

MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2017

The Practice of Law Board (PLB) met on November 16, 2017 at the Office of the Washington State Bar Association. PLB members attending were: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair; Brooks Goode, Dominique' Jinhong, Andre Lang, Amber Marie Rush, Sarah Sumadi, Gary Swearingen, and Doug Walsh. Michelle Lucas, Access to Justice Board Liaison, WSBA member and Julie Shankland, WSBA staff liaison, also attended. Three observers attended a portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

The Board approved the October 19, 2017 minutes by unanimous consent.

LEGL CHECKUP

The Board continued to discuss the goals, target audience and distribution plan for the legal checkup project. The Board set a goal of early December for completing all remaining tasks on the draft Legal Check Up project document. The Board voted unanimously to submit the project to the WSBA Communications and Outreach Department to begin the feedback process.

The Board met briefly with Paula Littlewood, WSBA Executive Director, and Sara Niegowski, WSBA Chief Communications and Outreach Officer, to discuss next steps for the Legal Check Up.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND REVIEW

The Board reviewed one application for the current opening. The Board then decided to delay taking action on the opening because the recruitment process for the next year is beginning soon. All Board members are encouraged to ask interested people to apply for the open position.



LIBRARIANS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT LEGAL ISSUES

During lunch, the Board had a discussion with library sciences student Laura McCormick. Ms. McCormick is part of a research project involving librarians and what legal resources are available for librarians to provide in answer to public questions.

ONLINE DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND GR 24

The Board continues to discuss possible approaches to permitting and regulating online document preparation companies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board voted to enter Executive Session to consider unauthorized practice of law complaints.

The Board voted to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

