



Civil Rights Law Section
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES
WSBA – Civil Rights Law Section
February 15, 2021
(DRAFT)

PRESENT: Tobin Klusty, Laura Sierra, Molly Matter, Mickey Moritz, Bridget Bourgette, Cameron Sheldon, Sarah Derry, Jaime Hawk, Alec Stephens, Stephan Yhann

1. **Motion to Amend the December 30, 2020 Retreat minutes.** Approved.
2. **CRLS 2021 Values.** Approved and will be published on CRLS website.
3. **Legislative Research Committee (LRC) Update.**
 - Welcome to Christine Ybarra, new member of CRLS/volunteer on the LRC.
 - Virtual Happy Hour on February 24, 2021.
 - Felony Voting Rights Bill: HB 1078
 - i. GR 12 letter supporting this legislation was drafted last year.
 - ii. EC approves (1) continued support of this bill and (2) that the position articulated in the letter satisfies GR 12 criteria.
 - Tobin distributed LRC Statement summarizing LRC duties:
 - i. Tobin will add a line re: LRC’s obligation to track past research/drafting efforts of the EC if/when such efforts become relevant during current legislative session.
 - ii. Today is the deadline for the Policy Committee. Next Monday is the next deadline for Fiscal Committee (Appropriations).
 - Issue: LRC does not receive adequate updates on “tracked” bills for EC to take position statements on.
 - Alec will follow up with WSBA/BOG and Cameron will follow up with Russell to improve this part of the process.
 - Stephan will create separate Gmail address to be able to sign up for our own updates in the meantime.
 - LRC will meet to decide next steps as to email.
4. **Community Outreach Committee – Outreach Efforts.** The CCC is creating a list of community contacts that we will engage with this coming year. The first will be AIDNW who will offer a presentation on their organization. We hope to incorporate this presentation into a CRLS virtual Happy Hour.

5. **Diploma Privilege Letter Updates.** Moot issue since Supreme Court of Washington State has spoken.
6. **Honoring Black History Month on Listserv.** EC should work collectively to distribute materials celebrating Black History to CRLS all month long.
7. **Equity and Diversity Task Force – Update.** The Task Force has prioritized two areas to work on:
 - (1) draft changes to GR 12 to try to make the Rule less of a stumbling block when Sections want to weigh in on various matters (Laura Sierra is subcommittee chair); and
 - (2) remove impediments to access to legal system for low-income folks and POC folks (Kim Sander is the subcommittee chair).
8. **Open Table: Outstanding Topics or Updates.**
 - Tobin unavailable between 2/18-2/22.

Meeting adjourned.