

Construction Law Section
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017

Attendees:

Marisa Bavand	Colm Nelson
Ron English	Athan Tramountanas
Bart Reed	Bob Olson
Jason Piskel	Brett Hill
Jennifer Beyerlein	Amber Hardwick
Joe Scuderi	Rob Crick
John Evans	Joe Torrenzio

The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm at the law offices of Short Cressman, and recessed at about 12:50 p.m. Marisa Bavand chaired.

Discussion

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented.
2. Financial Report: Jennifer reported that we are on target for revenue, as are expenses (other than increasing the scholarship amount). Joe noted that executive committee expenses are higher than budgeted, because of travel expenses. The Council approved a motion to approve Jason's travel expenses as part of the budget so we can continue to have him come from Spokane.
3. Newsletter Update: Athan reported that the newsletter is planned to go out in May, and will lead with a report on the June CLE.
4. 2017 Midyear CLE: Jason reported that preparations are going well, and marketing has gone out, including notices about social hour. The newsletter notice should mention McMillan Jacobs first, including Henry Spieker, as they are making a larger contribution. Ron sent out a notice to presenters that they can invite a guest at half price. Materials are due Friday. The judicial panel will talk about presenting complex civil cases. If we exceed the 55 person limit, WSBA will make a room available for web participation.
5. Social hour: It will be at the WSBA offices. Brett has reached out to the local law schools, and any students are welcome to attend. Law schools are reaching out to their students. Firms can reach out to summer associates and/or new lawyers. They will have a booth.
6. Desk Book Status: Ron reported we have 22 chapter drafts submitted, and we are in contact with the authors of the other 4 chapters. He is going through each chapter for format and edits.

7. Fall Forum: John reported that he has talked to Kerry Lawrence and Alicia Berry and we are looking at a CLE tentatively set for September 29 in the Tri Cities. Topic has not been selected. Suggestions included a review of recent significant cases and federal topics like small and minority business programs.
8. Bylaws Committee: Amber reported that the WSBA requires the sections to have more uniform bylaws. Substantive changes being proposed include: the Council treasurer must work with the WSBA treasurer and assure we don't go over budget; the secretary must submit minutes to WSBA monthly; and membership eligibility is broadened to include inactive legal professionals. Changes to voting and elections are required by WSBA: WSBA will receive the nominations from the nominating committee and conduct an electronic election; nominees must fill out an application; there is an alternate process to be nominated, by obtaining 15 signatures from section members; officers will take office in October. To be an officer, you must have been a member of the executive committee for two years. The Council decided to recess this meeting to allow a vote to be taken on the revised bylaws.
9. Website transition: Joe reported that the process is on hold, to work out some bugs. Content is ready to go.
10. Summer schedule: Meeting in July, but not August.
11. Fall Forum: The council discussed whether to have a forum, due to poor fall attendance. No decision reached.

NEXT MEETING IS ON JULY 12, 2016

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