

## Elder Law Executive Committee – Monthly Teleconference

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

### MEETING MINUTES

#### PRESENT

**Karen Boxx**, Chair, Immediate Past Chair  
**Miriam Ayoub**, Chair-Elect  
**Carla Calogero**, Secretary  
**Mathew Parker**, Treasurer  
**Megan Farr**, Legislative Co-Chair  
**Patrick Erker**, Grants Co-Chair  
**Michael Longyear**, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair  
**Eric Brunstrom**, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair  
**Suzanne Thompson Winger**, CLE Co-Chair  
**Angela Macey-Cushman**, CLE Co-Chair  
**Kameron Kirkevold**, Trustee  
**Mark C. Vohr**, Trustee  
**Ann LoGerfo**, Trustee

#### Liaisons:

**Bryan Wichert**, Young Lawyer Liaison  
**Eleen Trang**, WSBA Sections Program Specialist

#### EXCUSED/NOT PRESENT

**Sage Graves**, Legislative Co-Chair  
**Amy Freeman**, Communications Co-Chair  
**Lisa Kremer**, Communications Co-Chair  
**Ronald St. Hilaire**, Grants Co-Chair

#### Liaisons:

**Sunitha Anjilvel**, BOG

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#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINUTES

##### June Meeting Minutes.

June Meeting Minutes and May Meeting Minutes were not yet available and will be submitted for approval at the August Committee Meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Karen** reported that she, Matt and Eleen are still working on finalizing the FY 2021 budget.

[**Karen** reported an update on the Fall Fundraiser and Grants/Elder Law Internship– report and summary discussion captured below under Outreach].

**Matt** reviewed the Section financial reports circulated prior to meeting. The reports cover the fiscal year through May (two-thirds of fiscal year complete. Section balance was \$80,697.07.

**Karen** asked about CLE revenue. **Matt** responded that the Section final report he received did not include any information about CLE revenue. However, if funds are due to a Section from CLE revenue, the funds are distributed in following fiscal year.

**Matt** confirmed that the 2020-2021 draft Section budget was submitted this week. Matt explained that it is a standard budget, typically carried over from prior year. Our Section budget is set around our current

membership numbers at about 650. Matt reviewed the category details in the draft budget and indicated that we usually come in under budget.

#### **OTHER.**

**Karen** shared that the WSBA President sent an email to WSBA members regarding the recent Board of Governors meeting at which there was a proposal to amend the Mission to reflect the WSBA's commitment to racial justice, to which there was strong objection by a Governor and some controversy ensued.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/REPORT.**

**Megan** reported that she and/or Mark attended the first two meetings of the WSBA RPPT workgroup reviewing at the Uniform Electronic Wills Act. Sen. Pederson attended a workgroup Zoom meeting.

**Mark** reported that at the last workgroup meeting, two focuses emerged: 1) Whether the Act (if it becomes law) would be incorporated into existing RCW 11 Chapters, or be a stand-alone Chapter, and 2) The concern of how to know that if an electronic Will is an original Will – issues of chain of custody and proof of validity.

**Megan** also reported that the WSBA RPPT Section is working on a legislative “fix” to *Rathbone*.

#### **GRANTS UPDATE/REPORT**

**Patrick** reported that he and Ronald are talking with Meredith Grigg (Northwest Justice Project; home of Elder Law Internship) about making an updated video about the internship.

#### **OUTREACH & MENTORSHIP UPDATE/REPORT**

**Eric** reported that he and Mike are following up with the law schools, regional Estate Planning Councils and also the Solo and Small Practice Section about a presentation and/or networking opportunity regarding Elder Law. Eric also mentioned that there was some discussion about a “quasi” WSBA Sections Night in Spokane.

[The following report and discussion occurred earlier in the meeting.] **Karen** reported that she and Miriam have been discussing the feasibility of the annual Fall Fundraiser/Social (Secretary Noted - the fundraising aspect of which is to raise money to fund the Elder Law Internship. Money raised is contributed to the Washington State Bar Foundation which then makes the distribution to the sponsoring non-profit (historically Columbia Legal Services, currently Northwest Justice Project). **Karen** and **Miriam** reported that there is approximately \$7,000 in reserve for the internship, which represents two years of the Section's contribution to the internship. Karen and Miriam determined that given COVID-19 and the difficulties of a remote/online fundraiser, it would be best to not hold the Fundraiser/Social this year, or at least postponing until the Spring. **Eric** joined the discussion. **Miriam** recommended postponing it until at least Spring 2021. Committee members provided their support for this decision.

#### **CLE UPDATE/REPORT**

**Angela** and **Suzanne** discussed the September 24<sup>th</sup> CLE with sole focus on the Washington Uniform Guardianship Act. All speakers are confirmed and the CLE will be exclusively online.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE/REPORT**

**Lisa** reported that the Section list serve has been relatively quiet. She suggested that she make a list serve posting about the Fall social/fundraiser being postponed and a reminder about the September 24<sup>th</sup> CLE.

**Meeting ADJORNED at 1:23 pm.**

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#### **Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting at 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Elder Law Section CLE on Uniform Guardianship Act, 8:25 am – 4:00 pm.