

**PRACTICE OF LAW BOARD
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**MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2017**

The Practice of Law Board (PLB) met on February 16, 2017 at the Offices of the Washington State Bar Association. PLB members attending were: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair; Michele Carney; Professor Emeritus George Critchlow, Professor Robin Jacobson, Administrative Law Judge Dominique Jinhong, Andre Lang, Amber Marie Rush; Gary Swearingen, Jennifer Unger and Doug Walsh. WSBA Board of Governors Liaison Sean Davis, Sherry Mehr, Office of General Counsel Paralegal and Julie Shankland, WSBA Senior Assistant General Counsel also attended.

MINUTES

The Board approved the January 2017 minutes by consensus.

UPDATE FROM LLLT BOARD

LLLT Board Chair Stephen Crossland provided an update on the recent public hearing seeking input on a potential new substantive practice area for the LLLT program.

PLB MEMBER OPENINGS

Board member Gwenn Remmen resigned from the Board. Board members Critchlow, Jinhong and Unger have applied to be reappointed. The Board will review applications for open positions at the April meeting.

PLB WORK GROUPS

The Board re-organized the four work groups into two work groups: public education and new legal professional/modern practice. The Board decided that for future meetings, the work groups will meet from 9:30-12 noon and the full board will meet together for lunch and the afternoon session. The work groups met and reported their work plans to the full board.

Public Education Work Group Report

(Gary Swearingen, Chair, Michele Carney, Judge Dominique Jinhong, Sarah Sumadi, Jennifer Unger, and Doug Walsh)

The Public Education Work Group reported on its goals and action plan.

New Legal Professional/Modern Practice Work Group Report

(Professor Robin Jacobson, Professor George Critchlow, Chair, Brooks Goode, Andre Lang, and Amber Rush)

New Legal Professional/Modern Practice Work Group reported on its goals and action plan. This work group is focusing on the Legal CheckUp.

ANNUAL MEETING WITH SUPREME COURT

The Board briefly discussed next month's meeting with the Washington Supreme Court, including materials, presenters and logistics.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board completed a final review of the Annual Report for presentation to the Court at the Annual Meeting.

ABA MEETING REPORT

Board member Rush reported on topics discussed at the recent ABA meeting she attended. She reported on a public debate about changes to the lawyer advertising rules (RPCs 7.1-7.5) and discussions about possible changes to legal education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session to consider two unauthorized practice of law complaints. The board voted to refer both complaints to enforcement agencies.

The Executive Session was ended and the meeting adjourned.

The Board ended Executive Session

The Meeting was adjourned.