

WSBA Elder Law Section

Minutes - 7.15.25 meeting of Executive Committee of WSBA Elder Law Section

Present: Nicholas Pleasants, Chair; Miriam Ayoub, At-Large member; Catherine Kardong, At-Large member; Elizabeth Jennings, CLE Committee Chair; Emily Tyson-Shu, Communications Co-Chair; Karen Boxx, Legislative Co-Chair; Megan Farr, Legislative Co-Chair; Angela Macey-Cushman, Grants Co-Chair; Amy Freeman, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair; L. Parvin Price, Board of Governors Liaison; Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist.

Minutes: Vote tabled on June minutes. No quorum.

Treasurer: Tabled.

CLE Committee Report: Fall session on September 24, 2025. Virtual. Elizabeth reported that they are trying to match up speakers with potential topics such as: Medicaid (protecting the home, equity considerations, spousal transfers, transfers to family members and family caregivers); Fraud/scams panel (VAPO not viable when bad actor unknown; looking for panelists from law enforcement, APS, financial institution); Family elder law planning (setting up ADUs; informal caregiver arrangements; what kind of planning to protect elderly person; caregiver agreements; joint ownership agreements; non-traditional planning); Vetting of professional fiduciaries by professional fiduciaries.

- Amy to send Medicaid Fraud Unit contact info.
- Karen to send info about Toronto program.
- Angela volunteered to teach transfers.

Grants: Tabled.

Communications: Emily drafted listserv bylines based on what solo section uses. See 7.15.25 email from Nick. Nick will forward to general counsel for comment. Executive Committee will vote later.

Legislative Committee Report: No report. Legislature not in session.

Outreach/Mentorship Report: Amy reported on meeting with Mike and Carolyn re other sections' activities. See 7.15.25 email from Amy.

- Angela is connection for outreach at SU.
- Elizabeth teaches elder law to paralegals at Edmonds College. Guest speakers welcome.

WSBA Board of Governors: Parvin reported that the BOG has a three-day meeting this week. Draft language is available for new policy on sections commenting on legislative proposals. See page 570 in [BOG materials](#). Intention is to allow more leeway for sections to comment provided that membership is represented.

WSBA Sections: Carolyn reported that the BOG meeting will also include a proposed change to the alcohol policy. Also, materials from the recent section leaders meeting will be sent in next day or two.

Misc:

- **Elections update:** Nick reported that the results from the uncontested election will be automatically certified by the bar because we did not have a quorum to do so today.
- **Guardianship Forms update:** Per Mark via Nick, the new forms will go live next week. Emily will alert the listserv.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 2025. 12:30 p.m.