



# Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 21, 2021

12:00pm – 1:30pm PST

Held via Zoom

In attendance: Mel Simburg, Adrienne Wills, Tommy Statkiewicz (nonvoting), Roger Moss, Lish Whitson, Joanna Roth, Carol Betts, Sasha S. Philip, Alan Alhadeff, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA).

### Reflective Check-In

#### Opening

##### Agenda Additions and Changes

- No changes or additions

##### March and April Meeting Minutes Approval

- Approved

### Updates from the Chair

#### Nominating Committee

- Applications have closed.
- Emily Martin is the only new applicant not currently involved in the Exec Comm; she's applied for the At-Large position previously held by Gregg Bertram. Mel and Roger have discussed the idea of an interim appointment of Emily before her term would officially start in October; this can be done with a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Moved and approved.

#### Young Lawyer Liaison

- Dee is the section contact
- Tommy (present today) was previously interested but was not a Bar member at that time. Carolyn of the Bar will let Tommy know what the next steps would be if he is interested in applying now.

#### WSBA News (Carolyn MacGregor)

- No updates

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## Outreach

### Within Section:

**Supporting Diversity** (Dee, Sasha) (Coordinating with WSBA Diversity Specialist) (Diversity for ExCom: ethnic, geographic, age)

- Dee was going to reach out to the Diversity staff person at Seattle U to learn more about what is happening there to build on it. Sasha is not sure if this has happened.
- Sasha indicated that she and Dee have not yet talked following Dee's inquiry at Seattle U.
- Sasha reported that there is no currently planned "Diversity and Inclusion" event for June; she will connect with Dee about something for the future.

**Inviting Guest Section Members to ExCom Meetings or Committees** (Sasha) (Plan is to make specific invites to persons and cooperating organizations/groups, and extend invites to members generally. How accomplish?)

- Mel encouraged each member of the Exec Comm to select a county or city and do outreach via e-mail to members in that area. Roger has prepared a template he can share.

### Not Limited to Section Members:

**CLE development** (Alan, Paul, Carol, Lisa, and Lish) (Collaboration outside WA?) (Mediation and Domestic Violence?) (Collaborative Law Outside Family Law?) (Other?)

- The named Section members haven't yet met.
- Mel recalled we've discussed mediation and domestic violence as a CLE topic. Joanna commented there is plenty of recent work there to present.
- WSBA has updated Mel that it's planning 3 one-hour topics with JAMS related to dispute resolution. Mel forwarded the message to Exec Comm members

**Cross-Section & MBA Collaboration** (Alan & Sasha) (Lisa: Health Law Section, FBA) (Lish: Inn of Court)

- No report

### Events: Happy Hour Northwest

- The May Happy Hour event was on Collaborative Law. Joanna reported that it went well and that we had attendees who haven't joined other times. Carol concurred it was a good discussion. Mel agreed and mentioned that it may be the basis of a broader outreach CLE in the future.
- For June, the BC mediators will be "co-opting" (aka hosting) the time for a game activity related to Among Us and referencing dispute resolution. This will be June 3 starting at 5:30pm. Will include break-out rooms as part of the event. Roger indicated that this could be a model or seed of partnering with other groups in the future.
- Roger addressed the issue of continuing over the summer, saying he was in favor of it because the Canadian groups won't be meeting so we'd be offering a place for those folks to come connect.
- Roger also shared a programming idea for the Fall.

**Academic Partnerships** (Craig, Dee, Sasha): No activity by Sasha. Sasha indicated that interested Exec Comm members should contact her if interested in teaching a broad mediation skills class at Seattle U.

ZOOM BREAK: Rename self to admired living/dead person.

**Inn of Court:** Lish reported there are no developments at this time and that this may be revisited post-COVID

**Reports (Rotating Order) (And if not covered above)**

**Media & Communications** (Adrienne, Carol, Mary) (Website, communications with members, onboarding packet/email, making sense of two websites and various channels of communication.)

