

## **Editorial Advisory Committee Meeting**

**July 18, 2018**

**Attending in-person:** Renee McFarland, Sophia Byrd-McSherry, Chris Campbell, Michael Cherry (part of meeting)

**Attending via phone:** Aubrey Hicks, Joan Miller, Marla Fox, Dan Bridges,

**Absent:** Bridget Schuster, Chris Graves, Ruby Aliment, Stephen Jackson, Ralph Flick, Daniel Himebaugh, James Hietala

**WSBA staff:** Margaret Morgan, Emily White, Colin Rigley, Sara Niegowski

- Roll call
  
- Discussion of July issue delay and what we're learning from it
  - a) Margaret Morgan explains the delay in the June/July (now July) issue was the result of giving a complete, 360° look at the character and fitness process, as well as including a piece authored by Tara Simmons. She notes that there will still be an August issue; *NWLawyer* will meet its 9-issues-per-year obligation.
  - b) Sara Niegowski comments that July is going to be a really good issue, but the content required a large amount of checking and re-checking.
  
- Editor's Report
  - a) Emily White comments that the WSBA team is now fully staffed and things are going well.
  - b) She presents the August run sheet, notes that the issue will not have a single cover image and story but, instead, a collection of features will be presented on the cover.
  
- Editorial calendar review: August issue
  - a) Emily goes over features in the August issue
  - b) Provides update on the "lawyers as legislators" feature
  
- Reviving Sections Spotlight Column
  - a) Emily notifies committee members that *NWLawyer* is bringing back the Section Spotlight column, which highlights one WSBA section per issue. Requests have been sent to various sections. Future columns will have a set word count, format.
  
- Other story ideas?
  - a) Renee McFarland suggests contacting the Northwest Intertribal Court System, specifically its executive director, for an overview of Indian law.
  - b) Renee also notes that My Legal Pitstop Legal Technicians, an LLLT website, is expanding and might be interesting to cover.
  - c) Sophia Byrd McSherry asks if the new court management system, Odyssey Portal, has been covered. Margaret suggests getting in touch with the Superior Court Judges' Association and/or the Association of County Clerks
  - d) Marla Fox raises the issue of unemployment among legal professionals.

- e) Sophia suggests a feature on WSBA members' Halloween costumes.
- Know some good writers? Possible good writers we could solicit for the many ideas we have already
  - a) Emily stresses the need to find good writers to cover the story ideas developed already. Emily will send list of pitches to the committee.
  - b) Renee suggests reaching out to past committee members, who are typically strong writers.
- Upcoming meeting dates:

8/15/18, 9/12/18, 10/17/18