

LGBT Law Section Meeting – April 20, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 4:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05 PM.

Present: Kelsey Kittleson, Sierra Ogasawara, Samantha Gouveia, Justin Bingham, Catherine Hardison, Megan Dawson, Peder Punsalan-Teigan, Rachel da Silva

Absent: Dana O'Day-Senior, Corrine Smith, Jesse Taylor, Betsy Crumb, Amy Phillips, Eleen Trang, Brent Williams Ruth, Kenneth Wells, Dennis Cronin

Quorum: No

Approval of Agenda: N/A

Approval of Minutes: March 16, 2021 meeting minutes approved. Samantha Gouveia abstained,

Business From Previous Meeting:

N/A

New Business:

1. Election committee has no news from WSBA. We are planning a Zoom QandA, but Kelsey is unable to head it due to work so someone else will have to head it. We should know by the time of the annual meeting but we will have a better idea of positions that still need to be filled by that time.

Current open positions are chair elect, treasurer, and two at-large member positions. Kelsey will send Ken an email to see if he is planning on reapplying as treasurer.

Applications are due Friday, April 23, 2021. Sam will prepare an email to send out to the Listserv on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

2. Annual Meeting is set for May 6th at 4:00 PM. Save the Date approved. A second email with a reminder and finalized access information will be sent out closer to the date. Peder will reach out to Justice Yu or Justice White to see if they will give opening remarks for the meeting. Sierra and Kelsey will meet next week and plan a social activity for the annual meeting. Breakout rooms of up to 6 people will occur on an as need basis – if enough people show up to the annual meeting we can set up rooms to allow members to discuss what they'd like to see the section do for 2021-2022.
3. Health Law joint section CLE had 30 people in attendance. Kelsey is not sure whether the CLE was recorded and hasn't heard back from the WSBA in the affirmative but doesn't believe it was.

4. WSBA Social Media Guidelines were recently sent out advising that the WSBA will provide updates to the section leaders on April 29th. Sierra and Kelsey will look over the guidelines and see how much of the new guidelines are going to affect the section, and our plans for outreach, and if so – what protocols we may need to put in place to meet the WSBA’s requirements.
5. We don’t currently have a Young Lawyer Liaison. By May 7th, if we want to have some say in our liaison, we need to fill out the form at the end of the packet. Sam will be the contact person for the liaison.

The liaison will be a non-voting member. They will be eligible for reimbursement for expenses with authorization. Priorities include: Be prepared to report on Washington Young Lawyers Committee activities at each executive committee meeting, Work with WSBA New Member Education programs on behalf of the section, Recruit new and young attorneys to join the section, Collaborate with other committee members to plan social functions, Collaborate with other committee members to plan mini or full CLE seminars, Collaborate with other committee members to plan mentorship events, Participate in section subcommittees, Other duties as assigned.

Peder presented the idea of amending the bylaws going forward to specify the guidelines for the young lawyer liaison, which was a well-received idea. Amendment would clarify whether or not the liaison is a voting member, whether they are reimbursed for expenses, whether they have to pay dues, and what their expected priorities are.

6. CLE committee updated provided by Sam regarding February meeting with WSBA’ Shanthi Raghu. Sam will send an email to the CLE committee with the information from Shanthi, as well as asking to set up a committee meeting after the annual meeting.
7. Newsletter committee has no current updates.
8. Kelsey will send out an email asking to set up a meeting prior to the scheduled annual meeting, tentatively for April 30th to go over last-minute preparation and updates for the annual meeting. The email will be sent by Friday, April 23rd.

Minutes Submitted by: Samantha Gouveia

Minutes Approved by: