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An Update on the Work of the WSBA Board of Governors

The Washington State Bar Association's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the profession, and to champion justice.

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The Board of Governors met June 8 in Yakima. For information on this or past Board meetings, please contact Margaret Shane at margarets@wsba.org.

Welcome to Yakima

Governor **Leland Kerr** (Kennewick), who represents the 4th District, welcomed the Board to Yakima. The Board meeting was held in conjunction with the annual Access to Justice/Bar Leaders Conference.

President's Report

President **Stephen Crossland** (Cashmere) reported that he and Executive Director Littlewood conducted a Town Hall* and he has engaged in two online chats (April 25* and May 21*). He also announced a Listening Tour the week of June 11, which, in an ongoing effort to listen and engage with WSBA members throughout the state, will take him and Executive Director Littlewood to Spokane, Clarkston, Ephrata, Lyle, South Bend, Port Townsend, and Seattle. President Crossland also reported that the officers of the WSBA and King County Bar Association met recently to discuss current and future trends of the profession.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director **Paula Littlewood** reported that the Moderate Means Program* continues to grow, and that a press conference is being planned for Spokane mid-summer.

Patrick Palace Elected 2012–13 President-elect

Congratulations to **Patrick Palace*** (Tacoma), who was elected 2012–13 president-elect. He will assume the office of president-elect in September, when President **Stephen Crossland** will pass the gavel to President-elect **Michele Radosevich** (Seattle). Palace was WSBA treasurer (2010–11); served on the Board of Governors (2008–11); is a former WYLD president (1998-99); and is the owner of Palace Law Offices P.S.C., which focuses primarily on workers' compensation, civil rights, Social Security, and personal injury. Palace currently serves on the Legal Aid for Washington (LAW Fund) Board, served nine terms on the Washington State Association for Justice Board of Governors, and has been very active in his local community.

Robin Haynes Elected At-Large Governor

Congratulations to **Robin Haynes** (Spokane), who was elected at-large governor representing the Washington Young Lawyers Division (WYLD). Haynes, a principal at Reed & Giesa, P.S., currently serves on the WYLD Board of Trustees representing the Greater Spokane District. She is also the current president of the Spokane County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. Haynes was sworn in and seated immediately, since the WYLD at-large position has been open since February due to the early resignation of former Governor **Carla Lee**.

Election Results for Districts 1, 4, 5, and 7-West

The candidates for Districts 1, 5, and 7-West Board positions ran unopposed. A runoff election was held in May for District 4. Congratulations to the following individuals, who will serve three-year terms beginning at the close of the September Board meeting:

- District 1 — **Ken Masters** (Bainbridge Island); current governor is **Marc Silverman** (Bellevue)
- District 4 — **Jerry Moberg** (Ephrata); current governor is **Leland Kerr (**Kennewick)

- District 5 — **Paul Bastine** (Spokane); current governor is **Nancy Isserlis** (Spokane)
- District 7-West— **Barb Rhoads-Weaver** (Seattle); current governor is **Roger Leishman** (Seattle)

Access to Justice Board Annual Report

Access to Justice Board Chair **Kirsten Barron** (Bellingham) presented the ATJ Board's Annual Report.

10th Congressional District

As a result of the 2010 Census, Washington now has an additional congressional district. The Board is required to have a governor representing each congressional district; however, the Board is at its maximum membership. A committee, under the leadership of **Leland Kerr** (Kennewick), studied the issue and recommended dividing the 7th district into two regions instead of its current three. The Board approved this recommendation, which will be effective with the 2013–14 Bar year. The committee will present a recommendation for the revised 7th district regions at the July meeting.

Access to Justice/Bar Leaders Conference

This year's conference* was held June 8–10 at the Yakima Convention Center. The conference theme was "Our New Economic Reality: The Legal Profession's Role." The keynote address at Saturday's luncheon was given by **John Broderick**, dean of the University of New Hampshire School of Law and former chief justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Thanks to the ATJ Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs Judge **Ann Shindler** and **Colleen Kinerk**, and Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee Chair **CJ Valdez** for their excellent work once again this year.

Awards Presented at the Conference

The following awards were presented at the Conference luncheon. Congratulations to the award recipients:

- WSBA Pro Bono Award: **Kathleen "Kay" Field*** (Lynnwood)
- ATJ and WSBA Norm Maleng Leadership Award: **Bruce Neas*** (Olympia)
- ATJ Advocacy Award: **Page Chance** (Bellingham)
- ATJ Judicial Leadership Award: Hon. **Jack Burchard** (Okanogan) and Hon. **Frank Cuthbertson** (Tacoma)
- ATJ Leadership Award: **Karen Falkingham** (Seattle)
- ATJ Partnership Award: **Advocating for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Project**
- ATJ Community Leadership Award: **Washington State Legislature**

Upcoming Events

Many more events are listed on the Legal Community Events Calendar on the WSBA website homepage.

July

July 13–14: WSBA Board of Governors meeting, Alderbrook Resort, Union

July 19–21: Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Annual Convention, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson

August

August 9–12: Washington State Association for Justice/Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Combined Convention, Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum

August 22–25: Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, Sheraton Seattle

September

September 20: WSBA Awards Banquet, Hyatt at Olive 8, Seattle

September 20–21: WSBA Board of Governors meeting, WSBA offices, Seattle

*** Web addresses**

Town Hall with President Crossland and Executive Director Littlewood
http://bit.ly/LDs885

April 25 Chat with President Crossland
http://bit.ly/LWW8YC

May 21 Chat with President Crossland
http://bit.ly/LPmbjb

Moderate Means Program
http://www.wsba.org/mmp

Patrick Palace 2012–13 President-elect
http://bit.ly/N3X1fy

Access to Justice Board Annual Report
http://bit.ly/LtXDLi

Access to Justice/Bar Leaders Conference
http://bit.ly/M5QQxr

Pro Bono Award to Kathleen "Kay" Field
http://bit.ly/QmsM8m

Norm Maleng Leadership Award to Bruce Neas
http://bit.ly/LDrCHf