



Civil Rights Law Section

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Minutes October 18, 2017

1. **Welcome and attendance** – La Rond Baker, Kelli Schmidt, Julianne Untie, Alec Stephens, Kristi Cruz, Sarah Derry, Fred Diamnodston, Kathleen Kline, Brigitte Bourget-Shaw, Shanthi Raghu, Kristina Fog
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: August and September 2017** – La Rond. Fred Diamondstone abstained from voting.
3. **Discuss change in Executive Committee meeting time. Meeting time rescheduled to the third Wednesday over every month at 12p.**
 - **Recruitment discussion re vacant at-large seat.** Alec will reach out to Gloria Ochoa (speaker at police accountability CLE) and Daniel Ortega (member of Commission of Hispanic Affairs). Suggestions of ACLU staffers who might be interested - Alec will reach out to Gloria Ochoa (speaker at police accountability CLE) and Daniel Ortega (member of Commission of Hispanic Affairs)
4. **Annual Retreat** - December 9th. Topics of discussion will include public education, legislative priorities, newsletter process, and young lawyer and law student engagement.
5. **Open sections night.** Unanimous approval of donation of \$50 for Open Sections Night and a donation of 3 memberships.
6. **Budget and Finance Update** – Bridget – one new member so increase of \$30.
7. **Upcoming CLE opportunities regarding education and civil rights** – Shanthi provided information and requested that those who are interested contact her.
8. **Newsletter** - Vote on funds for newsletter - \$1,200 cost estimated, but not predicted in the budget. Bridget – we have the funds but should include it as an annual budget item in the future. Julianne – we might need annual approval for inclusion in annual budget bec need preapproval if exceeds 25% of annual budget. LaRond – does it make sense to vote for this individual newsletter and then have a broader discussion about it later? Sarah - Not a requirement to use Mailchimp and it adds extra complications maybe in the future we could just use pdf?

9. **WSBA Section Leaders Meeting** - Julianne – updates: **Oct. 26th** is meeting for section leadership will discuss CLEs at WSBA offices but will be available for remote participation and will be recorded and posted online for later review. Paris Erickson is sending out emails on this. Julianne will send RSVP to members.

10. **WSBA Resolution** Denouncing Recent Acts of Violence: Kelli – resolution passed! Alec – passed unanimously. Alec said WSBA should speak up as a means of drawing the dogs out. Shared his experience with the Civil Rights Commission and related how those groups grew until they spoke out against them. Kelli – big step for the BOG. Should we do an Article in Newsletter thanking the BOG for taking this action? Alec – will let us know any steps they take on an article, etc.

11. **Annual Report** Kelli sent around a draft of the annual report. The folks that put the CLE together and Newsletter, etc., did a great job and Kelli felt proud of the work of the group. Gets sent to Julianne and section leader does final numbers. Diversity and inclusion better than WSBA average in this section. Kelli will share it once it comes back along with updated bylaws.