

# Administrative Law Section

*of the Washington State Bar Association*



## Minutes

### Administrative Law Section Executive Committee Telephonic/Zoom Meeting February 22, 2021

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Eileen Keiffer (Chair), Robert Krabill (Immediate Past Chair), Bill Pardee (Chair-Elect), Richelle Little (Secretary), Katy Hatfield (Treasurer), Scott Boyce (2018-2021), Lea Anne Dickerson (2018-2021), Sophie Geguchadze (2020-2021), Marjorie Gray (2019-2022), Alexis Hartwell-Gobeske (2019-2022), Ed Pesik (2020-2021), Susan Pierini (2018-2021), Cameron Zangenehzadeh (Young Lawyer Liaison).

**Also Present:** Richard Potter.

**Absent Executive Committee Members:** Selina Kang (2020-2021), Robert Rhodes (2020-2023).

**Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m.**

#### 1. Approval of Minutes (all)

A motion was made (Susan) and seconded (Robert Krabill) to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020, December 14, 2020, and January 25, 2021, meetings with corrections; the motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda (all)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed by Eileen prior to the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Financial update (Katy Hatfield)

Katy provided an update. We are expecting a report regarding book sales in the near future. The December mini-CLE brought in around \$2,000 in profit. Our income and expenses to date are approximately in line with what we budgeted.

#### 4. Committee updates

##### 4.1 Retreat Update (Marjorie Gray)

Margie provided an update. We do not know whether it will be feasible to have a retreat in June 2021. Margie believes that Alderbrook will hold our deposit until 2022, which was rolled over from the cancelled 2020 event. Margie mentioned the idea of doing a less formal event

such as an outdoor picnic, later in the summer in lieu of this year's retreat, if pandemic conditions allow for it.

#### 4.2 Legislative (Richard Potter)

Richard provided an update. Of the 47 watched bills, 21 have passed through committee.

SB 5225 regarding direct appeals of APA decisions, which the Recovery Task Force worked on, has passed the Law and Justice Committee and is waiting for a vote on the senate floor. Several bills were proposed regarding restricting the governor's ability to pass emergency proclamations, and none of those have passed.

Another bill of interest, which addresses oversight and accountability of police, SSSB 5051, passed out of original committee, and is now waiting in the Rules Committee.

#### 4.3 Publications and Practice Manual (Selina Kang, Richelle Little)

Richelle provided the update. We still have not heard back from our contact at Lexis Nexis, so we do not have access to two of the four chapters in the Administrative Law Practice Manual that need to be updated in 2021. The committee plans to try to find a new contact at Lexis Nexis in order to move forward. We will also begin reaching out to potential authors for the two chapters that we were provided the text for updating in 2020, but were not fully updated because we did not yet have new authors for them.

#### 4.4 CLE (Bill Pardee)

Bill provided an update. This week on February 25, 2021, there will be a mini-CLE on FMLA and PFML. In April there will be a mini-CLE with an OAH judge on the format of filings. The committee will meet next week and begin planning for May and June mini-CLEs.

#### 4.5 Diversity and Outreach (Alexis Hartwell-Gobeske / Robert Rhodes)

Alexis provided an update. The mentorship program is on hold due to the inability to hold in-person events. Alexis noted that we are due for WSBA diversity and inclusion training for our EC, and she will contact Carolyn MacGregor to arrange the training.

#### 4.6 Homan Award (Lea Anne Dickerson)

No update today.

#### 4.7 Newsletter (Ed Pesik)

Ed provided an update. He has been collecting ideas for the next newsletter and will be reaching out to WSBA to clarify the timeline for submitting the content. Eileen provided historical information explaining that we usually try to publish quarterly, but the frequency of publication as well as what will be included is up to the editor. Please contact Ed if you know of relevant WA Court of Appeals or Supreme Court opinions relevant to your work and are willing to help with the case summary.

4.8 Elections (Robert Krabill, Lea Dickerson)

No update today.

5. **Superior Court Recovery Task Force - Appellate Committee (Eileen)**

No update today.

6. **Update on Support for ELUHO budget request re SB 5151 Compliance (Richard Potter)**

ELUHO's request was included in the governor's budget proposal.

7. **Bar Exam/Diploma Privileges (Robert Krabill)**

Robert outlined the issue, which centers around equity concerns with procedures involved with the remote administration of the bar exam, and whether the exam should still be required for bar admission. We are not taking a position as a section, but individuals may contact WSBA with comments and concerns.

8. **Good of the Order**

Katy mentioned the recent Supreme Court case holding that WSBA is not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. We may want to reach out to WSBA to determine whether any procedures affecting our section will be changing based on that opinion. In addition, we may wish to publish something about the Supreme Court opinion in our newsletter.

9. **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is March 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

**Attachments:** (none)