- Adrienne reported that she, Carol, and Mary had talked about the Ning site transition.
- Mel requested that monthly reminders of the Exec Comm meeting be sent; the actual information for the meeting is on our Bar section web page. He clarified that he liked the idea of a list serv message going out that directs Section members to our Bar web page to reinforce use of that page.
- Roger expressed that the Media & Communications committee should discuss a communication strategy in light of the Bar site and the plan to transition from the Ning website to a Groups.io platform
- Sasha conveyed that, the fewer steps for folks to engage with the Committee meeting or other activities, the better.
- Carolyn from the Bar noted that she can check to see how many people successfully receive list serv messages.
- Roger suggested we 'pin' this conversation now as the input of Mary Juetten and Emily Martin is very important for developing an effective communication strategy. (Sasha clarified that Emily Martin is a 'whiz' on social media and thus her participation will be really helpful.)
- Tommy noted there is confusion from a user's perspective about which website to take guidance from.

**NWDR** (Adrienne, Sasha, Roger, Mary)

- Roger asked that we review the document he shared in the chat, in which the motion is to approve outreach to MediateBC, CoRe Clinic, and CLEBC to join in planning and production, including providing financial assistance, of their fall 2021 conference, or for future events if it is too late for this year. The motion carried.
- Sasha updated us that the landing page for the NWDR Conference has been updated/re-directed. See <https://www.nwdrconference.org/> - Sasha has control of this domain but strongly suggests the Media & Communications committee develop a succession plan; in the short term, Roger offered to step in as a co-administrator in the short term.

**Legislation & Public Policy** (Paul & Joanna) (L/T eviction mediation; foreclosure mediation; family law mediation.)

- No report.

**Treasurer's Report** (Courtland)

- Sent by e-mail; Courtland not present.
- If there are budget requests, they need to get to Courtland in the near future to enable him to provide a proposed budget for the June meeting.

- Mel asked whether we want to budget for an in-person retreat for the Fall. Mel expressed that a hybrid-type event was interesting to him.
- Mel expressed that we may need to advance money for the NWDR Conference and thus we should budget carefully if we opt for an in-person retreat. Roger pointed out that we likely will have sponsors who will advance money for the Conference.
- We're estimating that an in-person retreat at Sleeping Lady would cost approximately \$5,000.
- Mel requested that we continue to discuss what should happen with the retreat by e-mail.

#### **Professional Development & Membership (Alan & ?)**

- Alan expressed that a very specific connection with markets may grab the type of folks he's been coming into contact with, more so than the NWDR Conference. (These folks are attorneys in their mid-forties who have been practicing about 20 years and have experience with representing clients in mediation and are interested in making a career shift to working as a mediator.)
- Roger noted the folks in BC are putting on programming that is creating some of the types of connections that Alan described.

#### **Anything Else?**

- Alan expressed gratitude to be in the group.
- Tommy expressed appreciation for inclusion in this meeting.

#### **Reflective Check-Out/Adjourn.**

Zoom chat:

12:27:29 From Roger Moss to Everyone : free CLE training held by the brilliant QLaw Foundation based out of Seattle, WA. The topic is the intersection of COVID-19, housing instability, and LGBTQ+ identity. The training is being held on Friday (6/4) at 12:00pm PST.

12:27:40 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : here is a link to register for the training:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtc-qrrzLiHNQwxu00rS3Qo0JXM2TR5hDL>

12:28:56 From Tommy Statkiewicz to Everyone : Here is the Instagram post:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CPGitFVASHV/?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CPGitFVASHV/?utm_medium=copy_link)

12:35:09 From Carolyn -WSBA to Everyone : Re the Young Lawyer Liaison program, the application window is about to open. There will be a communication going out to young lawyers, but since Tommy just joined and might not be on the address list in time, it would be good for him to contact Curtiss Melvin at [curtissm@wsba.org](mailto:curtissm@wsba.org) for more information. Application deadline is June 24.

13:06:03 From Sasha S. Philip (she/her) to Everyone : <http://wsba-adr.org/events/mediating-unique-and-challenging-multiparty-disputes>

13:16:39 From Adrienne Wills to Everyone : <https://www.nwdrconference.org/>

13:30:27 From Gene Roddenberry to Everyone : I'm leaving for a medical appointment - Thanks everyone for your service!