**PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**January 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Jacqui Merrill Martin, Michael Addams, Parvin Price, Ritu Jain, Gabriel Hinman, Tacy Gillespie, David Weafer, Paul Alig, Erin Fortney, Yuan Ting, Xuan Xiao, Evangeline Stratton, Natalie Reber, Thuy Nguyen, Neetal Parekh, Elizabeth Baldwin

**WSBA Staff:** Saleena Salango, Nicholas Mejía

**Board of Governors Liaison:** Matthew Dresden

**Absent:** Deborah Perluss

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM

**November Meeting Minutes**

The committee approved the December meeting minutes with no amendments.

**Subcommittee Updates**

*Communications Subcommittee* – Ritu Jain shared that the subcommittee met in early January. The subcommittee is hoping to find opportunities to write and publish at least two articles.

*Rules & Policy Subcommittee* – Yuan Ting shared the subcommittee did not have a meeting. The next meeting is January 23rd.

*CLE Subcommittee* – Erin Fortney shared the subcommittee did not have a meeting. The next meeting will be January 17th.

**BOG Liaison Update**

Matthew Dresden shared that the next Board of Governors Meeting will take place on January 13 and 14.

**Pro Bono Event**

Michael Addams led the committee in a poll to determine the name of the May The committee agreed to the name “So You Wanna Do Pro Bono... A CLE & Networking Fair”. This event will take place in May 19, 2023 via Remo. Michael Addams shared that the PBPSC is looking to larger law firms to potentially sponsor the event and cover Remo costs.

**In-Person Committee Meeting**

Jacqui Merrill Martin shared the tentative date for our in-person, extended committee meeting is Thursday, April 13th, 2023, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the WSBA offices. An optional social event will follow the meeting. WSBA can reimburse volunteers for travel; for those who cannot attend, WSBA will ensure there is a hybrid option available for all to attend the meeting.

**WSBA Covid Policies**

Saleena reminded members of the updated COVID-19 Volunteer Vaccination Policy. As of November 18th, there is no volunteer vaccination policy requirements at the WSBA.

**Roundtable Items**

Saleena shared that the 2023 Powerful Communities Grant application is now open and is due January 13th, 2023. Please consider sharing with community-based organizations that might qualify. There are two open positions for community members (preferably from non-legal backgrounds) with lived experience of systemic racism and oppression to participate in the selection of grantees.

Meeting adjourned 1:52p.m.