

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

March 2025 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	March 24, 2025
Invitees:	Elena Praggastis, Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG), Maddie Haller, and Sabrina Marquez.
In attendance:	Elena Praggastis, Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG), Maddie Haller, and Sabrina Marquez.
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
Adjourn:	1:00 PM
Approved on:	4/28/2025, 12:05pm, April 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. Open position – At-Large Member (<i>Adrian</i>) 4. Reminder: Check-in calls re 2025-2026 election cycle (<i>Elena</i>) 5. WSBA updates (<i>Carolyn</i>) 6. Board of Governors updates (<i>Emily</i>) 7. Financial updates (<i>Ricci</i>) 8. Retreat Planning for the Next Term (<i>Elena; Stephanie</i>) 9. Subcommittee updates: Community Engagement (<i>Adrian</i>) 10. EC In-Person Meeting/Social – March 22 (<i>Ricci</i>) 11. Subcommittee updates: Communications (<i>Stephanie</i>) 12. Health Law Section Survey (<i>Elena</i>) 13. Reminder re EC member bios for the WSBA website (<i>Stephanie</i>)
Minutes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Chair opening comments (<i>Elena</i>)</u> - In celebration of the upcoming EC term election cycle, Elena kicked us off with an inspirational poem about volunteering! 2. <u>Minutes approval from last meeting (<i>Genta</i>)</u> - The February meeting minutes were approved. Genta circulated them to Carolyn

to be uploaded to our website.

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

- Two applications were received, and Adrian forwarded them to Elena to review. Next step is for the EC to vote for one of the applicants and then invite such selected applicant to our April meeting to formally vote her in. Elena expressed concern that one of the applicants may not physically be living in Washington State (but instead living in Utah) such that she may not be able to attend in-person EC meetings, but Adrian later assured Elena that the applicant is indeed living in Washington State right now. Adrian will be circulating the two applications to the EC members to vote between the two applicants.

4. Reminder: Check-in calls re 2025-2026 election cycle (Elena)

- Elena made sure that everyone got the link to sign up for these check-in calls re next term's election cycle. She and Maddie should finish meeting with everyone by the end of this week.

5. WSBA updates (Carolyn)

- The annual Spring Section Leaders Meeting ("Involve, Inspire, Empower: Elevate Your Section Through Engagement") will be held virtually on April 7th from noon – 2:00 p.m.

- As for the next Health Law Section EC term election, all positions are up for election, and all that's needed to run is a cover letter / letter of interest due April 21st.

- As for the ongoing proposal to update WSBA's policy to allow section funds to be used for alcohol purchases at events, WSBA's general counsel needs to weigh in following the member survey results. If the general counsel decides to proceed, the proposal will most likely be discussed at WSBA's July meeting, which would mean that the proposal most likely won't be decided on by the start of the next EC term.

6. Board of Governors updates (Emily)

- The Board of Governors met for the March meeting in Shelton on March 21-22. Emily will send a meeting summary under separate cover.

- The Board issued a [Statement in Support of an Independent Legal Profession Free from Government Retaliation](#). The Board is closely monitoring the litigation re the Perkins Coie executive order and might file an amicus brief once the litigation reaches the appellate level.

- The Board is aiming to launch a new "Ambassador Program" on May 1st in which a group of volunteer lawyers will go out into the community to discuss the U.S. Constitution, the legal profession, etc. Details are still being worked out.

- The Board adopted a formal governance policy which most likely would not apply to ECs.

7. Financial update (Ricci)

(- Not discussed at the meeting. See Ricci's separate email with a summary of updates.)

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

- The three retreat options (format, dates, etc.) were presented, and then the EC members took a vote. It was decided to hold the next term's overnight retreat at the Woodmark Hotel in Kirkland on October 18th.

9. Subcommittee updates: Community Engagement (Adrian)

- The Student Health Law Fair will be held at University of Washington Law School on Friday, April 18th between 12 – 7 pm. The planning committee is continuing to look for additional speakers to present on emerging issues such as privacy, AI, reproductive rights, etc.

10. EC In-Person Meeting/Social – March 22 (Ricci)

(- Not discussed at the meeting.)

11. Subcommittee updates: Communications (Stephanie)

- The preparations for the proposed newsletter is coming together nicely with several writers already signed up to write.

- An inter-sectional collaboration has been confirmed to host a joint CLE in August with the Labor and Employment Section. Details are still being worked out.

12. Health Law Section Survey (Elena)

- Elena went over the survey results, which will be circulated under separate cover. 15 members from various parts of the state filled out the survey. There seemed to be much interest in having more CLEs and practice updates, followed by networking events. There was less interest in having social events / mentorships / advocacy / pro bono. Many members said that they would be interested in attending an in-person annual Health Law Section meeting, especially if there was a social component included. Members expressed their desire to be contacted exclusively by email.

13. Reminder re [EC member bios for the WSBA website](#) (Stephanie)

(- Not discussed at the meeting.)