

Construction Law Section
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

Attendees:

Athan Tramountanas
Todd Henry
Amber Hardwick
John Evans
Brett Hill
Joe Scuderi

Ron English
Rob Crick
Bob Olson
Alex Jouravlev
Korinna Hernandez

Not participating: Zak Tomlinson, Colm Nelson, Seth Millstein, Bryce Sinner, Bart Reed, Rick Wetmore, Korinna Hernandez, Janelle Brennan, Jason Piskel

The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm at the law offices of Short Cressman, and recessed at about 1:00 p.m. Athan Tramountanas chaired.

Discussion

1. Approval of December Minutes - Minutes were approved as presented.
2. Financial – Jennifer could not attend but emailed her report. She reported that she has the final numbers for the last fiscal year as well as Oct – Nov. We were below budget for the last fiscal year. We are fairly on budget so far this year as well.
3. Writing Competition – Tom was unable to attend but he emailed his report to Athan. He needs to check with the law schools this week and see what is happening on the writing competition. He will send an email around to the Council after that effort.
4. Winter Forum – Event will be March 1 at Cutters. Speaker is Carrie Sturtz Dossick, a professor at UW in the Construction Management school, who will talk about BIM issues. We are waiting for the Bar Association to sign the contract with Cutters. It sounds like it will be signed very soon. Waiting on the sponsor for the event. Wells Fargo Commercial Banking is the possible sponsor. They have not committed to do the event. Bob wants to get the save the date out today but wants to add the sponsor. Amber raised that the BIM is raised in the new AIA suite of documents. Todd suggested we have someone talk at the end about the BIM tie in that is in the new AIA documents. Bob will reach out to Naegeli to sponsor the event.
5. June 2018 CLE: Ron reported there has been no action this month. The basic arrangements for the June 8 CLE at WSBA have all been completed. The next step is to set the exact times and to provide presenters with WSBA's presentation guidelines. In very good shape for the mid-year CLE. Nageali reached out to host again this year. Brett volunteered to set up the happy hour for after the CLE again. We will invite law students from Seattle U, UW and

Gonzaga to participate in the happy hour again.

6. Spring CLE (Tri-Cities): April 27th is the date selected for the Spring CLE. Paul Cressman, Amber Hardwick, Jason Piskel, Rob Crick, John Evans, Ron English, and Kerry Lawrence will be speakers. The Legal Aid Society in the Tri-Cities is organizing it. Korrina will help get CLE credit for the event.
7. Deskbook – Ron reported that as of January 9, two of 25 chapters still need to be peer reviewed. This is one less than last month. In addition, another 5 still have to have comments incorporated. A total of 18 chapters are complete and ready to submit. This is five more than last month. Ron has continued to contact reviewers and authors for the unfinished chapter to move the process forward. He expressed optimism we could finish in the next couple of months. Alex J peer reviewed a section this last month on L&I issues.
8. Newsletter update – Athan is working on the newsletter. He has been scouring firm blogs for topics. Brett volunteered to write an article on a recent case.
9. WSBA website transition changes – This topic can come off of the agenda for next month. There was a discussion about where our section banner went to. Athan is going to follow up with Jason on the banner because it may have last been used at an event in Spokane.
10. CLE Model Round Table Discussion – Athan raised the issue that was discussed last week by Kevin Plachy. Athan is going to attend the Round Table Discussion on January 26 and will report back to the committee.
11. Open Sections Nights (Fall: Nov. 1 Tacoma; Winter: Jan. 24, Seattle): Colm will attend the January 24 Night in Seattle.
12. WSBA Travel Reimbursement Policy – Kim Hunter who is Board of Governors Dist. 8 sent an email to Section Leaders on the issue of parking reimbursement. WSBA will not reimburse for parking unless the meeting is more than 50 miles away and a three hour or more meeting. Athan will contact Ms. Hunter to let her know that our Section opposes this WSBA rule. Korrina mentioned that the WSBA wants to encourage more phone meetings and use of funds that benefits the entire section – not just the members of the Executive Committee. Dan Bridges is our BOG liaison.
13. New Business – None

NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 14, 2016

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END OF MINUTES