

MINUTES

**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

May 15, 2009

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education was called to order by Chair Rebecca Robertson at 10:04 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the WSBA Offices in Seattle, Washington. Board members in attendance were:

- Rebecca C. Robertson, Chair
- James Andrus
- Brian L. Comstock, BOG liaison
- Efrem Krisher
- John Tappan Menard
- Karen L. Sayre
- Kay L. Verelius

Absent was MCLE Board member Tera Schreiber and BOG liaison Catherine Moore.

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Kathleen Todd	MCLE Board Executive Secretary
Jean McElroy	RSD Director
Adriana Castano-Agudelo	MCLE Analyst

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 20, 2009 meeting were approved by motion.

2009-2010 MCLE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board adopted 2009-2010 schedules for the MCLE Board meetings and for the meetings of the Petition Committee, a subcommittee of the MCLE Board.

COMITY POLICIES

The Board resolved by motion that if a lawyer fulfills MCLE reporting period requirements using a Certificate of Compliance from a comity state, then any

existing credits in the lawyer's online roster will not be allowed to carry over for any future reporting period.

The Board also resolved by motion to retain the current policy of issuing Certificates of Compliance to new admittees who request them, even if they have not yet reported compliance for their first reporting period.

ACCREDITATION POLICY FOR COURSES WITH NO EVALUATIONS

The Board resolved by motion that compliance with Regulation 102(e) is mandated for courses that are taken by WSBA lawyers. Sponsors must provide evaluation forms for each course, retain the forms (or compiled information) for two years, and make them available to the Board upon request. Lawyers should be informed that they will not get credit for courses that do not fulfill the Regulation 102(e) requirements.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CLE COURSES

The Board discussed the results of the recent Survey Monkey about CLE course quality. Only 68 lawyers responded to the survey out of the 13,009 who were notified. The information provided by these lawyers was helpful, but the Board wants to capture input from a broader sampling of the WSBA membership. The Board will talk with course sponsors within the WSBA and with local bar associations about how input regarding CLE quality can be elicited from more WSBA members.

CLE REGISTRATION FEE DISCOUNTS

A WSBA member inquired whether the discounted "Tribal member/Counsel" registration fee for an upcoming course about emerging Northwest tribal economies is in violation of APR 11 Regulation 103(m)(2). The Board resolved by motion that the fee structure for the course did not show intent to use the registration fee differential as a way to restrict attendance.

LAWYER PETITIONS

The Board considered 25 lawyer petitions. Each petition was considered and resolved by motion, which passed unanimously. No listing of these motions is attached to these minutes to protect the confidentiality of the member and sponsor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the MCLE Board meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Todd
MCLE Board Executive Secretary