

**BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016**

Members present: Anthony Gipe, Elijah Forde, Karen Denise Wilson, Keith Black, Phil Brady, Robin Haynes, Sean Davis

Staff present: Paula Littlewood, Jean McElroy, Debra Carnes, Alison Grazzini, Mike Shaw, Dana King



SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
Guardian ad Litem	HB 2300	Gov. Brady called a vote for Alison to sign-in pro on behalf of Family Law Section	No objections
Legal Service Contract Legislation (LSCL) -Legal Shield representatives asked for WSBA's support	SB 5412	Gov. Brady called a vote that LSCL does not meet GR 12.1 and recommended WSBA take no position.	No objections
GR 12.1 Analysis on Death Penalty	None	Gov. Brady called a vote to postpone GR 12.1 analysis until a bill number has been formally introduced.	No objections

WSBA Request

- WSBA Request bill assigned a number, (6205)
Prime Sponsors: Senators Pedersen, O'Ban, Frockt and Fain

Bill Watch List

- Handful of bills that are labeled as high priority
- SSB 5029 (authorize fiduciary access to digital assets); Sen. Pedersen prime sponsor
-Assigned to Elder and RPPT; RPPT sent letter of support; Elder Law testified in support before Senate Law & Justice.

Guardian ad Litem (HB 2300)

- Family Law wants to publicly comment on this bill and is asking for permission to do so

- Asked for any objections on Alison signing in on their behalf when the bill is heard in House State Government —There were none
- BLC members voted; unanimous that Alison sign-in pro on behalf of the Family Law Section regarding HB 2300.

AG Request Bill

- LAMP asking for support with the active duty military personnel/pro bono bill this session; will be discussed during the next BLC meeting after bill numbers have been assigned.

Legal Service Contract Legislation

- Legal Shield representatives requested WSBA's support for SB 5412; Gov. Brady mentioned it does not meet GR 12.1 and recommended WSBA take no position.
- BLC members voted; unanimous that WSBA will not take a position regarding SB 5412.

Death Penalty bill

- Gov. Gipe requested a GR 12.1 analysis regarding the issue of the death penalty. There was a consensus that the BLC refrain until a bill has been formally introduced.
- The Council on Public Defense may have publically commented regarding the death penalty in the past; Jean and Alison will locate past comments including a WSBA report from the mid-2000s.
- BLC members voted to postpone this issue with GR 12.1 analysis until a bill has been formally introduced; no objections.

*Discussion to schedule next Monday's meeting possibly to next Tuesday given the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Gov. Brady and Alison will discuss this week and notify BLC members.

Committee Hearings

- Senate Law & Justice: Department of Corrections: presentation regarding the computer issue and the early release of 3,000 offenders. There may be implications for the criminal justice system in the future.
- House General Government & Information Technology: Court funding: funding for judicial branch; juvenile court response

*Alison stated that the response to the WSBA Legislative Agenda has been positive.

Additional Discussion

SCJA issue

- Alison did not attend the Senate Law & Justice hearing to ensure it remains clear that the WSBA is not involved.
- Gov. Brady reminded BLC members that we are not taking a position and should be mindful of any comments made.

Gov. Brady made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; no objections. Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:40PM on Monday, January 11, 2016.