

**WSBA Labor & Employment Section Executive Committee
DRAFT Minutes for Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

Present or on the phone: Erica, Emily, Jim, Grace, Leslie, Aviva, Jillian, Jamal, Shelly, Brad

I. Minutes

- Minutes for December: M/S/C

II. Open Sections Night (January 19, 5:00-7:00)

- Jim, Jamal, and Brad will attend

III. Labor Mini-CLE

- Last year we coordinated with the arbitrators' conference and focused on ethics and arbitration
- Professor Straight spoke and we had ~70 participants
- This year the conference is in Portland
- Brad and the labor committee will refine topics, but potential topics include
 - Remedies in arbitration and enforcing arbitration awards.
 - 50 years of Duty of Fair Representation
- We discussed holding an evening happy hour in March or June, but need to check WSBA's new alcohol policy.
- We also discussed the idea of hosting labor brown-bag lunches.

IV. East of Mountains Mini-CLE

- Location and Timing: In the past we have held them in Spokane, Yakima. There was general support for holding the CLE the Thursday before the Federal Bar Association conference. Emily confirmed that the conference is in Spokane this year and the date is TBD. We discussed the idea of holding the mini CLE in Spokane every other year and in Yakima or Walla Walla in alternate years.
- We also discussed other outreach ideas such as brown bag lunches east of the mountains.

V. Annual CLE

- We received the evaluations and the comments were mixed, but with a low response rate of ~25. There were consistent complaints about the lack of internet access. We will explore paying for hotspots next year.
- Attendance was strong, but down. We attribute this to the fact that it was not a CLE-reporting year. Also, our advertising was less aggressive. We did not do the paper pamphlet

VI. Communications Committee

- The Committee is comprised of Jillian, Shelly, Brad, Laura, Leslie.
- Jillian agreed to review the website once a month.

VII. Law School Grants

- \$5000 per recipient; 1 per law school.
- Grace, Erica, Jamal, and Aviva will participate on the grant selection process.
- We are also interested in doing a “speed dating” event at the law schools: one at Gonzaga; one at either UW or SU. We will work with our contacts to discuss.
- Emily will spearhead GU. Sarah, Aviva, Brad willing to help.

VIII. Sleeping Lady Retreat

- Possible Dates: May 5-6, 19-20?

10:21 Adjourn