



## Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting: February 15, 2022

### Minutes

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miriam Ayoub, Immediate Past Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Erker, Grants Chair                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meredith Grigg, Chair              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron St. Hilaire, Grants chair                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sage Graves, Chair-Elect           | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Brunstrom, Outreach/Mentorship Chair                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angela Macey-Cushman, Secretary               | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Longyear, Outreach/Mentorship Chair               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Parker, Treasurer          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carla Calogero, At-Large Member                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicholas Pleasants, CLE Chair      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Farr, At-Large Member                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Thompson Winingar, CLE Chair          | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Siebenaler, At-Large Member                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Vohr, Communications Chair    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Tyson-Shu, Young Lawyer Liaison          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Boxx, Legislative chair                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Carla Higginson, Board of Governors Liaison               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sage Graves, Legislative Chair     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist |

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12:30 pm Meeting started.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** (Meredith Grigg) Mark Vohr noted a misspelling on page 2 (“council” instead of “counsel”). Meredith agreed to fix.

- Sage made a motion to approve the 1/18/22 meeting minutes as amended. Miriam seconded the motion. All voting members voted in favor of approval. None opposed. Meeting Minutes for 1/18/22 approved.

**2022-23 EC Elections** (Meredith Grigg) Nominating committee is Meredith Grigg, Sage Graves, and Mitch Corry. We submitted the set-up form to WSBA. Please give nominations for open positions to the nominating committee by March 1, 2022.

**Treasurer Report** (Matt Parker) Matt provided the treasurers report on current budget. Committee discussed making an unbudgeted expense for the 2021 bulletin donation. The informal survey yielded a majority in favor of making the donation for bulletins as usual. We also discussed the limits on fundraising for the Greenfield Scholarship during the pandemic. The Law Foundation fund is at \$1,903 and the Scholarship is \$8,000.

- Matt made a motion to approve an unbudgeted expense of \$15,000 to make a donation to Northwest Justice Project for senior bulletins in 2021. Mark seconded the motion. Meredith abstained from the vote. Remainder of the voting members voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Matt made a motion to approve an unbudgeted expense of \$6,097 to fund the Greenfield Scholarship. Sage seconded the motion. All voting members voted in favor of approval. None opposed. Motion passed.

**CLE Committee Report** (Nicholas Pleasants) The date for the next Elder Law Section CLE is April 19, 2022. Nick and Suzanne are working with Sally at WSBA on planning. They are considering a variety of topics and welcome suggestions. Nick mentioned ideas, including a panel on UGA issues, alternatives to guardianship, including supported decision making contracts, mental health directives, etc.

**Grants Committee Report** (Patrick Erker & Ron St. Hilaire) Patrick and Ronald are going to meet with Laura about fundraising and develop ideas. Intern Hiring is open: [Internship Announcement](#).

**Legislative Report** (Sage Graves) Sage talked with WSBA legislative liaison about ensuring that legislation relevant to our section is brought to our attention.

- SB 2659 - disposition of remains change disallowing people who are accused of abuse to make decisions about disposition. It passed senate and is now in the house.
- HB 1197 - Adding to the list of individuals who can provide informed consent. Not going anywhere.
- HB 2083 - Consent in LTC placement. Not going anywhere
- Protection Order Statute. Passed house and is now in senate.
- UGA Right to Counsel Issue - Karen reached out to Senator Peterson, but hasn't heard back.

**Communications Report** (Mark Vohr) Mark reports that he has items to post on the listserv. He will report during the next meeting about additional Communications business.

**WSBA Board of Governors** (Carla Higginson) BOG is reviewing structure of the WSBA. They are hearing from other bar associations around the country about different structures. Bar members can provide feedback on bar structure: <https://www.wsba.org/about-wsba/who-we-are/board-of-governors/bar-structure-study>. BOG wants to hear from members. Meetings are recorded and available on the website.

Mark asked about what bifurcated bar would look like. Carla gave examples from things considered in the past. Nick shared <https://www.wsba.org/connect-serve/committees-boards-other-groups/bar-structure-work-group/bar-structure-work-group-resources>

1:30 pm Meeting closed