

BOG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2018

Governors present by phone: Chair Kyle Sciuchetti, Rajeev Majumdar, Chris Meserve, Brian Tollefson, Carla Higginson, Kim Hunter

Staff present: Sanjay Walvekar, Russell Johnson, Sara Niegowski (not present at meeting start)

Staff present by phone: Paula Littlewood, Julie Shankland

Welcome

- WSBA Board of Governors Legislative Committee (BLC) Chair Kyle Sciuchetti began the meeting at 12:41 PM.

Committee Overview (Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager Sanjay Walvekar)

- Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager Sanjay Walvekar introduces himself and Outreach and Legislative Affairs Coordinator Russell Johnson.
- Per committee precedent, Sanjay wants to schedule weekly phone-calls with the committee during the session.
 - These calls will include legislative updates, discussion of bar legislative strategy, etc.
 - Action items will often include authorizing or not-authorizing section action regarding bills, as well as having the WSBA take a stance on legislation.
- Sanjay informs the committee that he will serve as the WSBA's lobbyist in Olympia during the session.
- The Legislative Affairs team is referring bills to sections on a regular basis prior to and during session.

Authorized actions and policy (General Counsel Julie Shankland)

- General Counsel Julie Shankland gives a detailed walkthrough of permitted actions regarding legislation (GR 12.2) and the WSBA's Legislation and Court Rule Comment Policy.

Overview of work done by Legislative Review Committee (LRC) (Chair Kyle Sciuchetti)

- Corporate Act Revision Committee (CARC) bill recommended for WSBA sponsorship by LRC.
- Former WSBA President Patrick Palace's proposal for worker's compensation statute changes.

- The Legislative Review Committee voted to table the proposal as it was not clear that the proposed legislation originated from a “Bar entity” as defined in the WSBA bylaws and whether the proposal is permitted or governed by the WSBA Legislation and Court Rule Comment Policy. The Legislative Review Committee seeks further guidance on these issues.
- Discussion regarding entity vs non-entity requirements and the other differences between the LRC and BLC.
- Clarity needs to be given regarding the roles of the two legislative committees, both to the committees themselves and to the public/membership more generally.

Scheduling discussion

- Meetings should be able to be conducted by phone.
- Fridays at 4pm determined to be the best time to meet on a regular basis.
- Next meeting to be scheduled for January 18 at 4pm.
- Final meeting could be April 26 or May 3.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Kyle Sciuchetti at 1:55pm.