

**LGBT Law Section of the WSBA**  
**Executive Committee Meeting minutes, Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Present by telephone:

Dana O'Day-Senior  
Betsy A. Crumb  
Corinne Smith  
Joe Terrenzio  
Linda Nye  
Dennis Cronin  
Kelsey Kittleson  
Corinne Smith

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Matters discussed:

**1. Discussion of, and voting on proposed amendments to section by-laws, submitted to members in advance of meeting.**

**a. Sections 7.1-7.2, election of officers**

Scott: All sections will now be on the new election cycles.

Dana: Under the new by-laws, elections are supposed to occur between March and May of each year, and take office four months later. Joe (confirming): Nominations and elections are to occur during March through May, with new officers taking office in October.

Dana noted that no procedure was in place in the event of an equal number of votes for two candidates; Joe responded that we could have either a run-off election or a vote of present members. After discussion, Dana moved for addition of tie-breaker in the form of a run-off election, language to this effect to be added to paragraph 7.1 of by-laws.

Motion seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Section 7.2, clarification of terms for at-large members**

Dana: As written, paragraph re. election of at-large members provides that some are elected for two-year terms, and some for three years. Joe: the present language is not mandatory, but it is recommended that terms be staggered. Dana: Trustees will now become at-large members, and everyone's terms are being extended. Joe: If you retain the "3 and 2" system, the result is that all board members are elected together every six years; but if everyone serves 2 years, you avoid the problem.

Following additional discussion, Dana moved that at-large members serve two-year terms, with either two or three members being elected in any given year, alternating years.

Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

**c. Section 9 – publications section stricken**

After discussion, Dana moved to eliminate Section 9.0 (“Publications”) as unnecessary and superfluous.

Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

**d. Vote on by-laws as amended.**

Dana asked if there were any other corrections or proposed additional changes to bylaws; there were none. Dana then moved to adopt bylaws as redlined prior to this meeting and as amended today.

Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

Joe: submit redline and clean version of bylaws, together with cover memo explaining changes. Deadline is 06-28-2017.

**2. Budget**

Joe: draft of new budget is due on 07-14-2017. We may vote on this at next meeting on 07-11-2017; Rachel to circulate proposed budget.

**3. Mini-CLE’s**

CLE to be scheduled for late summer or early fall

Scott: idea for CLE pertaining to foster youth, and foster kids transitioning into the community. Resource may be former Justice Bobbie Bridge, who knows of an organization that has done studies on queer youth. In response to question about scheduling this, Joe advised there were no known conflicts in September, 2017.

Spokane Family Law Section is doing a CLE on 09-08-17; no agenda yet, not certain whether they would like us to provide a speaker.

Joe advised that early September looks good for a CLE at a WSBA facility; however it is also possible that a member might be able to donate space in the office of Stoel Rives.

#### **4. Social Event**

Dana suggested we aim for a social event in September, possibly week after labor Day.

Kelsey: maybe plan something in Spokane around the Family Law Section's CLE.

Dennis: CLE's there are generally at the law school. Dana: Section can pay for food at such an event, but not alcohol.

Re: an event in Seattle, Dana will reach out to Q-Law regarding a possible joint event in September.

Next meeting is 07-11-2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:47 p.m.