



**WSBA Cannabis Bar Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2020**

Called to Order at 12:02

Attendees: Peter Becker
Josh Ashby
Anastasia Gilmarten
Alexis Hartwell Gobeske
Sativa Rasmussen, President
Eleen Trang - WSBA
Justin Walsh, Secretary
Heather Wolf

Welcome – Sativa

- I. Introductions and welcome to new at-large Member Pete Becker.
- II. Approval of past meeting minutes. Moved by Chair and seconded by Anastasia Gilmarten. Unanimously approved.
- III. Industry Updates.

Discussion of first meeting of Social Equity Task Force. Attended by Chair Rasmussen. Meeting was largely introductory. Secretary Walsh raised the potential issue of social equity license holders in business disputes, as has occurred in other states with social equity programs. Chair Rasmussen noted these issues were discussed, as well as general industry concerns and potential gaming of the system. Secretary Walsh raised a potential issue of ensuring the social equity status is done in such a way that does not hamper potential future issues with equity raises. Peter Becker raised a question regarding jurisdiction for equity licenses.

Alexis Hartwell Gobeske gave an update on hemp and CBD food and beverages in New York.

Chair Rasmussen provided an update on Kentucky rules having been published.

Chair Rasmussen provided an update on TPI rules and option holders. Heather Wolf clarified notion of “financial consideration” versus other consideration.

Secretary Walsh noted a new DEA rule regarding analogues and isomers, which seemed to be in conflict with the 2018 Farm Bill.

Chair Rasmussen noted an update to the new food pro licensing system which not provides real time updates on application processing.

It was noted that 5 states had legalization on the ballot.

IV. Update from Open Sections Night.

Alexis, Anastasia, and Sativa attended. Alexis Hartwell Gobeske noted this was designed to replace WSBA open section night, as a way for sections to connect to potential future members in Eastern Washington. Software system used worked well with the tables. People were great about asking questions.

Chair Rasmussen felt it was a well-organized event. Secretary Walsh noted the discussion of the Remo software from the section leaders meeting, and those in attendance at the Open Sections meeting thought the software worked well, with which Josh Ashby and Peter Becker concurred from past use.

V. Mini-CLE Update

Chair Rasmussen noted last meeting discussion regarding a mini-CLE series with 4 mini CLEs quarterly, with each being hosted with another section. Josh Ashby had taken oar of topics. Chair Rasmussen noted the potential for a joint CLE for ADR section.

Josh Ashby noted other potential topics of IP, Food and Beverage, Corporate business law. Eleen Trang noted a six-week lead time is advisable. Secretary Walsh agreed to reach out to the ADR Section Chair Greg Bertram to coordinate timing.

VI. Section Leaders Meeting.

Secretary Walsh attended the Section leaders meeting and noted the discussion of innovative ways to increase membership, including the use of happy hours. Peter Becker raised issues with happy hours and cannabis. Josh Ashby noted these issues first arose at the creation of the section, and that marijuana cannot be present at bar events. Secretary Walsh also provided an update on other issues raised at the meeting, including discussions of moving the bar out of downtown, and noted the recurrence of this discussion from previous years.

VII. Large Industry Update Meeting Discussion.

Alexis Hartwell Gobeske noted at the last meeting talked about setting up 1-2 large section meetings for talking shop and update and discussed setting a date. Secretary Walsh raised the issue of unknowns regarding in person attendance. Eleen Trang noted no in person bar meetings could occur until Phase 3. Heather Wolf noted it should be safe to assume there will be no in person meetings until next fall, and we would likely be virtual for the first update.

Chair Rasmussen requested the topic be tabled for now, and should be discussed at the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.