board meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,	
	Kathleen Todd MCLE Board Executive Secretary