

## Senior Lawyers Section

Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 am

Broadmoor Golf Club

- OUR NEW BYLAWS: All sections of the state bar have been given a standard form of bylaws to follow – a form which needs to be amended and revised to meet the needs and desires of the specific section. The final version must then be approved and submitted to the bar no later than June 29. The new bylaws do not take effect until October of next year, so we stay with our present bylaws and procedures until then.
- We were provided with Tools & Timelines: WSBA Section Bylaws Alignment with WSBA Bylaws and other complex materials which I can provide to anyone interested in all that. To simplify the process, it appears all you need to approve is the new mended bylaws which I have attached. The dark printed portion is the bylaws version provided us by the WSBA and the red-lined potion reflects the changes and additions we have made to suit our Senior Lawyers Section.
  - The real thanks for putting this all together goes to Steve DeForest, Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson, Ron Matson and Ron thompson. Please let me know if you have any questions or wish more information prior to our June 20 meeting. That’s when we must formally approve our new revised bylaws.
- OUR NEXT ANNUAL SENIOR LAWYERS CONFERENCE: Kevin Plachy has given us a very positive report on outcome of our annual CLE which, as you know, took place May 5 at the Seattle Airport Marriott. He can report to us further at our upcoming meeting. He did a great job overall.
  - Taking all that we have learned putting on our latest event, it becomes increasingly clear times have changed and we face many new challenges. One is the radical growth of our economy especially in the greater Seattle area. This makes access to the Marriott more and more difficult. Another challenge is the “retirement oncome” of the huge Baby Boomer generation and all the changes that presents – changes not only to our Senior Lawyers Section, but also senior lawyer programs both at the ABA level as well as in most states in our nation.
  - Focusing on location, Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue appears far preferable to SeaTac. That space is not only more accommodating and possibly cheaper, but there is ready access from all directions (I-90, I-405 and SR-520). I’m getting more information on this site and can report on it at our meeting. However, if you have any other locations to suggest, please bring it up at our

meeting.

- Focusing on our annual event, both the subject and who we need to put it together, our upcoming generation of senior lawyers (many of them BBs) will hopefully get involved. Given the numbers involved (some 14,000 in the seniors category), I believe our annual event can expand and become a major attraction. As part of that goal, I hope we can get seniors youngest to the oldest to take part in putting next year's event together. Hopefully you can step forward at our upcoming meeting.
  
- OUR NEXT ANNUAL BUDGET: Ron Thompson is very much on top of this one. Our annual budget must be approved at our upcoming meeting on June 20. Fortunately, we did come out about even on our annual CLE event (a small loss).
  - Upcoming section dues are a bit of a concern. Our present dues of \$25 will likely have to be increased if the Per-Member Charge (PMC) imposed by the WSBA is increased from \$18.75 per member to some higher amount. There is no way of knowing right now if there will be any increase at all -- and, if so, by how much. So, how do we handle this unknown? Ron has suggested, and I concur, the best solution is for you to simply approve the present \$25 per member charge at our upcoming meeting -- albeit with the proviso that if the bar imposes some increase in the present \$18.75 per member charge, our section dues will accordingly increase with the approval of our executive staff (for this purpose, Ron Thompson, Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson and yours truly). If the increased amount would result in our dues exceeding \$30, then the decision should go back to our Executive Committee for final decision. I defer to Ron if there is a different or better way of handling this.