

Elder Law Executive Committee – Monthly Teleconference

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Dial: 1-866-577-9294. **Entry code:** 5016510#

Members Present:

Megan Farr, Chair

Karen Boxx, Chair-Elect

Peggy Sanders, Secretary

Michael Longyear, Trustee

Katie Hurt, Legislative Co-Chair

Suzanne Thompson Wininger, CLE Co-Chair

Karen Clark, CLE Co-Chair

Lisa Kremer, Communications Co-Chair

Miriam Ayoub, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair

Ann LoGerfo, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair

Meredith Childers, Grants Co-Chair

Ronald St. Hilaire, Grants Co-Chair

Members Excused

Matthew Parker, Treasurer

Carla Calogero, Trustee

Mark Vohr, Trustee

Amy Freeman, Communications Co-Chair

Kameron Kirkevold, Immediate Past Chair

Liaison Present:

Julianne Unite, Section

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Megan.

1. 10-20-17 Retreat Meeting Minutes

Carla sent some amended language to the Retreat meeting minutes. Karen Boxx moved to approve the Retreat meeting minutes as amended by Carla. Karen Clark seconded. Motion passed.

2. Treasurers Report

As Matt was absent, there was no Treasurer's report.

3. CLE Update

WSBA sent out an email with information about proposed changes to the delivery of CLEs. There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed changes, the profitability of joining with other entities (such as Seattle U.) in delivering CLEs, and the flexibility in producing CLEs with or without official WSBA sponsorship.

4. Communications Update

Suzanne, Sage and Lisa attended a Tacoma event which was not hugely attended. However, the attendees were very interested in the information they provided.

Lisa will be doing a presentation to the Tacoma Estate Planning Council. Mike Longyear will be working on a similar presentation in Seattle.

5. Outreach/Mentorship

The Outreach Committee will talk about bringing one-on-one mentorship to the law schools.

There are lots of resume coming in for the Peter Greenfield internship. A suggestion was made to see if we can offer mentorship to the candidates who don't get hired for the internship.

6. Grants

Kudos to Karen Boxx for talking to the finance director at U.W. and changing the University's initial decision not to participate in the Peter Greenfield internship program. U. W. is now a go for the program.

7. Legislative

Megan reported that there was a reply from DSHS on our comments about the proposed rule changes involving guardian and attorney fees. The response missed the point – DSHS stated that it was “just taking HCA and DSHS out of determining fees.” Mark drafted a response.

There is a bill from DSHS about Medicaid liens getting paid. This is not something that WSBA would get involved in.

There is no legislative liaison for WSBA yet. A number of candidates have applied but nothing has worked out yet. There will be a legislative coordinator for the legislative session, who will forward bills to us that might be of interest. There is already a chief communications officer that could end up being involved if there is no liaison hired when the session starts.

There was a discussion about the upcoming journal requirements that were passed as part of the notary public bill. Karen Boxx believes that the journal requirements are here to stay and noted that there is an exemption for lawyers. However, there will be a learning curve for non-lawyer staff.

Adjourned

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

December 19, 2017, Executive Committee Monthly Teleconference