

WSBA Juvenile Law Section Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82978835230?pwd=48fJHrs2jhfV4zaIFhFIHHnRMLLeBbH.1>

1) Attendance (need 7 for quorum, nonvoting): *Lisa Melvin, Jeff Adams, Anastasia Clark, Jim Richardson, Itzel Gonzales, Kari Petrasek, Aminat Sunasi, Kaelen Brodie, Chach Duarte White**, Daria Spartan, Bailey Zydek, Carolyn MacGregor*

2) Necessary Votes:

- a) January Minutes: Jeff motions to approve, Lisa seconds. Responses? No response. No objections. pass
- b) February Minutes: Jeff moves to approve, Kari seconds. Responses? No responses. No objection. pass.

3) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Jim: how to be intentional about this topic. When we send agenda, ask for specific info on this topic for members to include. Anastasia will include ask in reminder email w/ agenda. Lisa: Daria hosted 2nd LGBTQIA training which was good, lots of resources. Thanks Daria.

4) Old Business:

- a) Executive Committee Bios Need Updated. Review on our webpage and send updates to Jim, who will send to Noah. Jim—please email to him. Website bios: Aminat, Sophia, Itzel. Nothing new
- b) Mentor Program: Nothing new
- c) Newsletter: Nothing new
- d) Law Student Scholarships (at least for Itzel/Sophia): Can we create announcement for approval for next meeting? Add to new business for next meeting b/c important.
- e) Member Site (Anastasia): Move to publish password to membership. Waiting on member directory, will come someday b/c software issue of whole wsba. Bailey: second. Responses? None. No objections. passes

5) New Business:

- a) UW/SU presentations (Anastasia/Aminat/Itzel/Bailey): Itzel (SU): fun. Learned about the contracts and future options. Classroom mix up so not as big turn out, but attendees upperclassman and interest. Promoted on linked in w/ photos. Next time, collab w/ family law society to advertise events. Anastasia: thanks Itzel for help. Aminat: (UW) first time at UW, went well. A couple students followed up, and one who spoke w/ presenters at end of event. We were rushed at end, so next time, extend time. Next year, try to contact event people at UW earlier in year b/c slow to respond. Get more attendance b/c more time to advertise. Anastasia: thank you. Bailey: was at both, amazing! Thoughtful, OCLA already got follow up.
- b) Jim: any new biz needing votes? None. Jeff treasurer report: shares updated report of funds. We have strong renewal again this year and more increased mini cle revenue than anticipated. Daria's efforts brought that growth. Almost \$1400 in growth from mini cle rev, not as much so far as last year but that may be new members rather than cle revenue. We allocated a lot to expenses that at this point remain to be used. We anticipate most to be spent on scholarships and retreat that is unplanned currently. Jim: yes, great job to committee for new members.
- c) Elections: Anastasia went to elections recruiting idea meeting w/ WSBA. Jim reached out to Criminal Law section to see if anyone they know wants to apply for juvenile justice committee role. They will send out to their section. Hope to get engagement in that area of our section.
- d) Children's Justice Conf in May. Scholarships to supplement or encourage people. Bailey is on the task force for conference. This year, designated scholarships for each DCYF region, offering for 2 kids attys for registration only or 1 for incl lodging/travel, same for parents atty, social services folks, etc. Leaving it to regional leaders to advertise/decide how to distribute. Not sure who the lead in each region is. Meant for other areas than just child welfare, the Conference may have other scholarship offerings. Jim: do we want to fund any? Bailey: conf is for many fields so may be good for JLS membership. Kaelen: Do we know the need? Good to allow more folks to go. Kari: agreed. Jim: 2 scholarships? Reg fee is \$399 through March 31, then \$500 after.

