

Minutes of the WSBA Elder Law Section (“Section”) Executive Committee

June 20, 2017 Teleconference Meeting

Attendance.

Members Present: Kameron Kirkevold (Chair), Peggy Sanders, Carla Calogero, Matthew Parker, Eric Watness, Karen Boxx, Suzanne Thompson Wininger, Ann LoGerfo, Megan Farr, Miriam Ayoub.

Members Absent: Michael Longyear, Meredith Childers, Amy Freeman, Dick Sayre, Mark Vohr, Ronald St. Hilaire, and Angela Hayes (BOG Liaison).

Liaisons Present: Joe Terrenzio (WSBA Sections Liaison), Katie Hurt (Young Lawyer Cmte. Liaison/Legislative).

May Minutes. The minutes from the May 16, 2017 teleconference were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report. Matt Parker provided a report on the April financials. Matt also sent out the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Eric Watness moved to approve the budget as presented by Matt for forwarding to the WSBA for review and consideration, Karen Boxx seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLE Update. Suzanne reported that the CLE will be an all-day event on September 8, 2017 at the SeaTac Conference Center. She provided a brief update on speakers and topics.

Uniform Guardianship Taskforce. Karen reported that there is not a report at this time because the final draft of the act has not been posted yet.

Bylaws Amendment. Kameron reported that the modifications discussed at our April retreat were made to the bylaws to conform with the WSBA requirements. A copy of the amended bylaws was circulated by email.

Kameron provided an updated on the online voting issue. Specifically, the fact that the amended bylaws prohibit sections from conducting legislative voting online. Joe stated that there is a proposed amendment to the Bar Bylaws that would allow sections to vote on legislative issues by email during the legislative section.

Carla made a motion to approve the proposed bylaw changes to be sent to the WSBA for final approval, Karen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

CPG Rulemaking. Katie reported that Mark Vohr and her reviewed pages 1-15 of the proposed revisions. Katie will send the comments to Kameron to share with the board for further consideration.

The next CPG board meeting will take place in August, and Katie will work to get updated comments to the board by July.

WINGS Report. Kameron discussed possible additional involvement with WINGS. Carla also discussed the fact that the WINGS Steering Committee is looking for additional members. Discussion ensued regarding the Elder Law Sections potential involvement.

WA Public Guardianship Task Force Update. Ann provided an update on the WA Public Guardianship Task Force. Ann stated that WINGS is currently doing the following:

1. The AOC is collaborating with DSHS to ascertain what the cost savings are when guardianships are provided for people, specifically whether costs are decreased when people are receiving appropriate level of care from a guardian.
2. A survey was sent to GALs across the state to obtain information on how often GALs serve in cases where there is no one available to serve as guardian.

David Lord and Ann are going to schedule a meeting with DSHS to discuss issues that will help the task force form its final recommendation.

Outreach and Grants (Diversity Scholarship?). Peggy reported that she went to a mentorship breakfast event sponsored by the Bar. Peggy reported that there were probably 30 or so mentor and mentees, two of whom were at the Elder Law Section Table.

Meeting adjourned.