# WSBA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

7.12.2023 @ 12:00 p.m.

**MEETING** 

**Virtual Zoom Meeting** 

Only

J. Beyerlein

E. Brown

B. Sinner

E. Varriano

S. Millstein

A. Murphy

C. MacGregor

J. Scuderi

C. Nelson

S. Yamada

L. Holohan

T. Henry

B. Hill (joined at 12:43

pm)

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome J. Beyerlein
- 2. Approval of May 2023 minutes J. Beyerlein

Minutes are approved.

3. WSBA Elections Update (see attachment) — S. Millstein

Seth gave an update on the newly elected members. We should reach out to new members and welcome/invite them to upcoming meetings. Bryce Sinner is the new vice chair. Travis Colburn is the new secretary. Ellie Perka is the new treasurer. Evan Brown is the new at-large member. William Young, William Noel and John Leary are the three new at-large members.

4. Young Lawyer Application (see attachment) — J. Beyerlein

One applicant applied and the application was incomplete. Do we want to accept this person or punt this lawyer liaison to next year? Saki to reach out to applicant and get back to us on missing applicant information. Can push this issue to next meeting.

### 5. Financial Report – E. Perka

Ellie is out. Jennifer to give update.

6. FY2024 Construction Section Budget (see attachment) — E. Perka

Jennifer submitted draft budget and awaiting comments back to the budget from WSBA. Jennifer believes we should have a lower budget for CLEs (cost of putting CLE on post-Covid has decreased) and raise CLE amount in the future. Want to set aside \$5,000 for a scholarship in a budget. Also discussed additional money in budget for young lawyer targeted events. Agreed not to raise section membership dues. Amendments are needed to draft budget based on today's discussion. Carolyn also says we need to provide more narrative in the budget.

Section wants to resubmit draft budget. Carolyn says some amendments are OK and to resubmit the budget this afternoon.

7. WSBA | Section Alcohol Policy Discussion — J. Beyerlein

Discussion about policy change to allow section funds to be used to purchase alcohol. Council agrees that the policy change is fine and section can support it. Jennifer will report section position on this back to Mathew Dresdan with Board of Governors.

8. Mid-year / Annual CLE Review (2023) – J. Beyerlein / R. English

Mid-year went well. Jennifer is getting final attendance and financials back. Income was \$10,965 from event. Approx. \$3,400 on final cost for event (included in this will be gift cards for firm personnel that worked on event). Final cost report will go to WSBA ASAP.

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

September 21<sup>st</sup> is proposed as new date. Need to line up speakers and advertise for event asap.

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

Bart will give an update next meeting.

### 11. Subcommittee Updates

- Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Todd Henry, Seth Millstein, Ellie Perka. Seth gave update. T. Henry will stay on subcommittee despite position term ending.
- Newsletter Subcommittee: Colm Nelson, Evan Brown (Section member only). Evan gave update. Evan is wrapping up next issue and should be out at the end of the month. Following issue will be in October. Want to get on a consistent schedule for the update.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee: Masaki Yamada, Geoff Palachuk. Saki said he had no specific update. Carolyn/Jennifer to send Saki the demographics for section.
- Social Event Subcommittee: Travis Colburn; Erin Varriano
- Law School Outreach / Lunch with Lawyers: Masaki Yamada, Colm Nelson, Ellie Perka, Jonathan Schirmer (Section member only). *Virtual presentations are currently being scheduled. July 27<sup>th</sup> is the first one. Discussion about postponing the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting given summer.*
- 12. WSBA Deskbook Update and Deadlines: R. English

Updates to Deskbook from previous authors are due in early August.

13. For the Good of the Order