Lodging amount, unsure how calculated. Kari: our scholarship just for reg fee? Jeff: in the past yes. Jim: deadline? Bailey can reg up to day of, but early bird discount has cut off date. Kari: \$500 started march 15. Bailey: was extended. Jim: too soon for early bird, so need to approve for full amount of reg fee. Jeff: we have 2500 funds for this topic. Can't vote before early bird discount. Should hold some in reserve for law student scholarships. Jim: 2 is probably good b/c we don't often get many applications. Kari: move to provide 2 scholarships, \$500 each. Bailey: second. Responses? None. No obj. Approved. Anastasia and Jim talk about how to create announcements. Jeff: Marci has template. Make for law student scholarship as well.

6) New Member Liaison Report (Aminat): Nothing new

7) BOG Liaison Report (Kari): BOG meeting March 6, in Olympia. Happens annually to meet w/ Supreme court to exchange information on what WSBA/Court are doing. Entity regulation pilot project, court said 5 applications in. Looking at applications, they need to show their program/project how it expands access to justice. Kaelen: what is that project? Kari: basically with practice of law board overseeing, for entities not made of lawyers but may provide services in lieu of attys. Similar projects in Alaska rural areas. Entity may or may not partner w/ law firms. By allowing these projects that could fall under unauthorized practice of law, the pilot allows them to see if they work and help for certain time period. More info on WSBA under practice of law board. Then, half day meeting after on court rules procedures committee proposed comments on criminal rules of limited juris, crim rules, general rules. Proposal to sign national conf of bar presidents pledge to preserve independence of judicial and legal practice. BOG signed.

8) Committee Reports:

a) CLE/Outreach Committee (Daria): On track for scheduled CLEs in 2026. Next 2 parter on SUD, April and May. Very qualified PDH presenter in April. May about youth SUD and how to help. Then 2 part mental health. Then 2 part on cultural competency.

- b) **Civil Legal Needs Committee (Lisa):** Office of Insurance Commissioner very responsive, great (on issue of insurance claims against uninsured youth). OIC has a process for the situation of filing claims on youth. Lisa sent the link to FIRE org in Okanagan. They had contacted DOL first, but this was helpful. Next, she will contact the IP section b/c an enterprising youth has questions/concerns on that topic. Anastasia: Patent and Trademark Resource Center is some states, extension of Patent & Trademark Office. Jim: very cool to see Lisa branching out to other areas of youth needs.
- c) **Dependency and Child Welfare Committee (Kaelen/Karrina):** Nothing today.
- d) **Legislative Committee (Jeff):** Session closed. We did see the massive melt of legislation but a few things passed. Written update forthcoming for next meeting. Uneventful session compared to beginning. Hoping for an update on where financial investments went b/c that is likely of interest.
- e) **Juvenile Justice Committee:** Vacant.
- f) **Law School Representatives Report (Sophia/Itzel):** Sweatshirts w/JLS WSBA logo. Logo too big, didn't like it. Working on it. Working w/ Sophia on Benchbook on dependency information document. Should do the retreat, good for morale. Anastasia: will peer pressure Itzel to accept reimbursement for costs when she tells us how much. Itzel: wants to be active and get out our brand. Some of photos are in chat from event.
- 9) **WSBA Liaison (Carolyn):** Spring section leaders meeting rsvp in chat. Semi annual presentations for leaders. Virtual. Covers budget planning. New learning mgmt system for on demand seminars rolled out this year. Resource fair on how wsba benefits can be used by sections. Equity and justice, community engagement, ethics team, members services, reps to speak. Will be recorded. In next few weeks, 2 drop in sessions for EC positions. Please let potential candidates know. March 24 and April 9. Can ask what it's like to be on ECs. Like to have a few section leaders on hand. Anyone available on April 9 lunch time to join and answer q's, helpful. Now is the time to recruit. Last week had a session, Anastasia joined. If we know anybody, people like to be asked personally. Cheering for us.
- 10) **Roundtable:** Nothing.

11) Adjournment: 12:54 thanks and bye

Next Meeting: April 15, 2026, 12:00 PM