



Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2024

Members Present: Chair Lesli Ashley, Rory Hardy, Governor Kristina Larry, Professor Drew Simshaw, Craig Shank, Ronald Satterthwaite, Ellen Reed, Sarah Bove

Members Excused: Sharon Josefy Hytnen, Dr. June Darling, Michael Terasaki

Also Attending: Laurie Powers (WSBA General Counsel), Emily Crane (WSBA Paralegal), Sara Niegowski (WSBA Chief Communications & Outreach Officer), Jordan Couch (BOG Liaison), and various members of the public (Leah Snyder)

Chair Ashley called the meeting to order once a quorum was established at 1:40pm.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Entity Regulation Pilot Project Update and Communication Strategy: WSBA's Sara Niegowski gave updates on the communication strategy for the Entity Regulation Pilot Project. The Entity Regulation webpage has been published on WSBA's website, with a Q&A video featuring POLB member Craig Shank and WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt being released today. Email blasts to members will also be going out. An email inbox (entityregulationpilot@wsba.org) was created specifically to receive feedback and comments. Further encouragement was given for POLB members to reach out within their professional networks (eg. LinkedIn) regarding spreading awareness of the pilot project. A presentation by Chair Lesli Ashley and POLB member Craig Shank will be featured at the upcoming BOG meeting on September 6, 2024 at 2:05pm. The Board recommended that future information on the pilot project address specific questions and concerns that come from members and the public during the comment period.
2. Action Items:
 - Thank You to Chair Emeritus Michael Cherry: A motion was made and seconded to either draft a letter from the full Board or suggest any other ideas that Board members to show appreciation and recognition of Chair Emeritus Cherry's work for the Board. The motion passed by unanimous consent. The Board will discuss how best to share its thanks at the next meeting.

3. Updates:

- Administration:
 - Unauthorized Practice of Law as a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act: an update was given to the Board by Chair Ashley on recent meeting to the AGO. This is currently on-hold at the AGO due to this year being an election year.
 - FY 2025 Meeting Schedule: The full board discussed its meeting calendar for the next fiscal year, but no specific dates were scheduled. Discussion on this will be at the next board meeting in September.
 - Prior Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes. Sarah Bove, Ellen Reed, and Governor Kristina Larry abstained due to not being present at the prior meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38pm.