



## Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2022

**Present:**

Sage Graves Slugic, Chair  
Ron St. Hilaire, Chair-Elect  
Elizabeth Jennings, Secretary  
Matthew Parker, Treasurer  
Nicholas Pleasants, CLE Chair  
Emily Tyson-Shu, CLE Chair  
Mark Vohr, Communications Chair  
Suzanne Thompson Winiger, Communications Chair  
Meredith Grigg, Immediate Past Chair (arrived late)  
Carla Higginson, Legislative Chair, Board of Governors Liaison  
Patrick Erker, Grants Chair  
Angela Macey-Cushman, Grants chair  
Miriam Ayoub, Outreach/Mentorship Chair  
Nancy Lee, Outreach/Mentorship Chair  
Carla Calogero, At-Large Member  
Megan Farr, At-Large Member

**Absent:**

Karen Boxx, Legislative Chair  
Michael Longyear, At-Large Member

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12:30 pm      **Opening**      Sage Graves Slugic

Sage Graves Slugic opened the meeting and led introductions of committee members, including new and continuing members and their respective current and prior positions.

12:41      **Approval of Meeting Minutes**      Elizabeth Jennings (with Sage Graves Slugic)

Carla Higginson voted to approve the September 20, 2022, meeting minutes without corrections. Miriam Ayoub seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the minutes. Elizabeth Jennings and Nancy Lee abstained as they were not members of the committee at the September 20, 2022, meeting. Matthew Parker, Carla Calogero, and Megan Farr abstained from voting as they were not present at the September 20, 2022, meeting.

12:43      **Grants Committee Report**      Patrick Erker & Angela Macey-Cushman

Patrick Erker did not have a report for the committee but noted that the link for donations has updated and would be available. The application for the Greenfield Elder Law Internship would be published and circulated to schools in the next week. Applications are expected to come in mid-winter, with selectees to be notified in early spring.

Angela Macey-Cushman will assist with getting the word out at Seattle University School of Law students.

12:46      **Treasurer Report**      Matt Parker

Matt Parker stated there was no report for the current year, but noted the balance from August, the added revenue due to an additional section member, and the funds for the Greenfield Elder law Internship grant.

12:48                    **CLE Committee Report**                    Nicholas Pleasants & Emily Tyson-Shu

Nicholas Pleasants reflected on the Fall CLE, held in September. He noted that the CLE committee will be planning the two main CLEs, which will include selecting dates, to be held at some time in the spring.

Angela Macey-Cushman suggested considering a joint event with WAELA as a way to join resources and members, including possible cross enrollment between the two organizations.

12:51                    **Legislative Report**                    Karen Boxx & Carla Higginson

Karen Boxx was not available. Carla Higginson noted the Guardianship and Probate Committee of the Superior Court Judges' Association will be meeting November 19, 2022, in which legislative updates may be addressed. Carla will also follow up with Sanjay Walvekar (WSBA Legislative Affairs) and noted the need to quickly circulate to the committee information on potential bills this upcoming legislative session. Sage remarked there may be some possible updates to the UGA this session, but specifics were presently unknown.

12:56                    **Communications Report**                    Suzanne Thompson Winiger & Mark Vohr

Mark Vohr noted that the objectives for the coming year were to keep the website fresh and current, to encourage continued use of the listserv as a powerful communication tool, and to take the lead on communications with other sections that may want to communicate or coordinate with our section, like the previous presentation on the family law section.

Mark encouraged members to participate on the listserv in both posing and answering questions.

1:00                    **Outreach/Mentorship Report**                    Miriam Ayoub & Nancy Lee

Miriam Ayoub reminded the committee of the upcoming Greenfield Elder Law Internship fundraiser and noted that some spots to attend were still available, but she had received nearly 60 RSVPs. Miriam also noted there will be no silent auction this year, but they will continue to solicit donations.

1:03                    **WSBA Board of Governors**                    Carla Higginson

Carla Higginson reported that the Board of Governors has now approved a budget that would operate on a deficit but would keep membership dues the same. Carla also spoke about the Client Protection Fund, which seeks to reimburse clients who may have been harmed by an attorney. The Board of Governors will next meet November 4-5.

Carla also noted that registration for the annual fall Section Leaders Orientation, put on by the WSBA, had been sent out and was open to anyone on an executive committee

1:06                    **WSBA Sections Program Specialist**                    Carolyn MacGregor

Carolyn MacGregor was not present. Sage let the committee know that the Title 11 Court Visitor training would be held on January 26-27.

In regards to the committee's fall retreat, Sage noted a survey would be emailed, including preferences for a virtual event or a return to an in-person event. Sage stated the return should occur sometime in the end of November.

1:08

**Closing**

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Sage closed the meeting.