

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Indian Law Section Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

Remote: Zoom call in only

I. Call to order, establish quorum, and introductions (Action)

The *Executive Committee Chair* called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Executive Committee Members Present (8): *Danielle Bargala, Chair; Bree Black Horse, Chair-Elect; Brenda George, Secretary/Treasurer; Maryanne Mohan, Immediate Past-Chair; Tom Schlosser, At-Large Member; Dan Rey-Bear, At-Large Member; Mary Neil, At-Large Member; Jessica Roberts, At-Large Member.*

Executive Committee Members excused: *Jeremy Wood, Newsletter Editor*; Hunter Abell, Board of Governors Liaison*; Andrew Pollom, At-Large Member; Stephanie Tsosie, At-Large Member; Cheyenne Sanders, At-Large Member; Derek Red-Arrow Frank, At-Large Member; Ethan Jones, At-Large Member. (*indicates non-voting member).*

WSBA Representatives and Staff Present: *Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist.*

Others Present: *None.*

Meeting Quorum: *A majority of the thirteen (13) voting executive committee membership constitutes a quorum needed for action, which is a total of seven (7) or more voting members.*

II. Chair's Report (Discussion)

a. **CLE Update:** Dani reported that the Indian Law Section (ILS) CLE brought in a total of \$20,540 with 97 enrollees and five that enrolled but did not sign on. CLE partner, Stokes Lawrence, sent out certificates of completion, reported CLE hours to WSBA, and provided CLE recordings to the Board. The Board plans to have a link to recordings on the WSBA ILS webpage but viewing will not be for CLE credit. There was one complaint from the WA Attorney General's Office about how a speaker portrayed them. Stokes Lawrence handled a response to that on their behalf. The ILS will stand by the statement we begin the CLE: opinions of the speakers do not portray the opinion of the WSBA ILS. Gifts for speakers will be sent out today. Gifts were purchased by the Chair and she is trying to seek reimbursement from WSBA in connection with the Treasurer, but obtaining a receipt for purchase was an issue.

b. **Mentorship Event:** Dani reported that the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer have been meeting weekly to plan a mentorship event for this fall. The event is currently/tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2022, early afternoon to mid-evening. The group also met with Brooke Pinkham from Seattle University School of Law to discuss and will reach out to the University of Washington School of Law and Gonzaga University School of Law to keep all Washington schools involved. The group proposes supporting reimbursement of travel for law students, especially those coming from the eastern side of the state. The event is likely to be held at the Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton (KPS) offices and KPS indicated the firm has a budget to partially sponsor this event. Dani explained that we need to narrow down list for attendees to types of mentors and narrow list to make sure we have even numbers for matching with students. Further, we need to be mindful of Covid-19. Dani stated that in the process of discussing with SU, we are also working on relationship building with new Dean of SU Law. Tom asked if the ILS Executive Committee members

are expected to attend. Bree explained that the Committee would be invited and added that she needed to look at capacity of the proposed space.

III. Approval of October 20, 2021, November 17, 2021, December 27, 2021, January 19, 2022, February 16, 2022, March 16, 2022, April 20, 2022, May 18, 2022, and June 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Action)

On MOTION duly made by *Tom Schlosser* and seconded by *Dan Rey-Bear*, the Executive Committee approved by 7 for (BB, MM, BG, TS, DR, MN, JR)-0-0 majority vote the October 20, 2021, November 17, 2021, December 27, 2021, January 19, 2022, February 16, 2022, March 16, 2022, April 20, 2022, May 18, 2022, and June 15, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Discussion)

Brenda explained that the 2023 budget was submitted for WSBA review noting that the line item numbers we left largely the same with consideration for pre-Covid times and compared to other section budgets that were submitted. As mentioned by Dani, the profits of the CLE were high, and our expenses remain low with virtual meetings. We are waiting to provide the annual NIBA donation until they provide more information on their event. Overall, our balance is healthy and we continue to find partners for events to keep that. There was discussion on the newsletter line item and what it is for; clarification was provided that there is an expense associated with design of the newsletter if we work with the WSBA and their chosen desktop publisher on that.

V. Newsletter Update (Discussion)

Bree suggested profiles of native law students/pipeline students etc. in connection with the mentorship event. Brenda to provide a proposal and timeline for the year on newsletter and solicit volunteers to help with the newsletter at the next meeting. Dani stated that there had been some discussion about establishing ILS email accounts to create a more centralized location for information for future boards on all facets of the work we do, but especially the newsletter.

VI. WSBA Young Lawyer Liaison Report (Discussion)

Dani presented the two applications received for the Young Lawyer Liaison position. The Board recommended the Chair select Agatha Erickson as the YLL, with Shelby Stoner as the alternate.

VII. WSBA Report – WSBA BOG Liaison and WSBA Sections Program Lead (Discussion)

Carolyn reported that prior to the pandemic there was an event that all sections were invited to participate in geared toward young and new lawyers but attendance has dropped off. It seemed to be popular for section leaders to have cross section discussion. The event has been tabled but WSBA is looking to revive the discussion if it should have another similar event and requests feedback from the Sections. Carolyn also reported that there are two more meetings for bar structure study. Another all-day, hybrid session totally devoted to feedback from all stakeholders is scheduled for Saturday July 23, 2022. Tom inquired if there was a formal proposal. Carolyn stated there was not a specific proposal yet but a number of models had been introduced.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.