

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

Washington Young Lawyers Committee | Seattle, WA
Saturday, October 28, 2017 | 10:00am – 2:40pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Mocerri, Kim Sandher, Andrew Pugsley, Andrew Van Winkle, Zachary Davison, Jakob McGhie, Molly M. Winston, Jordan Lee Couch.

Phone: Geoff Arnold, Chelsie Elliott, Alice Bagirova

Absent: Paul Webber (excused), Colin McMahon (excused), Derek Johnson (excused), Ryan Griffiee (unexcused), Jacob Brennan (unexcused), Emily Ann Albrecht (excused)

WSBA Staff: Sean Davis, Terra Nevitt, Diana Singleton, Robin Nussbaum, Ana LaNasa-Selvidge and Dawn Gour

Board of Governors (BOG) Liaison: Jean Kang

Guests: Angeline Thomas – Washington Appleseed

Welcome, Introductions & Approval of the Minutes

Meeting minutes will be approved at the next WYLC meeting on January 20th.

WYLC overview: Policies, Timeline and Expectations

Ana LaNasa-Selvidge presented an overview on WSBA and its mission, volunteer roles, Board of Governors, role of the WYLC members, networking events, new member education, and took questions from the committee. Mike Mocerri shared his experience with the ethics line. Kim Sandher questioned about the lending library becoming available virtually and Ana explained the books are available only in hard copies. Mike reiterated the need for attendance at future WYLC meetings as past members didn't take attendance for meetings very seriously.

WYLC Subcommittee Breakout Session

This section was cancelled due to many of the chairs being absent during this meeting. Jordan moved to cancel breakout session conversation, Andrew seconded, the Committee voted to amend agenda and cancel discussion.

Report back on BOG Liaison Process

Mike Mocerri provided a brief overview of the BOG liaison process, clarified communication process going forward with regards to the BOG liaison nominations. Sean Davis discussed the role of the BOG liaison and the At-Large process. Terra further shared her thoughts on the mistakes learned from the ranking of members, lessons learned from empowering WSBA staff and the role of WYLC in Bylaws. Andrew Pugsley recommended creating a questionnaire for the BOG Liaison and guidance on what this person would be responsible for. The Committee will reconvene in January to suggest the nomination process for this upcoming BOG election cycle.

ABA YLD Scholarship

The Committee discussed the ABA YLD funding scholarship and determined to create a separate subcommittee to tackle setting up and awarding the scholarships. Drew volunteered to chair the subcommittee.

How to be a WSBA Ambassador?

Diana Singleton, Access to Justice Board Manager, presented on what it means to be a leader and what are the characteristics of a leader and how to mobilize people to the various issues that WYLC is concerned about. Angeline Thomas from the Washington Appleseed organization was invited as a guest to share her leadership story working with the prison mates. Diana took questions from the committee – asked the committee to think about their own milestone stories.

Diversity from the Inside-out

Robin Nussbaum gave a presentation on Diversity and Inclusion. She discussed the dimensions of diversity, WSBA's history around the diversity and inclusion plan and provided a diversity dictionary to the committee.

- Mike Mocerri shared the challenges of recruiting members to WYLC and questioned what does WSBA do to help fill the seats and requested for more resources from WSBA to outreach diverse committees. Ana encouraged the leadership of the WYLC to take a closer look at the recruitment process at the next meeting.

2:40 p.m. Adjourn

Committee adjourns.