

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

February 2025 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	February 24, 2025
Invitees:	Elena Praggastis, Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Noah Baetge (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG), Maddie Haller, Wyatt Modracek, and Sabrina Marquez.
In attendance:	Elena Praggastis, Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Noah Baetge (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG), Wyatt Modracek, and Sabrina Marquez.
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
Adjourn:	1:00 PM
Approved on:	3/24/2025, 12:03pm, March 2025 Full EC Meeting
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chair opening comments (<i>Elena</i>)2. Minutes approval from last meeting (<i>Genta</i>)3. Young Lawyer Liaison approval of Sabrina Marquez (<i>Elena</i>)4. Open position – At-Large Member (<i>Adrian</i>)5. Introduce and hear from Wyatt Modracek, 2024 Scholarship Recipient (<i>Mikaela; Wyatt</i>)6. WSBA updates, including the survey re Policy Change to Allow Section Funds to Buy Alcohol (<i>Noah on behalf of Carolyn</i>)7. House Bill 1507 update (<i>Elena</i>)8. Board of Governors updates (<i>Emily</i>)9. Financial update (<i>Ricci</i>)10. Membership dues increase (<i>Stephanie</i>)11. Retreat Planning for the Next Term (<i>Elena; Stephanie</i>)12. Subcommittee updates: Community Engagement (<i>Adrian; Ricci</i>)13. Subcommittee updates: Communications (<i>Stephanie</i>)14. Health Law Section Survey (<i>Elena</i>)15. Scholarship Process (<i>Mikaela; Maddie</i>)
Minutes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. Chair opening comments (<i>Elena</i>)</u> - In celebration of the Black History Month, Elena kicked us off with an inspirational quote from Martin Luther King Jr.!<u>2. Minutes approval from last meeting (<i>Genta</i>)</u> - The January meeting minutes were approved. Genta circulated them to

Carolyn to be uploaded to our website.

3. Young Lawyer Liaison approval of Sabrina Marquez (Elena)

- Sabrina was approved as the Young Lawyer Liaison. Sabrina and Elena agreed to touch base offline re the WSBA Young Lawyer Liaisons' monthly calls as well as Sabrina's involvement in the subcommittees.

4. Open position – At-Large Member (Adrian)

- Adrian reminded everyone about the open position for the At-Large Member and suggested recruiting through the Health Law Listserv and LinkedIn. Elena suggested reaching out to potential members directly. Noah confirmed that the application for the 2025 election cycle will be posted on the Health Law Section's website. Mikaela clarified that the amendment to the bylaws -- making most positions two-year terms -- would not take effect until the next election cycle.

5. Introduce and hear from Wyatt Modracek, 2024 Scholarship Recipient (Mikaela; Wyatt)

- Mikaela introduced Wyatt, a third-year law student at Seattle University, who had been awarded the Health Law Section's scholarship and subsequently attended the Digital Health and AI Summit (organized by the law firm Ogden Murphy Wallace) last October. Wyatt shared his experience at the Summit, highlighting the diverse range of professionals he interacted with and the cutting-edge technologies discussed. He expressed his excitement about the field of health law and promised to encourage other students to join the Health Law Section and apply for its scholarship. Stephanie asked about his experience receiving the scholarship funds, and Wyatt confirmed it was smooth and efficient. Elena thanked Wyatt for his contribution.

6. WSBA updates, including the survey re Policy Change to Allow Section Funds to Buy Alcohol (Noah on behalf of Carolyn)

- Noah provided WSBA updates, including upcoming meetings, elections, and information sessions for interested applicants. In particular, Noah was asked about the recently-circulated survey gauging members' thoughts on potentially changing the WSBA policy to allow section funds to be used for alcohol purchases at events. Noah confirmed that there is a meeting scheduled to discuss the survey results.

7. House Bill 1507 update (Elena)

- Elena updated everyone about the proposed House Bill 1507 re limiting health care nondisclosure agreements. She got news today that the bill is dead for the time being.

8. Board of Governors updates (Emily)

- Emily updated everyone that the Board of Governors has not met since the last meeting, and the materials for the next March meeting will be circulated sometime this week.

9. Financial update (Ricci)

- Ricci provided a financial update, stating that the annual audit of WSBA's financials for September 2024 to December 2024 were completed with no surprises.

10. Membership dues increase (Stephanie)

- Stephanie discussed the proposal to increase the section's membership dues from \$20 to \$30 annually to align with other sections and to generate more income for events. She explained that the current rate of \$20 annually generates about \$1.25 per member for the section to keep (with the balance going to WSBA for administrative fees). The proposed increase will generate about \$4,000 annually, which could be used for the section's events and scholarships. Stephanie also mentioned that if we don't raise the dues, then we might have to start charging for our events. Elena and Mikaela expressed their support for the proposed increase, with Elena clarifying that the new rate would not go into effect until next year.

The motion to raise the section's membership dues to \$30 was approved.

Stephanie asked Noah re the availability of hardship exemptions for WSBA dues, including section membership dues. Noah confirmed that there is a hardship exemption for WSBA dues but was unsure about section membership dues. He promised to consult with Carolyn and get back to Stephanie.

11. Retreat Planning for the Next Term (Elena; Stephanie)

- There was a brief discussion re the planning for the next term's retreat, with Stephanie, Adrian, Maddie, and Elena planning to meet soon to discuss options and conduct further research. They plan to present a few options for the executive committee to vote on. Stephanie brought up the potential to organize a one-day retreat, including renting a meeting space somewhere in King County with food catering. She suggested that the cost for such one-day retreat would be around \$3,000 to \$5,000, depending on the location and amenities. Stephanie also mentioned the possibility of using some business' meeting space or WSBA's meeting space. She also brought up the option of a totally "free" virtual retreat, but she believed that people generally prefer an in-person retreat. Elena encouraged the executive committee to provide feedback on the format, duration, and location of next term's retreat.

12. Subcommittee updates: Community Engagement (Adrian; Ricci)

- Adrian reported on the progress of the Community Engagement subcommittee, including plans for an executive committee dinner social in March as well as the Student Health Law Fair. The Student Health Law Fair is currently scheduled to take place on April 18th at the University of Washington Law School. The format and schedule for the Fair are being finalized, with a half-day structure from 12pm to 7pm being the most likely format at this point. There was also discussion about the possibility of partnering with the WSBA to potentially provide CLE credit. Ricci then added that she had already circulated a SurveyMonkey poll for the executive committee dinner social in March. So far, the poll is showing Tuesday, March 11th, and Wednesday, March 12th, as the most likely dates for the social. The deadline for filling out the poll was set for the end of the week. Mikaela reported on the status re the scholarship process. She explained that the current plan is to launch it to coincide with the Student Health Law Fair and to potentially open for applications in the May - June timeframe. Mikaela also mentioned the need to coordinate with Carolyn regarding funds and the possibility of using a past recipient's experience as promotional material. Noah suggested creating a separate scholarship sub-page on our website for more information and applications re the scholarship.

13. Subcommittee updates: Communications (Stephanie)

- Stephanie updated everyone re the upcoming March 11th mini-CLE with Genta as backup co-host, and the planning of a future mini-CLE on corporate practice of medicine. She also announced the launch of a newsletter, encouraging contributions from anyone in the Health Law Section, including the executive committee members.

14. Health Law Section Survey (Elena)

(Not discussed.)

15. Scholarship Process (Mikaela; Maddie)

(Not discussed.)