



IPS Meeting Minutes: September 6, 2016

Davis Wright Tremaine at 12 p.m.

PRESENT: 1) Fraser Mendel; 2) Bernard Shen (phone); 3) Elly Baxter; 4) Leonid Kisselev(phone); 5)Matthew Dresden; 7) Joaquin Hernandez (phone); 8) Linda Chu (phone); 9) Carly Chan; 10) Mario Cava (phone); 11) Holly Vance; 12) Jim Clack (phone).

- 1) Approval of minutes from July 2016 EC meeting minutes. Matthew moved to approve, Holly seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
- 2) Financial report - Leonid reported that the numbers look very good because we have \$4000 of sponsorship showing up. Leonid will follow-up with Julianne regarding allocation of revenue between CLEs and receptions accompanying the CLEs.
- 3) Committee reports –
 - a) Annual General Meeting – Bernard said the CLE is on track, registration has been up for a few weeks now. Leonid said that we will get the number of attendees a couple of days before the event at the earliest. Bernard said that we have student sign-up going via a google form – Elly said that as of last week only 1 student signed up as a mentee and one practitioner signed up as a mentor. Bernard said that Elly has been working very hard to get a caterer for the AGM- we ended up using a UW-affiliated caterer. Julianne has submitted a request for the check to pay the caterer, but there is no way to make sure when the caterer will receive the check. Bernard further said that the section will cover the cost of a single drink (one drink ticket) for each AGM attendee, and the additional drinks will be at the attendees' cost. Elly will work with Alex and Darius to distribute the drink tickets. Bernard said that Alex and Darius will also help with the CLE portion.
Fraser suggested to Elly to send out an e-mail to sign-up for the AGM mentoring.
- 4) WSBA update – Mario reported that a series of bylaws revisions is coming in front of the BOG due to a recent governance task force report. The revisions include the change of WSBA name to Washington State Bar and a proposal for non-attorney members to join the BOG. LLLT program is affecting the bylaw revisions as well. Admission to practice rules are also changing due to the numerous kinds of practitioners being admitted to the bar. Initially, 3 positions on the BOG were proposed for non-attorneys; BOG said that any non-attorneys would need to be appointed by the Supreme Court. Alternative proposals exist. Final decision has not been made yet. Section Policy workgroup made a report that includes proposals to the BOG.
Fraser commented on a need to provide a summary of WSBA workgroup and BOG meetings proposals that is more accessible to the public, including in WSBA publications such as the NW lawyer. Mario agreed with the comment and said that WSBA is trying to

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make the information more available. Mario also suggested to forward to Fraser summary memos prepared by BOG committee chairs.

Fraser, prompted by some IPS members not getting IPS e-mails, also asked if other EC members are getting section leader e-mails. Everybody confirmed that they are getting e-mails. Fraser reported that Julianne contacted 100 members to make sure that they are getting IPS e-mails.

- 5) CLE Update – Fraser reported that the last CLE featuring Jim Lord and Fraser was well attended. Another CLE will be coming up at the AGM. We also have a volunteer to do a CLE on the foreign entrepreneur visa. Fraser also invited any EC members interested in presenting to let him know.
- 6) Report of strategic planning meeting – Bernard reported results of EC planning meeting.
- 7) EC expansion – Fraser raised a proposal for expanding the size of the EC to increase diversity on the EC, increasing the number of EC members from 6 to 9. Bernard asked if we need a proposed amendment language for bylaws for the section membership to vote on– Fraser was not sure. Holly and Joaquin commented that the amendment is a great idea. Julianne commented that BOG reviewed proposed amendments directed at allowing section ECs to be as large as necessary. Julianne also said that specific language would need to be presented to the membership at the AGM for membership approval. Holly and Joaquin suggested to increase the EC membership to more than three people, with the understanding that not all of the positions will be immediately filled. Elly raised the issue of how the elections will work. Fraser asked for a motion proposed EC adopt an amendment to increase the number of elected EC members from six to eleven, with staggered election terms. Matthew moved, Carly seconded. All in favor, none opposed (Bernard not on the call). Fraser volunteered to prepare the amendment.
- 8) Next meeting – October 4 by phone.
- 9) Adjourn.