## WSBA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

2.8.2023 @ 12:00 p.m.

MEETING

**Virtual Zoom Meeting** 

Only

J. Beyerlein

T. Henry

B. Reed

S. Millstein

E. Varriano

E. Perka

S. Campbell

A. Murphy

S. Yamada

B. Sinner

R. English T. Colburn

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome J. Beyerlein | This Day in History Seth Millstein
- 2. Approval of January 2022 minutes J. Beyerlein

Minutes are approved. T. Henry wants to modify minutes to reflect that we should modify desk book when it is warranted.

3. Desk Book Update – R. English

Desk book has an effective date as of January 2019. We can update whenever we determine is appropriate but the WSBA has a long lead time to approve the desk book. First step would be to approach each author and see if there needs to be an update.

Ron proposes that he reaches out to the bar association and see if we should start the process. Ron suggests that no writing occur until June 1<sup>st</sup> when all the bills are known.

Council approved Ron reaching out to WSBA and prior authors to determine whether re-writes are needed.

4. Mid-year / Annual CLE Planning (2023)— R. English / J. Beyerlein / B. ReedJune 2, 2023

Jennifer will give update. Judge Jim Rogers and Judge Tanya Thorp have agreed to speak. Looking for a third Judge

Propose starting the CLE at 8:30 with Chris Soelling, legislative update, panel on litigating multi-party disputes, claim certification for pass-through claims, Judges Panel, delay/damages and the update.

Have an hour set aside for delay and/or damages presentation by an expert. Jennifer has reached out to Ankura and will reach out to HKA.

Case law update at the end.

Jennifer has an inquiry into Judge Estudillo to see whether he would speak at the winter forum or the mid-year forum. TBD.

Need one more Judge.

5. Council Retreat (June 1, 2023) TBD – T. Colburn

Travis gave update. It is currently up to the council as to where/when it should be.

6. "Lunch with Lawyers" Law School Outreach (UW/SU/Gonzaga) Update - T. Colburn

SU Construction Law class is occurring right now. Our section would have an in there to ask for time to talk about lunch with lawyers. Reach out to professor about advertising it.

7. Winter Forum (Cutters) – B. Reed Update

Wait to hear back from Judge Estudillo. Ask J. Andrus about a going away/retirement panel?

8. Legislative Update — J. Beyerlein [handout]

Jennifer gave update on bills. Do we want to take a position on a bill? Jennifer will figure out process with WSBA.

9. Financial Report – E. Perka

New fund balance is \$53,940. Have utilized 10% of budget so far.

10. Road Trip CLE Report – P. Spratt / A. Murphy

CLE is set for March 23 in Kennewick. Benton Franklin County Bar to host.

11. Field Trip (formerly fall forum) – B. Reed

Bart heard back from Coleman Dock representatives and they would be pleased to host the forum. They will not be done with work until June/July with follow on work in the fall.

August or September. Late September is the preference by council members.

12. Construction Section Subcommittees | DEI Initiative — J. Beyerlein [see handout]

Wondering if we want to have a subcommittee on diversity? Other sections have these. We don't have any subcommittees.

You can invite other members to join the subcommittees that are not on the council to drive participation. Subcommittee could be on other topics not just diversity. Interest in creating a lifetime recognition committee (Seth and Todd to take on this task and recruit other members), newsletter committee (reach out to Colm and see if it would make sense to make this a subcommittee), community outreach/DEI committee (Ellie?) and legislative committee (Bryce?)?

Scholarship for law school students – can be considered a diversity outreach.

13. For the Good of the Order