



Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Dated: 12/17/2024

Present (Checked):

- Nicholas Pleasants, Chair
- Ronald St. Hilaire, Immediate Past Chair
- Suzanne Thompson Wininger, Chair-Elect
- Mark Vohr, Secretary
- Matthew Parker, Treasurer
- Miriam Ayoub, At-Large Member
- Catherine Kardong, At-Large Member
- Patrick Erker, At-Large Member
- Genevieve Mann, At-Large Member
- Elizabeth Jennings, CLE Committee Co-Chair
- Carla Calogero, CLE Committee Co-Chair
- Carla Higginson, Communications Co-Chair
- Emily Tyson-Shu, Communications Co-Chair
- Karen Boxx, Legislative Co-Chair
- Megan Farr, Legislative Co-Chair
- Merideth Grigg, Grants Co-Chair
- Angela Macey-Cushman, Grants Co-Chair
- Michael Longyear, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair
- Amy Freeman, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair
- Kate Shreiner, Young Lawyer Liaison (on leave until 2/2024)
- Maciel "Maci" Mata, Young Lawyer Liaison (for Kate)
- L. Parvin Price, Board of Governors Liaison
- Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist

12:34	Opening	Nicholas Pleasants
12:35	New Business – New SGAL Section Discussion	All
	Question to group. Do we want to support this? WSBA does not feel that it will have a big impact and may not make the minimum number of members (to be determined). According to the letter, this seems to be SGAL specific. Emily to draft response for our section and to provide it to Carolyn MacGregor.	
12:46	Approval of November Meeting Minutes	Mark Vohr
	Mark presented the minutes. Miriam moved to approve with corrections to the roles, Catherine seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the November minutes. With Patrick, Genevieve (One other) abstaining.	
12:49	Treasurer Report	Matt Parker
	No Report. Funds healthy.	
12:49	CLE Committee Report	Elizabeth Jennings and Carla Calogero
	No Update. Still working on dates. WAELA first weekend in April 4,5,6. So, would like to avoid conflict. National is going to be in Washington, May 8-9 in Bellevue. Want to avoid that.	
12:52	Grants Committee Report	Meredith Grigg, Angela Macey-Cushman
	No Report.	
12:52	Communications Committee Report	Carla Higginson and Emily Tyson-Shu

Will report on new section.

12:53 **Legislative Committee Report** Karen Boxx and Megan Farr

No Report. Have not heard any news about upcoming legislation. Reviewed procedure. No change from prior years. Nick will send the materials to Megan. Reminder to keep an eye on emails for voting. Turnaround is short, and can't wait for the next meeting. Bill Search terms: advance directive, administrator, attorney-in-fact, beneficiary, beneficiaries, community property, conservator, conservatorship, court visitor, death with dignity, decedent, directive to physicians, electronic signature, electronic will, estate, estate planning, estate taxation, fiduciary, gift, guardian, guardianship, health care directive, health care power of attorney, heir, informed consent, inherit, inheritance tax, isolation, Joel's law, long-term care, Medicare/Medicaid planning, nonprobate, personal representative, power of attorney, probate, protective arrangement, real property, supported decision-making, testamentary, trust, Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution Act, trustee undue influence, Uniform Guardianship Act, will, vulnerable adult, Title 11, Title 83 (estate taxation), RCW 26.16 (community property)
We will get "pinged" if any of bills come up on these topics.

1:00 **Outreach/Mentorship Committee Report** Michael Longyear and Amy Freeman

No Report.

1:01 **WSBA Board of Governors** L. Parvin Price

No report, but by way of general information: Next board meeting in January. Board has been broken down into committees. There is an open seat on the BOG (at Large), if interested can contact Brent or Parvin. Good group. Looks like making the process of becoming a member of the bar easier. Nick plans on attending on behalf of the tech task force. Al the new hot topic in the practice of law.

1:04 **WSBA Sections Program Specialist** Carolyn MacGregor

Comments are outlined above, seat on BOG and Section Discussion.

1:05 **Other New Business** Nicholas Pleasants

Genevieve Mann introduced herself. Professor at Gonzaga – Teaches Elder Law. Welcome!!
Group considered the issue of a retreat and decided there was no need for a retreat this year.

1:06 **Closing** All