

LGBT Law Section Meeting – September 21, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 4:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:38 PM.

Present: Kelsey Kittleson, Sierra Ogasawara, Mike Ryan, Brent Williams Ruth, Nic Doherty, Peder Punsalan-Teigen, Samantha Gouveia, Kenneth Wells, Megan Dawson, Rachel da Silva

Absent: Dana O'Day-Senior, Corrine Smith, Jesse Taylor, Betsy Crumb, Amy Phillips, Eleen Trang, Dennis Cronin, Catherine Hardison, Carolyn MacGregor, Johnathan McCoy, Justin Bingham

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda: N/A

Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2021 – approved. August

Business From Previous Meeting:

N/A

New Business:

1. Peder Punsalan-Teigen introduced Nic Doherty, a possible candidate for the Chair Elect position. Nic is already a member of a Q-Law board, working on law student outreach and is interested in helping out however he can. Kelsey explained that an election would eventually have to take place with Nic running for Chair Elect, but all things considered it's likely he would be elected. We will need to set a special meeting with the executive committee to vote on the position. Kelsey will send this email out. Nic Doherty was appointed to the candidacy.
2. Kenneth Wells provided a treasurer's update. Carolyn MacGregor sent an email around 2:00 PM. We are below budget for 2021, primarily because we haven't had much opportunity to do anything. There is no change in the budget. Our balance YTD is \$10,209.34. The WSBA approved the proposed budget for next year.
3. In October, we will be able to buy a Zoom account for the section. Kenneth Wells will figure out how we're supposed to pay for it and get reimbursed and will report on that at the October meeting.
4. The CLE committee will be turning materials in on the DV CLE for October early next week. Kelsey Kittleson provided a brief explanation of what the CLE will be about: DV protection orders were recodified, and there's a handful of other changes that are important for practitioners to know following the new house bill, including how to serve people and the right to attend hearings via electronic means. Additionally, the CLE will

include tips on how to address LGBT issues in protection order matters, especially perhaps in smaller communities where there may be biases on the bench, so it will include how to identify and address court biases. The desired date is Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 PM. If there's already a CLE set for 3:00 PM, we will aim for 12:00-1:30 PM. Currently there is nothing set for that date on the WSBA CLE calendar. Kelsey Kittleson will think of questions for members to ask if needed during Q&A.

5. The CLE Committee has another meeting set for this Friday from 12:00-1:00 PM. The CLE Committee will send an email recapping what occurred to the group post meeting.
6. Sierra Ogasawara provided an update on the Social Committee. Kelsey Kittleson put together a list of universities and groups to which the introduction letter can be sent. The letter has already been reviewed and approved. Most of the schools prefer email as their mode of contact, so for universities and groups with emails, they will receive the letter via email. Those without emails will likely get letters. There are only 16 schools on the list, so all 16 will receive contact.
7. Kelsey Kittleson and Sierra Ogasawara got access to the group Facebook page – it doesn't have the type of interactivity that they were hoping for (they can post, and other people can comment). A motion was made to allow the Social Committee to set up a Facebook group. The motion passed so the group will be created. Regarding the group, in addition to members of the social committee being administrators (co-authors), a member of the WSBA will also be appointed. Sierra will reach out to the WSBA to figure out who that person will be.
8. Sierra Ogasawara put together a quick social media policy guideline sheet based off the WSBA's social media guidelines. Voting on these guidelines will be pushed to the special meeting that will be set to vote on the Chair Elect position.
9. Brent Williams Ruth reported on BOG related matters. LGBTQ+ individuals are currently only 1.42% of WSBA membership, which is not representative of the actual population – so if we happen to know people who fall into this demographic, we should encourage them to check their demographics when they relicense. Integrated bars are also a big topic of discussion: US Sup. Ct. has open hostility towards integrated bars and any state with compelled membership. He wants to encourage section members to pay attention as cases come down and be wary of opportunities to come forward and speak on the issues.

Minutes Submitted by: Samantha Gouveia

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