

BOG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2020

Governors present by phone: Chair Kyle Sciuchetti, Gov. Alec Stephens, Gov. Jean Kang, Immediate Past-President Bill Pickett (until 3:23 pm), President Rajeev Majumdar, Gov. Dan Clark, Gov. Paul Swegle

Staff present: Sanjay Walvekar

Staff present by phone: Russell Johnson, Julie Shankland, Sara Niegowski

Guests present by phone: Justin Haag (Northwest MLS), Sara Bachman, Bill Clarke (WA Realtors), Mary Hull-Drury (WA Realtors), Joe Vincent (DFI), Karen Boxx (Elder Law Section), Annie Fitzsimmons (RPPT Section), Stephanie Sams (Department of Licensing), Sara MacDuff (Attorney)

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Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
The BOG Legislative Committee authorizes the President of the WSBA to request the Governor of Washington to adopt language from the Governor of New York’s executive order related to remote notarization	N/A	6-0 (Immediate Past-President Pickett absent)	

WSBA Board of Governors Legislative Committee (BLC) Chair Kyle Sciuchetti began the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Sanjay Walvekar gave an overview of SB 5641 and its allowance for remote notarization under certain conditions and potential solutions to the bill’s delayed implementation date.

Stephanie Sams gave an overview from the Department of Licensing’s perspective.

Bill Clarke suggests an ask by the WSBA could help spur executive action which would be able to be done more quickly than legislative action.

Joe Vincent suggests that the Governor has enough authority to implement an executive order for 30-days which could be extended by the legislature.

Discussion on the purview/authority of the BLC and the possibility of a letter sent by the WSBA President to Gov. Inslee.

Chair Kyle Sciuchetti asked the guests if they would like a request to come directly from the WSBA or for the WSBA to support a statement or letter from another organization. Discussion around whether to ask Governor Inslee to move up the implementation date of SB 5641 or to streamline communication to adopt the language of the New York executive order.

Motion by Gov. Swegle: The Legislative Committee authorizes the President of the WSBA to request the Governor of Washington to adopt language from the Governor of New York's executive order related to remote notarization.

Seconded by Gov. Kang.

In favor: Pres. Majumdar, Gov. Stephens, Gov. Kang, Gov. Swegle, Gov. Clark, Chair Sciuchetti. Motion passes 6-0.

Chair Sciuchetti asked Annie Fitzsimmons and Bill Clarke to work with Sanjay Walvekar to get a letter to Pres. Majumdar with the intention to send it to Gov. Inslee.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Kyle Sciuchetti at 3:57 pm.