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**MINUTES**

**MAY 9, 2008**

The Practice of Law Board met on Friday May 9, 2008 at the Washington State Bar Association in Seattle, Washington. Those attending were Steve Crossland, Chair, Hon. Paul Bastine, Vice Chair, Brian Dano, Rita Bender, Jeanne Dawes, Nancy Ivarinen, Renee Shadel, Cheryl Kringle, and Stephanie Delaney. Doug Lawrence, Kristal Wiitala and David Estudillo also attended. Board administrator Julie Shankland also attended and acted as secretary to the Board.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes with one correction (addition of Jeanne Dawes in “those attending”)

**LEGAL TECHNICIAN RULE UPDATE**

The Bar News articles for June and July have been completed and submitted for publication.

Hon. Bastine will meet with the Courthouse Facilitators regarding the Legal Technician Rule.

Nancy Ivarinen will make a presentation about the Legal Technician Rule to the Washington Women Against Domestic Violence in Wenatchee.

Mr. Crossland and Hon. Bastine reported that although some sections are considering the rule, no section has taken a final position at this time.

**RETREAT 2008**

WSBA is reviewing the retreat policy as it applies to Boards and Committees. Until that process is completed, no retreats can be scheduled or approved. The POLB 2008 retreat is currently on hold. Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Wiitala did not have any additional information on this issue to share with the Board.

## **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ASPIRATIONAL GUIDELINES**

After a short discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed guidelines as aspirational. These timelines should be reviewed after a few months.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to enter executive session.

## **OPEN BOARD POSITIONS**

The Board discussed how to make an orderly transition from the current original Board members to new members. Next year will start a three year cycle when the original Board members' terms will end. Stephanie Delaney will lead a committee that will develop packets of materials for new Board members. Jeanne Dawes will serve on that committee.

## **PROPOSED GR 25 CHANGES**

The Board discussed the proposed GR 25 changes submitted by Cheryl Kringle, Jeanne Dawes and Brian Dano. The Board asked for legal research on the Board's authority to issue and enforce subpoenas to non lawyers. The Board also discussed drafting an amendment to GR 25 that provides a civil enforcement mechanism for cease and desist agreements. Jeanne Dawes asked for comments on the redlines version of the "soft" cease and desist amendment to GR 25.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The executive session was ended and the meeting was adjourned.