

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 21, 2020**

This meeting was our fifth consecutive meeting conducted entirely by phone, again due to the coronavirus crisis. As in the last meeting, we met through Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Brian Comstock, Steve DeForest, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Jim Riehl, Morrie Shore, Carole Grayson and Eleen Trang of the WSBA. Not able to be present were BOG Liaison Tom McBride, Scott Osborne, Ron Thompson and Dudley Panchot.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor convened the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al's Minutes of our June 18 meeting were approved by Motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our 2021 Budget Request and Ratification of Amendment:

Eleanor noted that we had ratified Ron's 2021 Budget Request at our last meeting. This Budget Request had set forth an estimation for the expense of our newsletter/publication. However, at a later time, it had come to Eleanor's attention that the costs of sending an on-line publication would be, for three issues, approximately \$1,500. Eleanor suggested that we substitute this figure in place of the amount previously estimated. This change and ratification thereof were approved by Motion. Jim commended Eleanor's efforts at securing this information.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron's Treasurer's Report reflected little activity during the month of May. No income was realized, and the sum of \$52.81 was spent for conference calls. Ron indicated that we remain 36 members short of what our f/y 2020 budget assumed. At 224 members, we are at an all-time low. We are currently \$950.67 in the black for the current fiscal year, due primarily to our having spent nothing for publication costs. At the end of May, our fund balance was \$9,379.66. The Treasurer's Report was approved by Motion.

**ANNUAL CLE**

As the WSBA has, or soon will, not be sponsoring any in-person CLEs for the balance of the calendar year due to the current pandemic, our tentative October 30 date for our already-postponed CLE will not be held. There was general consensus among those present that Friday, May 14, 2021

should be our re-set date for our main CLE. Carole said the same faculty would be available this May.

Carole said she would contact Shanthi Raghu to make sure that Marriott is notified that our October 30 in-person CLE is cancelled.

## **MINI-CLE**

Carole suggested that we sponsor two or three webinars in 2020. She suggested Kurt Bulmer, who would also speak at our May 2020 event. Jeanine said that there should be plenty of opportunities for us to present mini-CLEs between now and May.

Discussion was had relative to what type of webinar to sponsor. It was mentioned that Shanti Raghu of the WSBA said that a webinar could be as long as one day, not really a “mini-CLE”. Jim opined that a one-day webinar would not be practical—attendees would get totally bored looking at a screen and slides all day. Carole wondered whether or not there could be effective live chat Q and A during these remote sessions. Jim thought that there are too many problems with Q and A, with too many people talking. Eleanor said perhaps Devorah would know about this.

It was suggested that we sponsor two mini-CLEs, one in the Fall and one in the Winter. Carole asked if we should sponsor a mini-CLE on October 30, given that our regular CLE could not take place on that date. Steve proposed a Motion: that we would plan for a mini-CLE in October and another one in the Winter. Jim said let’s do this, subject to being advised by the Bar that this plan was feasible. The Motion, with Jim’s additional condition, passed. It was mentioned that we could tap into our May 14 speakers to present at our mini-CLEs as well. Jim suggested that we try to have two or three speakers at our mini-CLEs.

Carole asked Eleen how we could communicate with non-Senior Lawyer bar members relative to our mini-CLEs. Eleen said that the mini-CLEs would be placed on the WSBA Calendar, and, depending on the subject matter, and word of the program would be transmitted to other Bar members who have elected to receive information relative to a given subject.

Eleen said that our Section would receive the money earned from a mini-CLE much faster than any income from a full-length CLE.

Brian said we need to decide who will take responsibility for these mini-CLEs. Eleanor said she would with participation from our CLE subcommittee members. Brian said “I think that works.”

## **COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Eleanor suggested a subcommittee conference call. She indicated she would set a date for this call, and all who wished could participate. Morrie suggested an article on COVID and post-

COVID matters. Eleanor suggested republishing articles from the ABA, with proper attribution and permission. Carole noted that providing links to these articles wouldn't require attribution.

### **TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE—WHERE ARE WE HEADED?**

Eleanor said that perhaps we can postpone this question for a while, as there are so many as-yet unanswered questions as to the future of the Bar. Jim said he agreed. Brian said that the subcommittee should meet soon to consider the next step.

### **MEETING IN AUGUST**

The Executive Committee decided to meet in August.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on August 18 at 10:30 am.