

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Creditor-Debtor Section**  
**Executive Committee**

**Minutes re: Meeting of Executive Committee on September 15, 2017 @ 3:00pm**

Meeting location: WSBA Offices, Seattle, Washington

In attendance: Bruce Mederios (EC), Bill Malaier (EC--Recorder), Jim Hurley (EC--Past Chair), Tom Linde (EC--Chair), Kathryn McKinley (EC), Kevin O'Rourke (EC--Treasuer), Megan Rue (EC), Dane Woldseth (YLD Liason), Mark Northrup (EC), Ruth Nelson (EC), Julianne Unite (WSBA liason), Jason Wilson-Aguilar (EC), Kevin Plachy (WSBA), David Kazemba (EC), John Kaplan (EC), Tom Neeleman (EC);

1. Introduction and update; Tom Linde
2. Approval of minutes of the 06/15/2017 meeting of EC; Motion to approve by Jim Hurley; seconded by Ruth Nelson; oral vote to approve said minutes passed unanimously;
3. WSBA Bylaw Amendment Article XI--Sections; (1) Revisions to Section Bylaws: The previously circulated red-lined versions of the Section Bylaws (redlined against existing bylaws) which were previously approved by unanimous vote of the EC have now been formally approved and otherwise adopted by the WSBA.
4. Thank you to outgoing board members; Tom Linde and the EC made a record of thanking the following outgoing board members for their service: Christy Tobin-Presser (Position 5), Met Kimel (Position 8), and Jason Wilson-Aguilar (Position 9).
5. Welcome incoming board members; Tom Linde and the EC made a record of welcoming the following incoming board members for their prospective service: Ruth Nelson (Position 5), Megan Rue (Position 7), David Kazemba (Position 8), and John Kaplan (Position 9);
6. Legislative Update; Tom Linde provided a final report on the legislative outcomes of bills on which the Section took a position for legislative year 2017, and the EC unanimously approved the appointment of the following members to the Legislative Subcommittee: Brian King, Ben Ellison, and Michael Sperry. Said motion was made by Tom Linde and seconded by Ruth Nelson. Ruth Nelson, Megan Rue, and John Kaplan all agreed to serve as EC members on the Legislative Subcommittee.
7. Receivership Task Force: Tom Linde moved to appoint Todd Tracy as Section liaison to the Receivership Task Force, and Bill Malaier seconded the motion; it passed unanimously. Tom Linde also moved to appoint section member Doug Cameron as a new member to the Task Force, and Ruth Nelson seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
8. NWBI Update: Jason Wilson-Aguilar and Bruce Mederios gave a brief status report on next year's NWBI; it will be held in Seattle, on April 13-14, at the Renaissance Hotel.

7. CLE Update; Tom Linde reported that the Section would be sponsoring the bi-annual Judgment CLE on December 6, 2017. Discussion was held regarding appointment of new CLE Subcommittee appointments; David Kazemba and Tom Neeleman volunteered and were appointed as EC chairs to the CLE Subcommittee. Non-EC Subcommittee Members were not appointed at the meeting, and Tom Linde will reach out to some Section members in that regard.
8. CLE revenue sharing in light of declining in-person attendance; Tom Linde stated that 2017 was a transition year for purposes of revenue sharing (due to declining in-person CLE attendance and the WSBA's refusal to share revenue from online attendance fees), but that the WSBA is currently revisiting revenue sharing for online programs beginning in 2019;
9. Financial Report; Tom Linde summarized the Section's current financial situation and submitted the Section's proposed 2018 budget. Tom Linde moved to provide CLE tuition discounts for Section members (in an amount TBD), and Ruth Nelson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
10. Grants Program; Bill Malaier briefly presented on the fact that the Grants budget is \$5,000.00 this year, and that the EC will be voting on applications at our December meeting as is customary. Megan Rue suggested describing the Grants Program in future CLE advertisements, Section correspondence and the Section Newsletter. Those suggestions were well-taken.
11. Newsletter Update; Mark Northrup reported that the Summer edition of the Newsletter was released in June, and that the Winter edition is already in the works; so far, several articles for the Winter edition have been submitted.
12. Section Annual Report; Tom Linde briefly discussed the fact that our Section's annual report is due on 10/13/2017.
13. Updated Section Diversity Report; The EC reviewed a report of demographic data pertaining to section memberships across the WSBA. By way of brief summary, our Section is below the WSBA average in both gender and race/ethnicity membership percentages. Put another way, our Section is more male, and more white than other sections. The EC discussed ways to increase our Section diversity, including outreach efforts to solo practitioners in the C/D field who are, at least anecdotally, believed to be very diverse in both gender and race/ethnicity.
14. New Business; Julianne Unite reported that expense reimbursement forms for FY2017 must be received by 10/27/2017. She also reported that the agenda for the WSBA BOG meeting on 9/27/2017 and 9/28/2017 will be posted online shortly, and that the WSBA APEX Award dinner will be held at the Seattle Sheraton on September 28, 2017. She also reported that the Fall Section Leaders Meeting will be held at the WSBA Offices on 10/26/2017, and that Open Sections Night will be held in Tacoma on 11/1/2017 at 5:00pm.
15. Next Meeting--the next meeting of the EC will be held at the WSBA offices in Seattle on December 8, 2017 at 3:00pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Ruth Nelson, seconded by Tom Linde; motion passed unanimously;  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:18pm

Minutes prepared by Bill Malaier;