

**PRACTICE OF LAW BOARD
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**MINUTES
April 11, 2008**

The Practice of Law Board met on Friday April 11, 2008 at the Washington State Bar Association in Seattle, Washington. Those attending were Steve Crossland, Chair, Hon. Paul Bastine, Vice Chair, Hon. Jane Smith, Nancy Ivarinen, Meg Bridewell, Rita Bender, Daniel Perez, Renee Shadel, Stephanie Delaney and Howard Marshack. BOG liaisons Kristal Wiitala and Doug Lawrence also attended. Julie Shankland attended and acted as secretary to the Board.

MINUTES

The February 2008 and March 2008 Minutes were approved with the addition of Hon. Jane Smith to those attending in March.

MEETING WITH TODD TIMMCKE

The Board met briefly with Bar News Managing Editor Todd Timmcke to discuss the articles for the June and July 2008 issues.

2008-9 RETREAT

The Board discussed the cancelled retreat. The Board discussed reasons to reschedule the retreat for early 2009 or attempt to re-book the October 2008 dates.

A motion was made and seconded to try to re-book the October 2008 retreat dates at Sleeping Lady. If the October dates are no longer available, look for dates in November. If Sleeping Lady is not available, the retreat should be scheduled in Seattle or Spokane. The motion passed unanimously.

OUTREACH

Board member Perez presented materials to the Board showing the number of Spanish-speaking people in Washington counties. The material also showed the Spanish newspapers, radio and television stations in those counties. Mr. Perez is working on a plan to present to the Board to use the existing media to help

publicize the Practice of Law Board to non English speaking communities in Washington.

COURT HOUSE FACILITATOR REPORT

Hon. Paul Bastine provided Board members with copies of the March 2008 Washington's Courthouse Facilitator Programs for Self-Represented Litigants in Family Law Cases Report. In particular, he highlighted the statistics on page 29 of the report. Of the people who participated in the survey, 22% used a friend or relative for legal assistance, 15% used the internet and 4% used paralegals. Hon. Bastine pointed out that over 50% of the people in the survey did not get legal assistance. He also noted that many of these people were not eligible for low income legal assistance programs. Hon. Bastine strongly suggested that all Board members read this well done report.

LEGAL TECHNICIAN RULE

Mr. Crossland read Justice Johnson's letter sent to the some groups indicating the Court will consider whether to publish the rule for comment at its November 2008 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session.

THE BOARD ENDED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.