

Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Dated: 11/19/2024

Present (Checked):		\square Karen Boxx, Legislative Co-Chair
☑ Nicholas Pleasants, Chair		☐ Megan Farr, Legislative Co-Chair
oxtimes Ronald St. Hilaire, Immediate Past Chair		☑ Merideth Grigg, Grants Co-Chair
oxtimes Suzanne Thompson Wininger, Chair-Elect		☑ Angela Macey-Cushman, Grants Co-Chair
☑ Mark Vohr, Secretary		\square Michael Longyear, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair
\square Matthew Parker, Treasurer		☑ Amy Freeman, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair
☐ Miriam Ayoub, At-Large Member		\square Kate Shreiner, Young Lawyer Liaison (on leave until
oximes Catherine Kardong, At-Large Member		2/2025)
\square Patrick Erker, At-Large Member		☑ Maciel "Maci" Mata, Young Lawyer Liaison (for Kate)
\square Genevieve Mann, At-Large Member		oxtimes L. Parvin Price, Board of Governors Liaison
oxtimes Elizabeth Jennings, CLE Committee Co-Chair		oxtimes Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist
☐ Carla Calogero, CLE Committee Co-Chair		
☐ Carla Higginson, Communications Co-Chair		
☐ Emily Tyson-Shu, Communications Co-Chair		
12:30	Opening	Nicholas Pleasants
	Introductions of new and old members of the co	ommittee – Yay!
12:45	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Mark Vohr
Mark presented the minutes. Suzanne moved to approve without corrections, Carla C. seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the September minutes. No corrections		
12:46	Treasurer Report	Matt Parker (Nicholas Pleasants Presented)
	Over \$100,000 in Bank Account. Will be con	nsidering new programs for this executive session.
12:47	CLE Committee Report	Elizabeth Jennings and Carla Calogero
No updates at this time. Looking to lock down dates for the Spring CLE that will not conflict with WAAELA and NAELA conferences. Looking at March and April. Invitation to submit topics.		
12:54	Legislative Report	Karen Boxx and Megan Farr
Not much to report yet. Uniform Custodial Trust Act may be coming along. Amped up UTMA designed for adults. Should not see much resistance. Allows for the creation of small, simple trusts – possibly without the use of legal counsel. Informal trust creation. Cost effective. Will be keeping an eye on this.		

12/4/2024 Training by WSBA (Sanjay – legislative lobbyist) on sections taking positions on legislative matters

12:50 **Grants Committee Report** Meredith Grigg, Angela Macey-Cushman

Peter Greenfield Fundraiser in October. Raised over \$2,500. Scaled down event. Everyone enjoyed getting together – need more of these to connect with colleagues. Huge social success. Applications for PG internship are coming in. January – May estate planning program at SPU. Teaching students to perform estate planning services. Good way for folks to get low cost/free estate planning documents completed.

1:04 Communications Report

Carla Higginson and Emily Tyson-Shu

Looking for coordinating this role for the section. Will speak with Mark V for historical perspective.

1:06 Outreach/Mentorship Report

Michael Longyear and Amy Freeman

Looking for role coordination. Miriam offered historical perspective on the role.

1:10 WSBA Board of Governors Parvin Price

Met for two days at WSBA offices. Summary: Legislative efforts: Board issue/proclamations: (1) for a study by the legislature on differences between the State courts/local rules. Differences in technology and funding. Seeking a study to discuss the inefficiencies created by differences between the differing WA counties. (2) Membership status: Members who have voluntarily resigned. How can use this great resource of experience. Can we tap their knowledge. (3) WSBA financial status. Discussion on the financial health of WSBA. Currently adequately funded, but inflation is taking its toll. For 2026 agreed to a \$10 increase. Look at November Bar news. In-depth discussion of the financial status of the WSBA for future consideration.

1:17 WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor

Posted the materials for orientation on the volunteer toolbox. Also, updated expense reimbursement form for those seeking reimbursement. Per Diem meals/ etc. increased.

1:19 New Business Nicholas Pleasants

(1) Retreat for section. Looking for a host. Been two years since we had one. WSBA office suggested. A project centered meeting might be helpful. (2) GAL section proposal. Originally a SGAL group. Now thinking about a general GAL and Court Visitor section.

1:31 Closing All

Meeting Adjourned.