



Office of the Executive Director

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The Board of Governors met June 4 in Wenatchee. For information on this or past BOG meeting materials, please contact Margaret Shane at margarets@wsba.org.

Election of 2010-2011 President-elect

Congratulations to **Stephen R. Crossland** (Cashmere), who was elected by the Board of Governors as the 2010-2011 president-elect. Mr. Crossland is a solo practitioner whose practice focuses on real estate, estate planning, business, and mediations. Over the past 17 years, he has served on a variety of WSBA committees and task forces dealing with the unauthorized practice of law, access to justice, and related subjects. He served on the Board of Governors from 1995 to 1998. For more information, see

http://www.wsba.org/media/releases/crossland0610.htm.

Election of At-Large Governor Tracy Flood

Congratulations to **Tracy S. Flood** (Port Orchard), who was elected by the Board of Governors to an at-large position on the Board. Originally from Chicago, Ms. Flood came to Kitsap County while on active duty in the United States Navy. Ms. Flood was a graduate of the first WSBA Leadership Institute class. She was a solo practitioner for six years, practicing in Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce counties in criminal law and family law, and currently works for the U.S. Department of Labor. For more information, see

http://www.wsba.org/media/releases/flood0610.htm.

Election Results in Districts 2, 7-Central, and 9

Elections in Districts 2 and 7-Central took place April 15th through May 17th. District 9 had an uncontested race, and therefore no election took place. Congratulations to **Philip Buri** (Bellingham) in District 2, **Judy Massong** (Bainbridge Island) in District 7-Central, and **Susan Machler** (Kent) in District 9. The governors-elect will take office at the close of the annual meeting on September 23rd and will serve three-year terms.

Board's Work

The BOG considered and approved appointments and nominations to the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board, Council on Public Defense, Disciplinary Advisory Roundtable, Board for Court Education, Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Board, Limited Practice Board, and WSBA delegates to the American Bar Association.

The BOG also considered two resolutions. The BOG passed a resolution celebrating the work of Governor Gregoire on access to justice and public service related initiatives. The other resolution related to the recently enacted immigration legislation in Arizona. The BOG decided not to adopt the immigration resolution at this time but did refer it to the Civil Rights Law Section, who will seek wider input on the proposed resolution and the impact of the new law. In separate action, the BOG passed a motion to place a moratorium on official WSBA travel to Arizona for staff and WSBA volunteers. The Bylaw Review Committee continued its presentations to the BOG and reported on its continuing discussions regarding changes to judicial membership status.

Executive Director's Report

Paula Littlewood updated the Board on the Moderate Means Program and shared that it could be implemented as early as this fall in collaboration with the three Washington law schools. Littlewood also reported that WSBA has been awarded the Harrison Tweed Award from the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. The award is presented to bar associations that have made extraordinary efforts to improve legal services to the poor. This is the second time the WSBA has received the award. WSBA was nominated by the Legal Foundation of Washington. For more information, see http://www.wsba.org/media/releases/tweed0610.htm.

Access to Justice/Bar Leaders Conference Recap

This year's Access to Justice/Bar Leaders Conference, held June 5th and 6th at the Coast Wenatchee Convention Center, experienced its largest turnout to date with more than 300 participants. **Governor Chris Gregoire** delivered the keynote address at the Saturday luncheon, and several awards were presented to honor individuals' and firms' commitments to access to justice and public service. The theme for the conference this year was *Transformation: Crisis and Opportunity*.

Upcoming Events

Many more events are listed on the Legal Community Events Calendar on the WSBA website at www.wsba.org/info/event-calendar.htm.

June

June 23: King County Washington Women Lawyers Judicial Appreciation and Honors Luncheon, Hyatt at Olive 8, Seattle.

June 24: King County Bar Association Annual Awards Dinner, Sheraton Hotel, Seattle.

June 25: Washington Minority Bar Associations Collaboration Project Fifth Annual Statewide Diversity Conference, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle.

July

July 22–25: Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Annual Convention, Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum.

July 23–24: WSBA Board of Governors meeting, Sleeping Lady Resort, Leavenworth.

August

August 5–8: Washington State Association for Justice Annual Meeting and Convention, Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Oregon.

August 14: WYLD Board of Trustees meeting, Three Rivers Winery, Walla Walla.

September

September 23: WSBA Annual Awards Dinner, Hyatt at Olive 8, Seattle.

September 23-24: WSBA Board of Governors meeting, WSBA Offices, Seattle.