**WSBA Litigation Section**

**Executive Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: March 8, 2018**

**Attendance**

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|  | **In Person** | **Telephone** | **Absent** |
| Stephanie Bloomfield, Past Chair |[ ] [ ] [x]
| Philip Havers, Chair  |[ ] [x] [ ]
| Greg Hesler, Chair Elect |[ ] [x] [ ]
| Vinnie Nappo Secretary/Treasurer  |[ ] [x] [ ]
| Mary Anderson |[ ] [ ] [x]
| Mike Pfau |[ ] [x] [ ]
| Joel Comfort |[ ] [x] [ ]
| Michelle Pham, YLD Liaison |[ ] [x] [ ]
| Susan Nelson |[ ] [ ] [x]
| Daniel Berner |[ ] [ ] [x]
| Paris Erickson, WSBA Rep |[ ] [ ] [x]
| Dan Bridges, BOG Liaison |[ ] [ ] [x]
| Shane Seaman |[ ] [x] [ ]
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1. **Approval of February Minutes**
	1. Votes approved unanimously.

**2. WSBA Civil Rules Amendments -**

* + - Update re communications with Ken Masters
			* Phil will follow up with Stephanie, and may put together an email to the mediation group to document our interest and desire to provide input.
		- Discussion of ideas on early mediation limits (dollar amounts, timing, etc.).
		- Discussion concerning proposed Change to Rule 77 - judicial appointments/pre-assignment.
			* Pre-assignment is might face push back in smaller jurisdictions because limited judges and makes things difficult to schedule. Judges may push back due to logistical scheduling problems.
			* From litigator perspective, pre-assignment is preferred.
1. **Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations - Greg and Stephanie**
	1. Committee met once and exchanged several emails and phone calls.
	2. Submitted two recommendations for executive positions and two membership at large positions. Nominated Vinnie Nappo for Chair Elect position, and then Mike Pfau for Secretary. Nominated Eric Gilman for member at large and Carl Warring. But going to amend to add Michelle Pham as young lawyer liaison who is going off the board. We want to attempt to include
2. **Summary of Litigation Section Financials for Jan – Vinnie**
	1. We are in good shape. $70,000 in the bank.

**5. Reports/Discussions of Subcommittees and schedules**

* + - Newsletter – Stephanie
			* Tabled.
		- Outreach - Greg (Gonzaga); Stephanie (Tacoma); Mike (SU) and Vinnie (UW)
			* UW scheduled for May 10. We are working with SU and GU for dates.
		- S.Ct Dinner - Mike, Mary and Stephanie (update on location/contract status)
			* We are going to Shaker and Spear.
			* Invitations going out this month.
		- Legislative - Joel, Susan, Dan Berner
			* Wrongful death bill is not going to pass.
		- BOG Report - BOG Liaison (Dan)
			* No report.
		- CLE - Michelle, Vinnie and Mike
			* Signing up speakers. All speed ahead and on target.
		- Mentor Program - Shane and Michelle
			* Working on building program
			* Contemplating whether to be formal or informal.
			* Leading towards informal.
			* We have a number of interested mentors; just need to find a good way to pair up with interested young lawyers.
			* If we work with WSBA, then a lot of requirements, so probably better to not do CLE credit and things like that.

**6. Other Business**

None.

Date Approved:

Secretary Initials: