

PRACTICE OF LAW BOARD

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Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2007
9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

The Practice of Law Board met on Friday, May 11, 2007 in Seattle, Washington at the offices of the Washington State Bar Association. Those present were Steve Crossland, Chair, Hon. Paul Bastine, Vice Chair, Rita Bender, Meg Bridewell, Brian Dano, Jeanne Dawes, Stephanie Delaney, Nancy Ivarinen, Cheryl Kringle, and Daniel Pérez. Kristal Wiitala, WSBA Board of Governors, attended the public portion of the meeting. Sandra Schilling, Board Investigator and Anna Schmidt, paralegal attended the executive session. Julie Shankland, Board Administrator, attended the meeting and acted as secretary to the Board.

PUBLIC SESSION

LEGAL TECHNICIAN SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Family law: Ms. Bender reported that Ms. Storms will make the Family Law Sub committee report at the Public Hearing on June 1.

Elder Law: Ms. Dawes explained that this sub committee has a meeting scheduled for later today. At this point in time, the sub committee believes elder law contains some areas of practice appropriate for a legal technician pilot project. They are continuing to consider the forms currently delivered by non lawyers to patients/residents in hospitals, nursing homes and retirement communities

Immigration: This sub committee has not met since the last meeting. They plan to meet twice before the June 1st POLB meeting.

Ms. Shankland should send an e mail to all sub committee members to make sure they know they can attend the meeting and will have expenses reimbursed.

JUNE PUBLIC HEARING

The Board had a short discussion about the format for the June 1, 2007 Public Hearing in Wenatchee. The sub committees will give reports and those attending will be given a specific amount of time for comments or questions. The time for each speaker will be dependent on the number of people in attendance. A sign up sheet for speakers might be used. Ms. Shankland should make 50 copies of the proposed rule, the proposed regulations, the purpose statement from the website and the review document for distribution to those attending.

CONSULTANT

The Board decided that it is not possible to actually determine the costs or efficiently retain the consultant until the area of practice for the pilot project is chosen. The Board believes any budget impact from this consultant will be in the 2007-8 budget year (October 2007-September 2008).

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEGAL TECHNICIANS

Mr. Crossland told the Board that he had a short conversation with Bob Welden and with Morgan West, WSBA's insurance agent about an insurance product for legal technicians. This was a preliminary discussion that will continue as a practice area is chosen and details of the pilot project are developed.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

The Board has received one resume from Suzie Fischer. Ms. Dawes contacted Priscilla Selden to find out if she is interested at this time. The deadline for applications is currently June 1, 2007. No action was taken.

BOB FORD CELEBRATION

The Board decided to schedule a lunch with Mr. Ford and his family at a mutually convenient place. Current Board members and Mr. Ford's family will be invited. Ms. Wiitala asked to be invited.

MINUTES (April)

A motion to accept the public portion of the April 2007 minutes was made, seconded and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (NON-PUBLIC)

The meeting was adjourned.