



Washington Young Lawyers Committee

Washington Young Lawyers Committee | Seattle, WA
Saturday, December 3, 2016 | 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Present: Paul Webber, Helen Ling, Jacob Brennan, Kjersti Stroup, Jakob McGhie, Whiny Norton, Kim Sandher, Andrew Van Winkle, Sarah Flemming, Geoff Arnold, Russell Knight, Colin McMahon, Ryan Griffie, Derek Johnson, and Chelsie Elliott

Phone: None.

Absent: Mike Mocerri (excused) and Alice Bagirova (excused)

WSBA Staff: Lynda Foster, Ana Selvidge, Destinee Evers, Kevin Platchy, Paris Eriksen, Diana Singleton, and Joy Williams

Board of Governors (BOG) Liaison: Sean Davis

Guests: ADR liaison John Butler and SSPS liaison Jordon Couch

10:33 a.m. Welcome, introductions & approval of minutes

Paul Webber called the meeting to order. Paul Webber motioned to approve the minutes. Jakob McGhie seconded. Committee voted to approve the minutes unanimously.

Chair-elect appointment process discussion

Paul Webber provided an update on the chair-elect process for this fiscal year. Lynda Foster further provided an update on Mike Mocerri nomination to the BOG and the next steps for the fiscal year 2017 chair-elect. Group discussed how to handle the open vacancy with Mike's at-large seat.

WSBA Program Presentations

Ana LaNasa-Selvidge presented on Mentorship and LOMAP, Paris Eriksen spoke on Sections, and Kevin Platchy spoke on CLE and NLE.

BOG Liaison report

Discussion ensued around petition and the potential likelihood of a referendum and what can this committee do to take a stance and organize. Lynda Foster will send committee information on history of 2012 referendum and the current petition and the timeline if the petition turns into a referendum.

Continued WSBA Program Presentations

Diana Singleton and presented on Access to Justice and Council on Public Defense and Joy Williams presented on Diversity and Public Service.

Subcommittee Reports

Each WYLC subcommittee provided an overview of its purpose and goals for FY 2017.

Outreach and Budget: presented by Russell Knight

- Hold outreach and educational events across the state.
- Educate and inspire new and young lawyers.

- Track the budget for meeting expenses, outreach and other events to efficiently use WSBA resources.

Leadership: presented by Kjersti Stroup

- Get a strong pool of candidates for the Public Service & Leadership award and ABA scholarships
- Award the Public Service & Leadership Award Quarterly
- Help people attend the ABA Midyear and Annual Conferences

Kjersti motioned to change the ABA scholarship to create six ABA scholarships. There would be 4 \$250 scholarships at the February ABA meeting, and 2 \$500 scholarships at the August meeting. Jacob Brennan seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mentorship: Presented by Whitney Norton

- Hold Mentorship Mixers throughout the state
- Engage section leadership in hosting Mentorship Mixers
- Come up with ideas to help new and young lawyers gain meaningful employment

Incubator: Presented by Chelsie Elliott, filling in for Mike Mocerri

- Complete draft incubator business plan by August, 2017
- Outreach to WSBA, Law Schools, Philanthropists, Big Box Stores, Law Firms, Chambers of Commerce, and Tech Companies for Support and Resources

Recruitment, Retention, and Retiring: Presented by Jacob Brennan

- Connect with Oregon New Lawyer Division (ONLD) Leadership regarding current status of plans
- Meet with ONLD counterparts prior to 2016 year end
- Apply for ABA YLD funding
- Plan a Hood River, OR, Regional Summit

Debt: Presented by Kim Sandher

- Identify brief banks that currently exist in WA (e.g. sections of the bar, local county bar associations, area of law committees, etc.)
- Research student loan debt forgiveness options currently available
- Have resource packages sent out as part of quarterly contact emails
- Produce a free NLE with a CPA focusing on solo and small firm, as well as student loan tax issues
- Research financial planning services already offered by other bar associations or committees

Good of the order

Committee discussed having Robin Haynes attend in February to discuss the referendum. Lynda Foser will follow-up with WSBA staff and committee leadership to coordinate how to move forward with the discussion.

Ryan Griffie spoke about the challenges in rural counties. He raised the question of how we can help rural practitioners get better connected to law schools. There was a brief discussion on the connections between current WSBA programs, the RRR subcommittee, the incubator program and this issue. Helen brought up the idea of creating a residency program that focused on teaching new lawyers skills and public service. It was agreed this idea would be discussed further in the future.

Scheduling of Meetings – discussion ensued around changing meeting times. Leadership will discuss at the next call and coordinate if meetings times could change, based on meeting location and activities scheduled in correlation with meetings.

Paul Webber motioned to move meeting to start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Andrew Van Winkle seconded the motion. 1 nay, 8 yay, 0 abstentions, motioned passed.

3:06 p.m. Adjournment

Colin McMahon moved to adjourn, Paul Webber seconded. Motion passed.