

**WSBA Litigation Section
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 17, 2017
4:00 p.m.**

Attendance

	In Person	Telephone	Absent
Stephanie Bloomfield, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip Havers, Chair Elect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Greg Hesler, Secretary/Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will Dixon, Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vinnie Nappo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carrie Coppinger-Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Pfau	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joel Comfort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle Pham, YLD Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Berner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julianne Unite, Staff Lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Bridges, BOG Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:			

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on January 19, 2017.

Motion	Mike Pfau
Second	Will Dixon
Discussion	
In Favor	All
Opposed	None
Result	Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2: 2016 Committee Reports

- **CLE – Vinnie, Joel, Susan and Daniel – Update**
 - The Committee had a meeting with the WSBA CLE Liaison, Shanthi Raghu. The Committee briefly talked about past programs and coming up with various ideas for the CLE this year.
 - The Committee will brainstorm some ideas and circulate some ideas in the next few weeks. The Committee has another meeting in March to distill out what will work this year.
 - Stephanie mentioned that there will be a Mariners home game the night of the CLE, so hopefully that will be a better draw.
 - Mike asked whether there might be a social cocktail event after the CLE to try and draw people and/or keep them through the full conference. This might be something worth looking at as well.

- There was some discussion about having some topics that are more interactive in nature, to encourage live participation. Might look at voir dire, jury selection, background checks on jurors, and items/issues of that nature. A lot of people don't get to try cases routinely, so this would give them an opportunity to gain some comfort with the process before having to do it on their own. This will be something for the Committee to consider and look at as they work towards this year's CLE.
- **Newsletter – Michelle and Stephanie – March Topics**
 - We have settled on social media research and looking into jurors as the topic for the newsletter. That would dovetail nicely with the CLE if the latter ends up focusing on jury selection as well.
 - May also include some practice tips around social media, e-mail privacy, etc.
 - There have also been a few recent decision from the Supreme Court, including one on IFCA and others. Might have a few people do some write-ups on those cases, or even a write-up on the top couple of cases that have come out this year for litigators.
- **Outreach – Will and Greg – Law School Visits/Update**
 - Mike forwarded the name of the Seattle U contact for the Law School Outreach. Mike will give her a call. He will find out if Spring is an option and, if so, will get a few dates that are possible, and we will make one of them work.
 - Will reported on UW outreach. Vinnie was able to reach out to UW law school. We have a date of April 13, which is a Thursday, for the event. We have it set up for where we will have food. We will have alcohol but will need to have that sponsored. The start time will be 4:30 or 5:00. Stephanie will send out an invite to the EC for the event.
- **Supreme Court Dinner – Phil and Mike – Report re New Location/Budget**
 - The dinner is a go. We will be at the Butcher's Table, and are just working out the details with the WSBA.
 - The Bar GC has signed the contract, so we should be good to go.
 - Julianne mentioned that the venue will accept a check payment, but need to make sure that the menu is finalized in April so we can get a check cut in time.
 - Stephanie mentioned that we typically give them a final head count a few days before the event as well, and one of the EC members provides a credit card for any additional charges.
 - We have valet parking included, and a few of the firms will sponsor the alcohol. We should be good shape to go on this piece.
- **Legislative – Stephanie and Phil – Report re Legislative Session and Procedure for Input**
 - Stephanie has been continuing get just a slew of notices. She stopped circulating them because so many of them had no relevance to civil litigation.
 - We are currently monitoring a couple, and could arrange to go give testimony on those if we ultimately need to. Nothing has come up yet that is of that ilk.
- **BOG Report – Dan**
 - No BOG report.

Agenda Item 3: Website (Carrie)

- Carrie reported that there is nothing major to report at this point. If anyone has any comments, concerns, etc. please let her know.

Agenda Item 4: Other Business

- Want to make a correction for Daniel's new e-mail. Daniel's new e-mail is now daniel@jaglaw.net.
- Julianne had a few items:
 - Changes in the legal directory: Julianne had e-mailed a question about whether membership in a Section should be noted in the individual member's web directory. Currently, section membership does not show up on an individual section member's legal directory profile. Their executive committee membership does show up. The question is whether we should include membership on an opt-in basis. The consensus was that the Litigation Section would support an opt-in requirement for including section membership.
 - At the January BOG meeting, the BOG approved the Article 11 bylaw amendment. Article 11 is now in effect, and prevails over contrary Section member bylaws. The WSBA is putting a plan together to assist sections in amending their bylaws to conform, with the goal of having all amendments completed by the end of the fiscal year. The plan is to provide minimum compliance redlines to each sections bylaws, which will come from the WSBA's general counsel. These will go before the BOG unless the Section chooses to implement further changes. The WSBA will also provide a checklist for sections to go through and make sure that they are addressing everything they want to that go beyond the minimum requirements.
 - There will only be two opportunities to submit bylaws: the May and July meetings. For the May meeting, will need bylaw amendments by April 27.
 - More information will go out via e-mail, so keep an eye out for that.
 - Will noted that we would like to get suggested revisions as early as possible so that we have sufficient time to review those suggestions. Julianne confirmed that early March is their goal for getting minimal compliance redlines out to the Sections.
 - There may also be some workgroup time at the Spring Section Leaders meeting to provide an opportunity for work, as well as other drop-in opportunities to solicit more guidance from staff.
 - It looks like we should be able to talk about this in March (Stephanie will put it on the agenda) and then put it on the April agenda for a decision. At the March meeting, we will need to have some volunteers agree to dig into the issue.
 - Article 11 outlines a nomination and election process that is electronic. Some sections have opted in to pilot an electronic election process. If the Section wants, we could participate in the pilot. That might be something to think about.
 - Financials: Greg H. mentioned that the financials had been received from the Bar. There was nothing there that looked terribly out of line at this point.
 - Eastern Washington Meeting: Will asked about an Eastern Washington meeting. If we did, it would have to be in April. Stephanie will not be available, but still can have it in April. The current meeting date is April 21, but we can change that if we wanted to. Joel and Susan will take a look at possible places and we will shoot for April.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approval Notes

Date Approved: 3/17/17

Secretary Initials: GCH