WSBA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.

MEETING
Virtual Zoom Meeting Only

CALL IN INFORMATION
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Access Code: 612 9080 385#

URL: https://oacsvcs.zoom.us/j/6129080385

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome A. Hardwick
- 2. Approval of May 2020 minutes A. Hardwick (See Attachment 1)
- 3. Financial Report & Budget J. Beyerlein Questions for budgeting:
 - Increasing dues (currently \$25)
 - Writing competition (\$3,500 for 1st and 2nd place)
 - Special Projects
 - Retreat/in-person dinner
- 4. Law Student Outreach (*Gonzaga*) (See Attachment 2)
- 5. Elections Report A. Hardwick / B. Hill (See Attachment 3)
- 6. Mid Year Meeting/CLE Recap/Lessons Learned R. English/ B. Hill
- 7. Road Trip CLE Vancouver (*August 28, 2020*) P. Spratt
- 8. Fall Forum (2020) (*Mini CLE*) A. Hardwick
- 9. Writing Competition Ratification (*Award to Raymond Cleaveland SU 2021*, and 2nd place award to Shweta Jayawardhau, UW 2021) S. Millstein
- 10. Section Membership Benefits Webpage (*contract status*) B. Hill
- 11. Winter Forum (*call for topics*) B. Reed
- 12. Newsletter Update (call for new articles) A. Tramountanas
- 13. For the Good of the Order

Construction Law Section Meeting Minutes May 13, 2020

Attendees:

Brett Hill Ron English
Joe Scuderi Rick Wetmore
Jason Piskel Masaki Yamada
Jennifer Beyerlein Will Young
Seth Millstein Paige Spratt
Bart Reed Lena Holohan

Amber Hardwick

Not participating: Bryce Sinner, Colm Nelson, Todd Henry, Brian Guthrie, Allison Murphy

The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm via Zoom, and recessed at about 1:00 p.m. Brett Hill chaired.

Discussion

- 1. <u>Approval of March Minutes</u> Minutes were approved as presented, except to change the "Josh Palachuk" to "Geoff Palachuk" in the discussion of new members.
- 2. <u>Financial</u> Jennifer provided the financials report. Seven more members. There is approximately \$34k in savings and we are at approximately 85% of planned revenue. We had 8 more people re-upping than last year.
- 3. WSBA Hardship Fund Proposal to have a "hardship fund" either through the WSBA or through the sections to address Covid challenges affecting small firms. Some sections have said they will donate to the "hardship fund". WSBA has not made a decision. Discussion of possible options: provide more scholarship funds to writing competition participants. There are currently 2 entries and tomorrow is the deadline. Joe Scuderi mentioned giving money to students and then doing tuition discounts for CLEs for section members in need. Group discussed giving discounts for the Mid-Year CLE and later events. Stoel is willing to absorb the costs of the Mid-Year CLE. Ron's motion: cut CLE fee by 50% for all new registrants and those who already purchased get a discount. Motion passed, Bart will coordinate with Evite and WSBA.
- 4. <u>Elections Update</u> Brett Hill gave update on status and the recommendations by the nominating committee. The Council previously approved the recommendations of the nominating committee via email. Elections will be at the end of the month prior to the CLE.
- 5. <u>Mid-Year CLE</u>: Deadline for materials is May 22, a reminder will be sent out by Ron to the authors to get their materials in. All presenters will be remote. Attendees are not visible.

- Moderators and presenters. Attendees will be able to provide comments and questions they will be able to field. Event Brite will be running it.
- 6. Road Trip CLE CLE is set for August 28, 2020. Consensus was to go virtual right now. Paige will follow up with doing the CLE virtual. Discussion of more people attending because they do not have to travel.
- 7. <u>Fall Forum</u> Discussion to cancel, no date set yet. No contracts have been signed for Smith Tower. Mini CLE idea was supported.
- 8. <u>Writing Competition</u> Zoom meeting for the writing competition was not successful. No one attended, only two people have written articles. Will and Tom volunteered to grade.
- 9. <u>Section Member Benefits</u> Brett Hill reported that Robynne has provided comments, it is in his court to address. Word document still having problems regarding two people being in the documents at the same time, this is an WSBA issue.
- 10. <u>Winter Forum</u> Subject on hold, waiting for COVID-19 news. Discussion of using Henry Spieker as a presenter. Rick Wetmore discussed using insurance as a topic.
- 11. <u>Newsletter Update</u> The newsletter was submitted to WSBA, with Amber's report which should be posted soon.

NEXT MEETING IS DURING THE MID YEAR CLE

END OF MINUTES

Amber Hardwick

From: Alexis Hartwell-Gobeske <alexis@dynamiclawgroup.com>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:04 PM

To: WSBA Section Leaders

Subject: [section-leaders] Section Outreach Event

Section Leaders,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Administrative Law Section. As you are aware, the WSBA has decided to forego 'Open Section Night' events for at least the foreseeable future.

In seeking out alternate opportunities for outreach and new member engagement, our section has been in discussion with Gonzaga University School of Law. The University has agreed to co-host a section outreach event similar in nature to the Open Section Nights. This event will take place in October 2020, provided Covid-19 doesn't result in a second wave of stay-home-stay-healthy orders that cause the school to shut-down.

If your section would like to be involved in this event please contact me. We would require multiple sections' involvement to make a successful event. With sufficient interest, we can lock in a date/time that works for all involved sections. The cost to each section would be minimal (a contribution to any food/beverage provided at the event if the University determines it not a health risk to provide food), which I expect shall be no more than \$75 per section.

Thank you,

Alexis Hartwell-Gobeske

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