



Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting: December 21, 2021

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Meredith Grigg brought the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Introductions

Meredith Grigg

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Angela Macey-Cushman

Angela Macey-Cushman asked if there were any requested edits or additions to the November 19, 2021 meeting minutes. No edits or additions were recommended.

VOTE: Suzanne Thompson Wininger moved to approve the November 19, 2021 retreat meeting minutes; Karen Boxx seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Matt Parker

No report this meeting.

CLE Committee Report

**Nicholas Pleasants &
Suzanne Thompson Wininger**

Plan for section meetings at next CLEs. Suzanne Thompson Wininger will work with Sally Romero at WSBA to schedule the meetings with the CLEs; Carolyn MacGregor from WSBA spoke up to offer information about who is currently assigned to our section's CLEs.

Grants Committee Report

Patrick Erker & Ron St. Hilaire

Patrick reported that a request for donations went out for the Peter Greenfield Internship fund, but only \$100 has come in thus far.

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\$15,000 was traditionally donated for the Senior Bulletin publications. This request has been made again this year.

VOTE: Matthew Parker moved to distribute the \$15,000, Sage Graves seconded. Motion passed with 14 votes; Meredith Grigg abstained from the vote because she works for NJP (who subcontracts with Solid Ground for the publications).

Legislative Report

Karen Boxx & Sage Graves

Item 1: Petition for Rulemaking Re: Home Equity Limit.

The Committee held a vote via email, but the vote is held again in this meeting to comply with WSBA guidance:

Each voting member considered two issues:

FIRST: Does the proposed amendment satisfy GR 12.2?

SECOND: Should the Section support Seattle University School of Law's petition for rulemaking to raise the WA state home equity limit for long term care services eligibility from the current lowest amount possible--\$603,000-- to the highest amount--\$906,000?

VOTE: GR 12 analysis vote results:

Meredith Grigg yes/yes
Angela Macey-Cushman yes/yes
Carla Calogero yes/yes
Megan Farr yes/yes
Karen Boxx yes/yes
Suzanne Thompson Wininger yes/yes
Miriam Ayoub yes/yes
Michelle Siebenaler yes/yes
Nick Pleasants yes/yes
Matt Parker yes/yes

Sage will report to Sanjay, we can proceed with WSBA approval. Meredith will tell Lisa Brodoff, and Sage recommends we report to the section (process not pinned down)

Item 2: UGA Appointment of Counsel Issue. There is not yet clarity about how the courts will treat this requirement. Karen will reach out to Sen. Petersen, and report back to the group.

Communications Report

Mark Vohr

Mark not in attendance; no report.

1:10 pm - 1:15 pm

Outreach/Mentorship Report

Eric Bunstrom & Michael Longyear

Michael suggested posting invitations for newer elder law attorneys to reach out for matching with more experienced attorneys willing to provide support.

Young Lawyer Liaison Intro

Emily Tyson-Shu

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No report; Emily not present.

WSBA Sections Program Specialist **Carolyn MacGregor**

Carolyn will update our section on Board meeting developments, and she recommends that a member of the executive committee attend the BOG meetings.

WSBA Board of Governors **Carla Higginson**

No report; Carla not present.

Meeting adjourned by Meredith Grigg at 12:57pm.