

LGBT Law Section Meeting – February 15, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 4:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:32 PM.

Present: Kelsey Kittleson, Sierra Ogasawara, Brent Williams Ruth, Nic Doherty, Jonathan McCoy, Mike Ryan, Catherine Hardison, Samantha Gouveia, Megan Dawson, Dennis Cronin

Absent: Dana O'Day-Senior, Corrine Smith, Jesse Taylor, Betsy Crumb, Amy Phillips, Eleen Trang, Justin Bingham, Kenneth Wells, Peder Punsalan-Teigan, Rachel da Silva, Carolyn MacGregor

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda: N/A

Approval of Minutes: N/A, postponed to March 2022 meeting

Business From Previous Meeting:

N/A

New Business:

1. BOG Update: March 5th is the next ETHOS meeting. This is not a listening session but there will be presentation. March 25th is the third ETHOS meeting. Brent does not believe this is a listening session, but he will look into what dates those sessions will be. March 7th is the next BOG meeting. The debate about integration will be raging. Nic will send out an email with dates for the BOG meetings, especially the listening sessions, so we can try to have people there.
2. The Disciplinary Selection committee has an opportunity to appoint the people who are part of that aspect - hearing officers, the disciplinary board, and conflict resolution officers. There was only one historically underrepresented person who applied last year. This is an important, and closed to the public, area of the bar so having people from those groups apply is important – the current members of the committee do not reflect the make-up of the bar. SO if we know people who would be interested in volunteering for those positions, please put them in touch with Brent Williams-Ruth and he will give them descriptions for the roles. Applicants need to be attorneys for at least 7 years, in good standing, and depending on their desired position either need to have been in an adjudicative role or a current part of the conflict review board.
3. Kelsey Kittleson provided an update on the Election Committee. We need 2 executive committee members and one non-executive committee member to be part of the election committee. It's a low commitment job – it just involves confirming information is correct, probably about 15 to 20 minutes of involvement. Sierra will be part of the

committee with Kelsey as well as Mike Ryan, there's a possibility that Dana O'Day Senior will be the non-executive committee member. Kelsey will reach out to her to check.

Kelsey would like Peder's paperwork from last year as an exemplar, but pretty much everything is being left the same. Last year we pushed the closing date out a week to April 23rd to allow for there to be two meetings for nominees to attend. Kelsey is proposing that we do the same this year. Voting would begin June 6th and end June 19th. A statement of interest with max 250 words is needed from candidates. The alternative nomination process will remain the same as well – a section member can submit the materials to Kelsey for nomination rather than going through the regular process. Notice of nominees need to be submitted to the voting members of the section no later than 30 days prior to the election.

4. Sierra Ogasawara wanted to know whether the section could look into the possibility of adding information on the lawyer directory for pronouns through the Bar. Currently, there's no option to add them as public information for people to see, like addresses and contact information. Brent Williams-Ruth sent an email to Director Nevin and learned that the BOG was aware of the issue but hadn't really pursued it yet. He'll bring it up at the governor's round table at the March meeting and promises to become a thorn in the BOG's side if needed.

Minutes Submitted by: Samantha Gouveia

Minutes Approved by: