

LGBT Law Section Meeting – September 20, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 4:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:23 PM.

Present: Brent Williams Ruth, Nic Doherty, Peder Punsalan-Teigan, Johnathan McCoy, Mike Ryan, Samantha Gouveia, Catherine Hardison, Carolyn MacGregor,

Absent: Dana O'Day-Senior, Dennis Cronin, Catherine Hardison, Justin Bingham, Kenneth Wells, Megan Dawson, Rachel da Silva, Kelsey Kittleson, Sierra Ogasawara

Quorum: No

Approval of Agenda: N/A

Approval of Minutes: N/A (no quorum, must be reviewed at next meeting)

Business From Previous Meeting:

N/A

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Update: No news to report.
2. CLE Committee Update: The Mini-CLE originally set for September was moved to October 21st. Dana is the speaker as planned. Paperwork has been submitted.
3. Social Committee: We saved money by cancelling the lunch, but moved forward with Happy Hour. We had some interest in attendance beside the
4. BOG Update: There is a BOG meeting starting tomorrow, September 21st, with the President's Reception and APEX awards, the actual broadcast of which will be streamed on Thursday night. The BOG meeting is going to be interesting. There will be budgetary discussions, and conversation about the inner-workings of the bar. The long-range planning committee is advising that the Bar 'purchase a building somewhere in the State of Washington' rather than continue to rent.

There are passive aggressive attacks underway against diversity, equality and inclusion focused sections. Dues will be going up in the future (2024?) to try to address these smaller sections being budgeted out. Brent will be leaving the 8th district governor's role at the end of tomorrow's meeting, and moving into the at-large position. 1/3 of the BOG will be brand new faces at the end of said meeting.

The Supreme Court rejected a rule change proposed by the Bar and Washington State law schools to allow Rule 9 students who are in clinical programs to begin that program during their 2L year. 5/3 split said that Rule 9 will remain a 3L program. The Bar Licensure Taskforce will be taking an additional look at working with the law schools to find a way to convince the Court to change. The Bar Licensure Taskforce's character and fitness section will be holding a meeting next Monday, 9/26 at 11:00 AM by Zoom, discussing proposed rules to allow the character and fitness assessments to happen at any time in law school, and to create an Ombudsman position to help people who run into problems post character and fitness application, as well as seeking a conditional admissions license. 26 JDs have conditional admission licenses that allow people to do private practice – it's all private, and would enable lawyers who want to continue to practice while addressing issues to their continued practice

5. All EC members save for Peder and Nic are remaining in their positions. Peder and Nic will be handing off transition materials on their own time. We will appoint a Chair Elect and Young Lawyer Liaison at the next meeting. Sam will be appointed to Secretary at the next hearing too.
6. Receipts for this fiscal year needs to be in to Jonathon McCoy by October 14th.
7. Sans quorum, we cannot approve By-Laws. They will be floated for approval at the next/first board meeting and will be sent out in advance for review.

Minutes Submitted by: Samantha Gouveia

Minutes Approved by: