



Civil Rights Law Section
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

June 21, 2017

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Conference Call or In-person at WSBA Office

1. **Welcome**

In attendance: Julianne Unite, Bill Picket, Kelli Schmidt, Alec Stephens, Amy Kim, and LaRond Baker

The Executive Committee needs 6 voting members to establish a quorum, but there were only 4 (Kelli, Alec, Amy, and LaRond)

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 19 and May 17, 2017 – see attached –**

These could not be approved and will be brought up again at the next meeting.

3. **Update Re: Bylaw reviews and revisions – Kelli** – Proposed amended Bylaws were provided in advance of the meeting as attachments: “CIV Section_current bylaws_WSBaredline” and “CIV Section current bylaws_WSBaredline edited by ks 062017” We have received the suggested minimal compliance amendments to section bylaws in order to align with the current Article XI (click here, p.64). We have to submit our section bylaws for approval by the Board of Governors by

- June 29, 2017, for consideration on consent at the July 28-29, 2017 BOG meeting.

The persons present reviewed and discussed the changes and made some additional suggestions. Since there was not quorum, it was determined that another meeting had to be held to establish a quorum since per the bylaws, we could not have a vote on them without first establishing a quorum.

- **Kelli will try to get a Quorum for the Bylaws Amendments tomorrow at noon by reaching out to the Ex Comm members who were not present.**

4. **Civil Rights Mentorship** – Amy Kim and Kathleen Kline have drafted a Civil Rights mentoring worksheet for the EC’s review and approval. This is the worksheet that they drafted as part of the WSBA’s mentorship development committee, which held 2 lunch meetings over the last month or so. As background, the WSBA is developing a mentorship curriculum. It has developed several worksheets (e.g., ethics, law office practice, professional development, etc.), which can be found here: <http://wsba.org/Resources-and-Services/MentorLink/Mentorship-Curriculum> The WSBA is seeking to develop subject matter worksheets for the mentorship curriculum. It has already published

6 subject matter worksheets (e.g., Admin Law, Family Law, etc.), which they asked us to use as templates.

For Review: A draft document “**Civil Rights Law-Mentorship Draft**” designed as a broad and basic “Intro to Civil Rights” worksheet had been provided prior to the meeting and was reviewed and considered.

Feedback about additional civil rights organizations to add were provided, but the feedback and consensus was that it looked great and the hard work of Kathleen and Amy was much appreciated.

Question: Do we want them to work on more specific Civil Rights worksheets in the coming year (e.g., public policy attorney, government attorney, legal aid attorney, etc.)?

Yes, if Kathleen and Amy are willing to take this on, that would be great. They may also want to reach out to general membership via the list serv to see if we can get volunteers from those sectors to participate in a lunchtime meeting to work on those.

5. Updates re: WSBA

- a. **At the last meeting, WSBA took a position on Courthouse ICE Raid and sent a letter to the head of ICE asking them to consider courthouses special exempt locations.**
- b. **Alec was elected as an At-Large Member at the last meeting!**
- c. **Our BOG Liaison, Bill Picket, is our new WSBA incoming-President!**
- d. **Robin Haynes, this year’s President, recently stepped down to attend to some personal matters so, under the WSBA bylaws, Brad Furlong will fulfill the role of President. He will fulfill the remainder of her term, through the September 2017 Board of Governors meeting, and then begin his year-long term as president through September 2018.**
- e. **Feedback Requested** By WSBA for our section executive committee to provide feedback regarding a proposed amendment to Article XI. SECTIONS of the Bar Bylaws to support taking Action effectively and efficiently during the legislative session. An email about this issue was provided prior to the meeting and was reviewed.
It was agreed that we would support the change.
- f. **NWIRP v. DOJ case – For Discussion – Current Status and Process for WSBA. An injunction has been issued in this case. Kelli did not raise it at the WSBA BOG meeting, but Julianne has provided her with the [Amicus Curiae Brief Policy](#) . A request has to be made under that policy and then it will be considered at the next WSBA Amicus Curiae Committee meeting scheduled for 12:15-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the WSBA offices.**

6. Legislative Subsection – Updates

The session is not over yet and, in the wake of the shooting of Charleena Lyles’ by Seattle Police, Kelli wondered whether the Police Accountability bill regarding the deadly use of force might not revive itself. It is alive, but languishing, along with other bills.

7. **Newsletter Update – Callie & Julianne & Sarah – The newsletter came out on June 12th! Sarah was unable to attend but said she’d like to reach out to members to solicit articles for the planned shorter/mini-newsletter. Alec suggested that we also solicit their direct involvement. Kelli suggested the newsletter subcommittee meet to establish a date for the next newsletter and then such announcements be made.**

8. **Finance Update** – Bridget – summary. This was not discussed, but the April 2017 financials had previously been shared via email.
9. **Loren Miller Bar Association** – Kelli spoke with Chalia Stallings-Ala'ilima, but she had just handed over leadership to a new President. Chalia suggested that WSBA CRLS make that connection when they reconvene in the fall.
10. **Young Lawyer Liaison (YLL)** – Kelli submitted the application materials for us to get a new YLL. Kathleen's term is up in the fall and she will be the contact for WSBA regarding this as they asked for a non-Chair contact. WSBA will let us know who is interested and then we will select a new YLL.
11. Budget is Due July 14, 2017 -- LaRond is having some work changes and will be unavailable until July 7th. Kelli will reach out to Bridget and schedule a meeting. The Budget does not require a quorum and we can come up with a proposal and send it to WSBA and the Ex Comm for consideration at the same time.
12. **Good of the Order** – Kelli will call and email Ex Comm members about the Bylaw Special Meeting. Kelli will also reach out to Ex Comm members who have been missing meetings with no advance notice or explanation. Per Bylaws, three such absences can result in removal from the Ex Comm. More critically, lack of participation affects our ability to accomplish our mission if we cannot achieve a quorum (or 2/3 vote for GR12/legislative issues).

Next Meetings: and the following are scheduled and should be in your calendar. If you need another calendar invite, let Kelli know:

Conference Call or In-person at WSBA Office
Call-in Number # 1-866-577-9294; Enter Participant Code: 5016530
Meetings are held from 11 AM – 12:30 PM
July 19, 2017
August 16, 2017
September 20, 2017
Annual Meeting, October 18, 2017
November 16, 2017*

*Tentative