

**WSBA Litigation Section
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: June 21, 2017
4:30 p.m.**

Attendance

| | In Person | Telephone | Absent |
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| Stephanie Bloomfield, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Philip Havers, Chair Elect | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Carrie Coppinger-Carter | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mike Pfau | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Joel Comfort | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Michelle Pham, YLD Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Susan Nelson | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: | | | |

Special Topic: WSBA President Resignation

- Dan Bridges addressed the recent resignation of Bar President Robin Haynes. Dan expressed that he is available to members of the leadership if they wanted to discuss the matter, or if they had questions or comments. The BOG will continue to look at and monitor the issue.

Agenda Item 1: Bylaws Amendments

- Stephanie sent around a proposed draft of the bylaw amendments. Michelle had a few minor edits.
- There was a Motion to approve the bylaws.
 - Greg Hesler with the Motion
 - Joel with the second
 - Unanimously approved
- Given approval, Stephanie will send on to the Bar

Agenda Item 3: CLE Update

- Joel mentioned that they are still looking for one more speaker. Bob Dunn agreed to present for us, so that should round out the group. Joel mentioned that if Bob wants to modify that topic, he is welcome to do so.
- Stephanie mentioned that she also has Sal Mengia locked up. He could not do the time that was slotted for the topic (Voire Dire landmines), so she was thinking that they could move things around. However, because Bob is willing to speak, Stephanie will tell Sal that she will present with him, and they may modify their topic.
- It is time to start advertising for the CLE. We will work to get some preliminary materials out to the Bar through the ListServe. If everyone will start networking about the CLE that would be helpful as well.

- Stephanie mentioned that it might also be beneficial to put it out on the Young Lawyers ListServe. Joel will ask Michelle if she can look into getting it posted on their ListServe as well.

Budget Process (Due July 14, 2017)

- One of the issues that we need to decide on as part of the budget process is whether we want to alter the dues amount that is owed by the membership. It has been \$30.00 for a long time. Using the 2016 figures, most Sections are between \$20.00 and \$40.00, with most at \$30.00 or \$35.00.
 - Will questioned whether there is a correlation between the amount charged and the amount that sign up. If we could boost membership by reducing it a little bit, might be beneficial to our Section. Because we have a surplus last year, might want to do that.
 - Greg commented that we may want to wait to see where we come out on the CLE this year before we make decisions about reducing the membership. If we come out on the CLE and we feel like we are back on track with that event, then we could decide to reduce the dues amount next year.
 - Stephanie noted that, even with our rougher showing on the CLE last year, we had a net income of \$800.00 last year. Our expenses have been slightly declining, so we are certainly fiscally responsible, but it would be good to see where we are at with the CLE.
 - For the time being, we will just work with the \$30.00 charge.
- Will confirmed with Julianne that we would need BOG approval for any change in dues.

Nomination Committee

- Carrie Copinger-Carter let Stephanie know that she is resigning from the Board due to some family issues. Her position is up in October. That will leave open a decision as to whether to pursue an appointment for her term or just take it up when we get to nominations in the Fall.
- General consensus was to leave things the way they are.
- As part of the nominations committee, we need some people that are not on the Executive Committee to work on nominations. Stephanie asked if there was anyone that might be able to serve with nomination committee work.
- Stephanie will send a reminder e-mail to have people send her names of people who could serve on the nomination committee.
- Also, if you have ideas for people who could serve on the Executive Committee, please let Stephanie know.
 - Will is coming off as past chair. Two other positions will rotate off. One is Vinnie's position, and the other is Carrie's position.
 - We may be able to have Vinnie move into a leadership role (such as Greg's position as Secretary Treasurer). Vinnie mentioned previously that he would be willing to move into the Secretary-Treasurer position or into a full term.

Other Business

- We will roll the approval of the minutes over to our next meeting.
- Our next meeting is currently scheduled for Friday, July 21. Stephanie was thinking that we will have our meeting in July and then might not need to have an August meeting.
- Julianne advised that if we want to hold our elections in September, we can do so. This year we have flexibility because we can still go under the old bylaws. We could still have our annual meeting as part of the CLE.
- There was consensus for having the annual meeting and elections during the lunch hour of the CLE.

- Joel asked about a potential meeting in Walla Walla. We had previously considered waiting to see how the CLE turned out, but given where we are at financially, we could probably proceed with a Walla Walla meeting in September. If we are gong to do it, we should decide sooner rather than later so that people can make plans for it.
- It would probably be the weekend of September 15. Stephanie will send out a proposal for people to weigh in on doing the meeting in Walla Wall on the weekend of September 15.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Approval Notes

Date Approved: _____

Secretary Initials: _____