

**WSBA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE: WED APRIL 9, 2025 @ 11:55 AM\*<sup>1</sup>**

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**AGENDA**

No.	What	Who	Additional
1	<b>Welcome</b>	Seth	>Approve Feb Minutes ( <i>attached</i> )
2	<b>Course Book &amp; midyear</b>	Ron English	>Discuss status of midyear <i>Below</i>
	Thanks to Seyfarth Shaw for hosting the mid-year CLE.  Tentative schedule:  8:30 - 9:30 AM: Case Law Update (1 hour) Cressman and Lane presenters 9:30 - 10:30 AM: Change Order Revolution Panel, 60 minutes 10:30 - 10:45 AM: Break (15 minutes) 10:45 - 11:45 M: Emerging Appellate Issues in Construction Law 11:45 AM - Noon: Section Chair Report and Lunch Break and Presentations (15 minutes) Noon – 1:00 PM: Judges Panel (over lunch) (1 hour) (Jim Rogers to find presenters) 1:00 - 1:30 PM: Legislative Update (30 minutes) Athan Tramountanas 1:30 - 2:30 PM: The Future of Construction Contracts (60 minutes) (Ryan Gilchrist and Bryce Sinner to present) 2:30 - 2:45 PM: Break (15 minutes) 2:45 - 3:45 PM: Surety Law – Cyber Threats and Recent Trends (1 hour) (Dorothy Reed – USI Insurance Service + Team member) 3:45 - 4:45 PM: Ethics in Construction Law (1 hour) Chad Allred Social Hour: Sponsor – USI Insurance Service		
3	<b>Financial Report</b>	Erin	>Erin to discuss if new info available.
4	<b>Spring Event</b>	Seth	>Aquarium Tour – <b>3.27.25</b> <i>Overview and discussion</i>

<sup>1</sup> \* You know the benefits of being early already, but to entice further: this is Masters’ week. Whether you like golf or not, you’ll want to attend. Prepare to be fully Augustacized.

5	<b>Subcommittees</b>	Various	<u>Current Subcommittees</u> >Law School: Travis & Rita and follow up on the virtual intersession (Colburn, Smith and Young to draft prelim syllabus?) >Community Outreach and Charitable: Sound Foundation either April 14 or early May. 12. Confirm with Bart >Newsletter: Evan. Status.
	<p><u>Law School Outreach</u> – Update</p> <p>No update on virtual intersession.</p> <p><u>Community Outreach/Charity</u> – The Section intends to sponsor the purchase of a tiny home. More details to come. Dates being considered for volunteering in early June, with June 14<sup>th</sup> preferred. There will be room for approximately 12 volunteers, ages 16+.</p> <p>Newsletter: Update from Will &amp; Evan</p>		
5	<b>Subcommittees</b>	Various	<u>New Subcommittees</u> > <u>Social media</u> : Park to follow up on group or profile for Linked-In or neither. > <u>Legislative</u> – monitoring and updating. Varriano and Erler and Yamada teamed up. > <u>Elections</u> – getting ready. March 10 kickoff.
	<p><u>Social Media</u>: Update</p> <p><u>Legislative Subcommittee</u>: Are we fully ready?</p> <p><u>Elections</u>: The election season has begun, with an initial kickoff on March 10. There are several spots open this election cycle, including three at-large positions. Applications will close April 21 with voting to commence on June 2. Interest has already been expressed for the open positions.</p>		
	<b>Conclusion Good of the order</b>	Seth	>New cases, clauses, comments, weather? >Idea for self-help guide for owners and contractors? >(1) SCBA CLE proposal (9/25-5/26). See below. >(2) M’s game in the summer. Logistics. See below.

(1) SCBA CLE Proposal (9/25-5/26): The Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA) requested assistance with a CLE event for the 2025-26 school year. They propose a full day of teaching. The event is being considered as a mid-year opportunity. Further details to come. Group discussed inviting J. Piskel for more information.

Looking at a full day—6.0 hours of teaching time. The estimated costs are \$2500 for the space and refreshments. (SCBA suggests Splitting costs, but if we are going to pay per diem or travel for speakers the SCBA can't fork that up). SCBA is up for whatever rate to charge. SCBA generally charges \$25-\$35/hr per credit. SCBA will take care of CLE credits and material preparation (online production only now). Can be offered in person (live) and webinar. For net revenue a suggested 70/30 split—SCBA > WSBA Con Law Section.

(2) M's Game in the Summer: Agreed last month, let's get this finished up so we can all get overpriced beers this summer while under-applying SPF #35

*(ADDITIONAL) WSBA Section Events: C. MacGregor discussed zoom drop-in session for interested applicants to ask questions about elections process and serving on WSBA section ECs this Friday, March 14, from 10-11 AM, following meeting will be April 3. C. MacGregor advised of opportunity for current EC member to attend meeting to discuss their experience serving on construction section EC and answer questions from attendees. **Seth to discuss.***

*C. MacGregor discussed Annual Spring Section Leaders meeting on Monday April 7, 2025 from noon to 2:00pm. All section executive committee members are encouraged to attend, especially section officers. A member engagement panel will be held, focusing on different EC programs and including breakout sessions. C. MacGregor asked for a member of construction section EC to participate in panel discussion regarding hosting member engagement events that pull from practice area, in particular the annual field trip and community outreach. Would involve an approximately hour-long planning session in advance with other panel members. S. Millstein volunteered. **Seth to discuss.***

Next Meeting at ACS: Next meeting to be held in person at ACS offices, with hybrid option. Unless Seth's 'assistant' gets lazy again. A riveting dynamic.

## ATTENDANCE

Members	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan ('25)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
<b>Millstein</b>	√	√	√*	√*	√	√*			<b>CLE</b>		NA	
<b>Sinner</b>	√	√	√	Exc.	√	√			NA		NA	
<b>Yamada</b>	√	√	√*	√	√	√			NA		NA	
<b>Colburn</b>	√	√*	√*	√*	√	Exc			NA		NA	
<b>Varriano</b>	√	Exc.	√*	√*	Exc.	√*			NA		NA	
<b>Brown</b>	√	Exc.	√*	√	√	√*			NA		NA	
<b>Leary</b>	√	√	√	√-	√-	√-			NA		NA	
<b>Young</b>	√	√*	√*	√	√	√			NA		NA	
<b>Noel</b>	√	√*	√	√*	√	√*			NA		NA	
<b>Erler</b>	√	√	Exc.	√	√	√			NA		NA	
<b>Benson</b>	√	√*	√*	Exc.	Exc.	√*			NA		NA	
<b>Gilchrist</b>	√	√*	Exc.	√	√	Exc			NA		NA	
<b>Park</b>	√	√	√	X	√-	√*			NA		NA	
<b>Smith</b>	√	Exc.	√	√	√	√			NA		NA	
<b>Kutsin</b>	√	√	√	√*	√	√*			NA		NA	
<b>Reed</b>	√	√	√*	√*	√	√			NA		NA	
<b>Other</b>	C. MacGregor and R. English											

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