

WSBA LGBT SECTION MINUTES

March 16, 2021

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

D.C. Cronin, Kelsey Kittleson, Justin Bingham, Sierra Ogasawara, Kenneth Wells, Katherine Hardison, and Peder T. Punsalan-Teigen

Minutes approved – Peder, Kenneth, and Justin abstained, everyone else voted to approve.

Treasurer update:

- Funds on reserve, all sections have to treat the funds the same. Question of whether, as a whole, section funds on reserve should be invested, spent, or try to keep the funds as is. We are encouraged to discuss inside our sections generally what we would like to do. To discuss with Kelsey and figure out what we are wanting to propose. Around 1.3, 1.8 million at this point (from all sections, not just ours). Discussion re: section dues, discussion about costs associated with those, trying to make sections more affordable for financial accessibility.
- Requests heads up for any upcoming expenses
 - CLE is upcoming, unclear what expenses will be incurred because we are equally splitting the profits and losses. Anticipated costs will be around \$100, but should not exceed that. Ideally it will be below it.

CLE w/Health Law:

- Update on gender affirming care, state and federal level coverage.
- 3-4:40, cost of \$10, 1.5 credits. Megan from our board will be a presenter.
- Unknown if it is being taped – Kelsey will inquire
 - Catherine would like to use for one of her courses, it could be a great help. If possible this could be a great resource. Unknown if she can use it in a class though. Kelsey will inquire about its use in an educational setting

Got access to FB

Figured out listserv, will send out a reminder about the CLE

Annual meeting of the members

- What has happened normally? CLE is out. What else do we do?
 - Dennis – we meet at a sponsored law office, say hi, eat food, generally interact and socialize, come up with ideas about what people want to see happen, who would be interested in serving in what positions, etc. And the meetings, sometimes like this one, were close enough to QLAW festivities that things were merged in the sense that cross membership allowed a lot of issues between the sections to be discussed together. But QLAW is also on zoom too
- What do we want to see happen?

- We'll see what other sections are doing in some of the meetings that are happening before our meeting
- Don't see it more than about an hour, because content
- Get ideas about CLE topics
- Share our social network ideas
- Discuss starting up brown bag CLEs, ask for ideas on what they want to see CLEs on
- We could also try to do something fun – ice breaker. Legal bingo, trivia, something like that. Get some social aspect in there.
- We'll try to get an outline of what we want to do, mindful of the number of people and the likelihood that everyone will get a chance to talk if it isn't structured.
- We can look into a speaker? We can reach out to Mary Yu or Justice White. Justice Yu would certainly be a draw
- Kelsey will contact EC, and draft LTR to Mary Yu in next week
- Sierra – something to facilitate break out rooms to allow smaller groups and be engaged. Even if its just for a quick game, it is something that allows people to be engaged.
- Cathy – attended a workshop with heritage university. Break out rooms to offer opinions on certain issues, think it works well. 6-7 people, they really came forward and shared a lot. Agrees a break out room is a good idea
- Brainstorming was a success! We also have a to-do list! Go team! 😊
- We do not have a time for the meeting. Probably 4 PM, most courts are closed or are working on it so it is less likely to be a conflict (enables us to have a WILD PARTY with our trivia and social issues!)

CLE review again, \$10, 1.5 credits

Newsletter committee – no meeting since, but we got access to FB! More to come next meeting

CLE committee – meeting scheduled this Friday, getting guidance particularly for brown bag CLE. Want a clear guideline, standard op going forward. Also discuss what goes into the larger CLEs so we have intel on that too.

Elections Committee – any word from WSBA yet? Sierra has not seen anything yet. Annual meeting should help us with last minute positions that need to be filled.

Any other issues?

- Dennis – annual membership meeting. Perhaps at that meeting we could have something/someone discuss the benefit of joining the section and what the section can do for you. Former chairs to have involved, have them discuss why it is so good to be involved, what we do, networking opportunities, etc. We could publish those kinds of statements in our announcement of the section meeting along with announcing our speaker. Testimonials may help bring up interest.

- Cathy – we have access to FB, how do we gain access? Kelsey has access, we don't know if we'll be giving admin access to everybody. Need to decide who we will give access to. Will have more info on how we'll operate the FB page at the next meeting.

Kelsey moved to adjourn, Sierra seconded.