

MEETING MINUTES

CRIMINAL LAW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: December 14, 2023

Time: 2:20 PM

Meeting called to order by: Tracey Munger

IN ATTENDANCE

Tracey Munger, Nicholas Holce, Dale Slack, Rose Boughton, Mary Kay High, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA)

Absent: John Strait, David Stevens (elected to the bench), Dan Boughton, Hugh Birgenheier, Kim Hunter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from October 14, 2023 meeting to be approved at a future meeting.

BUSINESS

- First order of business:
 - Address membership on executive committee: we need a new president elect and more at-large positions to be filled.
 - Nicole Hankins is interested in joining the committee.
 - Consider a January meeting to vote to include additional members to the executive board.
 - Appointment to the committee can be by vote, although the regular election requires application.
 - Tracey would like defense candidates from the east side of the state. On the other hand, most of the prosecutors are from the east side of the state. We need to focus on recruiting from the underrepresented areas.
 - Resetting growth goal for annual membership: should we set it to a percentage of growth, or have an end-goal and work backward from there?
 - We would like to set goal at 400 members.
 - WSBA is doing a session about membership growth and involvement on January 18 at noon by Zoom.
 - Creation of a subcommittee for outreach and growth.

- Mary Kay will craft e-mail involving outreach.
- New business:
 - Getting the CJI CLE planning started in March so we can have it completed more in advance of the presentation.
 - Discussion of location for March in-person meeting in central or eastern Washington. Tracey spoke to Ann, who indicated there is a standing agreement with Clearwater Casino in Poulsbo for annual meetings.
 - Discussed Marriot in Ellensburg for March meeting, with possibility of using a classroom at Central.
 - Mary Kay to reach out to Travis and Jeff at OPD to find out about venue and food contract.
 - Dan had inquired about having the CJI approved as a Racial Justice Training statewide.
 - We would need to reach out to WSBA about arranging 1) for the inclusion of mandatory training, 2) making this the go-to training in that capacity.
 - Tracey inquired about the Larry Jefferson letter.
 - Mary Kay indicated the letter should be recognized as coming from OPD, which does not actually represent rank-and-file defense attorneys.
 - Mary Kay referenced the WDA board meeting where the WDA is preparing a response.
 - The CJI will not respond to the letter formally.
 - Discussed a potential CLE about the defense standards. Could be an ethics CLE about changes in workload and the RAND study and Larry's letter.
- Motion to end meeting by Nicholas.
 - Seconded by Mary Kay.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date and time to be coordinated by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57.