



## Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2022

**Present:**

Sage Graves Slugic, Chair  
Elizabeth Jennings, Secretary  
Matthew Parker, Treasurer  
Nicholas Pleasants, CLE Chair  
Mark Vohr, Communications Chair  
Meredith Grigg, Immediate Past Chair (arrived late)  
Carla Higginson, Legislative Chair, Board of Governors Liaison  
Angela Macey-Cushman, Grants chair  
Nancy Lee, Outreach/Mentorship Chair  
Megan Farr, At-Large Member  
Michael Longyear, At-Large Member  
Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist

**Absent:**

Ron St. Hilaire, Chair-Elect  
Emily Tyson-Shu, CLE Chair  
Suzanne Thompson Winiger, Communications Chair  
Karen Boxx, Legislative Chair  
Patrick Erker, Grants Chair  
Carla Calogero, At-Large Member  
Miriam Ayoub, Outreach/Mentorship Chair  
Michael Longyear, At-Large Member

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12:32 pm      **Opening**      Sage Graves Slugic

Sage Graves Slugic opened the meeting and reviewed members who were not present.

12:35      **Approval of Meeting Minutes**      Elizabeth Jennings (with Sage Graves Slugic)

Consideration of approval of September's meeting minutes were reserved for a future meeting due to concerns a quorum could not be met for voting purposes. Since December's meeting would be canceled, the September minutes and this meeting's minutes could be considered and voted on at the in-person retreat in January.

12:36      **WSBA Revenue Splits**      Shanthi Raghu (WSBA)

Shanthi Raghu joined the meeting to share the updated fiscal policy and the revenue split between the section and the WSBA for CLEs. The Elder Law section's share totals \$12,380.18, which is higher than originally budgeted.

12:50      **Grants Committee Report**      Angela Macey-Cushman

Angela Macey-Cushman did not have a report from the Grants Committee. She noted everyone should have received the link to the Greenfield grant and that it should still be active.

12:51                    **Treasurer Report**                    Matt Parker

Matt Parker stated there was no updated report as the figures shared at the last meeting have not changed.

12:52                    **CLE Committee Report**                    Nicholas Pleasants

Nicholas Pleasants indicated the committee would be selecting dates early next year but anticipated CLEs would continue to be scheduled for April and September.

12:53                    **Legislative Report & WSBA Board of Governors**                    Carla Higginson

Carla Higginson stated she was not currently aware of any bills that would affect elder law, but pre-bills would be released in December/January. She has asked Sanjay Walvekar to alert the section about anything potentially affecting us, including anything to do with wills, trusts, Powers of Attorney, health care directives, guardianship, elder abuse, and nursing homes. Since the December meeting likely would not be held, Carla and Sage noted if there were bills the executive committee needed to review, a vote by email could be possible. Carla also noted one bill regarding homestead and RCW 11.54 exemptions would likely be before the Legislature.

Carla shared her report on the WSBA Board of Governors, having attended the November 5th meeting. The WSBA vaccination policy would be sunset and there could be a return to in-person meeting without the requirement to check for vaccination status. Carla also mentioned that the Board is focusing on rural practice. She also shared that the Supreme Court decided not to take any action on altering the structure of the Bar.

12:59                    **Communications Report**                    Mark Vohr

Mark and Suzanne have not connected yet, but Mark noted that discussion of the UGA is common on the listserv. He encouraged members to continue to review the listserv discussions and share responses.

1:00                    **Outreach/Mentorship Report**                    Nancy Lee

Miriam and Nancy have not connected yet, but Nancy suggested that discussions about the UGA should note the differences in local rules and practicing in different counties. Nancy shared that she attended the WSBA Sections Leaders Orientation held the day prior and found Diana Singleton's presentation on equity and inclusion in recruitment to be good, encouraging members to view it when posted.

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

Carolyn MacGregor discussed the WSBA bylaws and quorum requirements, which require a majority of voting members to be present and take action. Carolyn shared additional information about the presentation yesterday and the changed to fiscal policy, both in Ch. 10 (effective now) and Ch. 6 (going into effect early 2023), which will reflect some changes to per diem policies.

1:07                    **Closing**                    Sage Graves Slugic

Sage shared that she and Miriam Ayoub are on the Title 11 training committee, and DSHS raised concerns that the training was not sufficient for all counties and that DSHS or AOC may take over state-wide training in the future.

Sage confirmed the December meeting would be cancelled, the Executive Committee would meet January 20th for the retreat, and to let her know of any additions to the agenda. Sage wished everyone happy holidays and ended the meeting at 1:15 p.m.