

Elder Law Executive Committee – Monthly Teleconference

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present

Karen Boxx, Chair

Meredith Grigg, Chair-Elect

Peggy Sanders, Secretary

Matthew Parker, Treasurer

Carla Calogero, Trustee

Kameron Kirkevold, Trustee

Katie Hurt, Legislative Co-Chair

Sage Graves, Legislative Co-Chair

Suzanne Thompson Winingar, CLE Co-Chair

Angela Macey-Cushman, CLE Co-Chair

Amy Freeman, Communications Co-Chair

Michael Longyear, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair

Ann LoGerfo, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair

Miriam Ayoub, Grants Co-Chair

Ronald St. Hilaire, Grants Co-Chair

Guest:

Tiffany Gorton, Legislative Chair, RPPT

Liaisons:

Eleen Trang, Section

Excused:

Mark Vohr, Trustee

Lisa Kremer, Communications Co-Chair

Megan Farr, Immediate Past Chair

Welcome, Announcements and Minutes

Karen: We have gotten word that Lisa's husband is very ill. Lisa will be out of commission for awhile. Karen sent a "care package" food package from the Executive Committee to Lisa at her home address. It sounds very serious.

Retreat minutes: Holding off final approval till next month. If people send corrections or changes to Peggy she will incorporate the changes in the next draft.

Legislative

Tiffany Gorton, Legislative Chair for RPPT Section attended. Jamie Peterson is trying to move several uniform laws he's trying to get through. RPPT did not know about the guardianship act and RPPT is looking at legislative changes to trust act.

Sage – most recent communications from Rob is that he sent around the latest draft. Nothing has been scheduled but Jamie is looking to schedule a hearing in February.

Amy – discussed the letter from WAELA and will share the letter. Amy will share the SCJA Family Law Committee wrote a letter with serious concerns about the guardianship act. Neither of these letters are "light-weight". The ombudson's office drafted language to address two

◆ Not reporting this month: Treasurer, Communications

⊙ Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders.

particular provisions. The Committee chairs gave the language to Rob and it was incorporated into the next draft. We don't have copies of the SCJA comments yet.

Peggy – Asked if the study/delay argument has weight. Amy thought that the time delay standing alone might not have much impact, but coupled with the serious substantive problems identified it might have a lot more weight. Some of the issues will take a lot of work to address.

Karen – we don't know yet what positions we can take or should take re the uniform act and the timing. Amy will send copies of the Ombudsman's letters to the our members. WAPG commented that they approve the uniform act but wants the CPG Board taken from the court to the executive branch.

Michael – Will be part of the WAPG meeting this month.

Karen – Can send Jamie an email to ask if the plan is still to pass this legislation this session. In the past he was pretty certain that he wants to move the legislation.

Karen – Hasn't seen many bills other than the guardianship uniform act.

Amy – Has information that there are guardianship bills being dropped other than the uniform act and Amy will circulate the list that she has. Surrogate decision making bills also.

Tiffany Gorton – Two bills that RPPT is looking at: Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act and Uniform Directed Trust Act. Those two bills are going to be moved to the 2020 session which will allow the RPPT section to review and provide better input. The reason that Tiffany approached Karen was to see if we want to be involved in the process. Because the Elder Law Section is so involved in the guardianship act, may not want to get too involved at this time. Will keep us in the loop.

Karen – Mark Vohr would be interested in being included regarding professional guardianship and trusts. Tiffany will email Mark directly and cc Karen.

Karen – Gave Sage's name as someone to brief the RPPT on the uniform guardianship act. Also gave her name to the UW re the CLE.

Amy – Will be trying again to amend RCW 74.34 with regard to intent. Will send the most recent bill to Katie Hurt.

Ann – Northwest Justice Project also did a letter about the proposed changes to RCW 74.34 and she will circulate it.

Karen – If anyone sees a bill that may be of interest, please forward the info to Katie and Sage.

Communications

Lisa will be out for a bit. Wanted to remind everyone to be active on the list serve as we discussed at the retreat.

Grants

Miriam – At the retreat we had talked about increasing the scholarship amount. She brought it up to the King County Guardianship and Elder Law Section. The number floated at the meeting was \$6,000.

Outreach/Mentorship

Ann and Michael will be meeting to talk about a plan of action.

CLE Update

Suzanne and Angela provided an update. September 20th inside the airport will be the fall CLE. Part will depend on whether the uniform guardianship act passes. Will also contemplating a focus on trusts/special needs trust.

April 10th will be the spring CLE at the WSBA headquarters in Seattle. There are unfortunately conflicts but it was the only time that would work. There will be some smaller sessions focused on certain topics, such as the Dementia Roadmap. May include a provider of geriatric psychiatry to discuss what's going on in the home. May also focus on tools such as electronic research to take advantage of whatever resources are available. Will likely have a session on the Uniform Guardianship Act, but we won't know what the status will be at the time of the spring CLE.

Karen – If anyone wants a presentation by librarians, the UW Law School librarians are a good resource. Will send the name of the research librarian to Suzanne.

Adjourn – 1:20 p.m.