

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

**June 21, 2022**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson, Joe Gordon, David Sprinkle, Steve DeForest, Brian Comstock, and Carolyn MacGregor, WSBA Sections Program Specialist. Not able to be present were Jim Riehl, Morrie Shore and BOG Liaison Jordan Couch.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor mentioned that she has had discussions with Joe about formulating the budget for fiscal year 2023. She stated that Joe will attend the WSBA budget training drop-in session meeting tomorrow, June 22. Joe also wanted to know how many CLEs we are planning to present during the coming fiscal year. Eleanor told Joe that we would talk about this at today's E.C. meeting.

Eleanor indicated we would be dealing with our Agenda items in a somewhat different order than usual at this meeting.

**SECTION ELECTIONS**

With regard to the question about what to do about the as-yet-to-be-nominated candidate for the Chair position, the Elections Subcommittee (Carole, Jeanine and Mike Frost) determined that since there is only room for nine at-large E.C. positions, and the need to make room for our two new prospective members as well as Morrie, Eleanor will not appear on the ballot as an At-Large member, but instead will serve as Immediate Past Chair. The current Chair can be selected after the election from the E.C membership.

Carole raised the possibility of establishing a formal office of Immediate Past Chair. This office would of course be filled with the last-serving former Chair, but that former Chair would stand for office as an At-Large member. The possibility of establishing the office of Co-Chair(s) was also raised. Carolyn said she would check to find out whether such a move would require an amendment of our Section bylaws.

It was also mentioned that the voting for E.C. positions began on June 20 and would end on June 30. The results will be available sometime in July, and should appear on our website.

Jeanine complimented Carolyn for her responsiveness when she was needed for quick input on how to get all our At-Large candidates on the ballot, and Carole for her creative thinking about how to address the vacant Chair position.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al's minutes of our May 16, 2022 meeting were approved by Motion, subject to corrections suggested by Steve: fixing a typo and specifying that Joe will begin his service as our Treasurer at the start of our fiscal year.

## **BUDGET PROCESS AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Joe renewed his question regarding how many mini-CLEs should we anticipate staging during the next fiscal year, as well as our plans for our traditional in-person full-length CLE at the Marriott. It was generally agreed that we should at least anticipate, at this point, sponsoring our full-length function. The number of our fiscal year 2023 mini-CLEs were also discussed; Eleanor indicated that if we stage our traditional May CLE, perhaps two mini-CLEs would be appropriate. Steve suggested two or three mini-CLEs. David thought that three such CLEs may be too much.

Joe also asked about a possible expense for a new meeting venue, such as Broadmoor, once in-person E.C. meetings become possible. Carole said she favored our continuing meeting by Zoom, but added that we should budget about \$500 for a possible venue. The possibility of "hybrid" meetings was discussed--involving some E.C. members attending in person while others would be present via Zoom. Carolyn indicated that a hybrid meeting regimen would be permissible, and suggested the Bar would be able to provide a meeting room with remote attendance capability.

The WSBA supplied our Interim Treasurer Steve, as well as Eleanor, a Statement of Activities for the period April 1 through April 30. This Report indicated that we have two new members. Our fund totaled \$14,741.02 as of April 30.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Eleanor noted that the Spring 2022 edition of *Life Begins* has been published. She indicated that Jim is working on our next edition. E.C. members were again urged to submit articles for our publication. The plan is to feature a centerpiece article dealing with a given timely legal topic for each newsletter.

## **BAR BIFURCATION ISSUE**

Carolyn reiterated that the BOG will make a recommendation to our Supreme Court at their August meeting regarding the bifurcation issue now facing the WSBA. The BOG is accepting comments from the sections regarding this matter. It was mentioned that the earlier comments are submitted, the more effect they could have. It was mentioned that Nancy Hawkins of the Family Law Section feels that bifurcation could kill off most of the sections. Eleanor said she had heard that the bigger sections tend to favor bifurcation. She said that she will try to get Kevin to attend our July meeting to discuss our in-put regarding bifurcation.

### **THE CHANGE TO OUR MEETING TIMES STILL STANDS**

It was again confirmed that (in spite of our meeting once again on the third Tuesday this month) our meeting times shall henceforth be the second Wednesday of each meeting-month, beginning at 10:30 am.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on July 13, 2022 at 10:30 am.