

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
April 20, 2021 10:30 am**

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1. **Welcome:** Eleanor Doermann
2. **Secretary's Report:** Al Armstrong
 - Review and approval of minutes from March 16, 2021 meeting
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Thompson
4. **Bylaws Related to voting status of classes of membership:**
 - Discussion of membership categories as they relate to Senior Lawyers Section
 - Consideration of Bylaw revisions
 - Status update from WSBA general counsel
5. **Elections:**
 - Nominations
 - Status of on-line sign-ups
 - Plans for using alternate process at May EC meeting
6. **Annual CLE:**
 - Updates on Marriott contract.
 - Date selection for 2022.
7. **Mini-CLE:** Eleanor Doermann
 - Report on April 9 webinar with Miriam Korngold
8. **Newsletter:** Morrie Shore, Jim Riehl, Eleanor Doermann
9. **Adjourn**

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

March 16, 2021

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Eleanor welcomed the attendees. Steve announced that he has assumed Honorary status with the WSBA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our February 16 meeting, as amended, were approved by Motion.

Al, who was tasked with finding out the Executive Committee's duties relative to record-keeping, circulated a reply from the WSBA Section Liaison Julianne Unite's response; basically, Ms. Unite indicated that the relevant meeting notices, bylaws, annual budgets, and annual reports are posted on our Section's WSBA website. All other items, she continued, such as newsletters, may be posted "at the discretion of the Section."

Brian wanted to know if the schedules for our past annual CLE were of record at the WSBA. It was mentioned that Carole has kept schedules of these meetings in good order. It was also mentioned that the WSBA CLE department also keeps these records. Steve also reminded us that the Annual Meeting and CLE speaker schedule would have been set forth in our past Life Begins issues.

Ron stated that past Executive Committee member Phil DeTurk, in his process of decluttering, has sent records that he has to Eleanor.

The Secretary's Report was approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron reported that our present financial situation is "as good as I've ever seen." As of January 1, 2021, our fund balance was \$11,543.09; as of January 31, due to our successful mini-CLE, our balance totaled \$12,895.77. This represents an increase of \$1,352.68. Ron stated that our January

mini-CLE netted our Section \$700. We have netted approximately \$3,000 from both of our mini-CLEs.

Further, our membership is now at 221, actually one member over the figure estimated in our current budget. “Things are looking up all over,” said Ron. Someone wondered how many of those joining this year are newcomers.

Ron’s Treasurer’s Report was approved by Motion.

UPCOMING ELECTION TO THE SENIOR LAWYERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was mentioned that Mike Frost is indeed going to fill “non-member” seat on our Nomination Sub-Committee. Jeanine said that the Subcommittee met the previous night. Jeanine reminded us that each current member of the Executive Committee will need to submit an application for continued membership. She said there is an on-line mechanism that handles these applications. The time for submitting these applications began the previous day and lasts for one month. Steve asked whether the new applicants can be asked to tell us something about themselves. To attract new applicants, Carole suggested an eblast to the Section membership, urging any applicant to “shape your future today.” Steve mentioned that our bylaws limit the total Committee membership to thirteen seats. WSBA sources tell us that there will be six open seats on our Committee, in light of our limitation to thirteen members, it was unclear where the WSBA felt that we had room for six more. Brian suggested previously that we might want to expand the membership on our Committee to fifteen, but after learning of the thirteen seat limit by our bylaws, he opined that perhaps thirteen is sufficient.

There was some mention of utilizing listserv to alert our Section membership of the opportunity to apply for a Committee membership position.

Someone wondered whether Scott Osborne still wishes to serve on the Committee. Steve brought a Motion that Al should contact Scott and find out. The Motion passed. Al said he would contact Scott.

OUR MINI-CLE SITUATION

Our up-coming mini-CLE on April 9 was discussed.

Brian suggested that we consider presenting CLEs longer than mini-CLEs, as other organizations and churches do. Eleanor thought we would be better served by presenting successive Mini-CLEs, and Steve agreed. Eleanor thought we are doing ok with our string of mini-CLEs. Jim said long CLEs presented remotely, featuring two or three speakers, would present challenges that we may not need.

Morrie suggested a mini-CLE about Doctors Without Borders.

NEWSLETTER

It was mentioned that our Communications Subcommittee will be meeting on March 31. Jim, Morrie and Eleanor asked for suggestions as to content of our next newsletter, our spring addition.

OTHER MATTERS

It was mentioned that a retired attorney has contacted one of our Committee members asking how he may go about instituting a reduced tuition structure for those attorneys who are no longer practicing, but who would appreciate updates on a given area of law for the purpose of advising others. Steve said we should put her in touch with the WSBA treasurer.

Carole remarked that our CLE tuition structure is a good bargain as it is. Our prices are grandfathered in, thus our tuition for a full-length CLE is about \$198, which includes lunch and parking. The standard rate for a full-length CLE is \$275, not including parking and lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on April 20, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Detail Trial Balance

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:44 PM

Includes Activities from February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021

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Accounts without activities or balances during the above period are not included.

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Washington State Bar Association
Statement of Activities
For the Period from February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021
41.67% OF YEAR COMPLETE

	FISCAL 2021 BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	% USED OF BUDGET
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION					
REVENUE:					
INTEREST - INVESTMENTS	50.00	-	-	50.00	0.00%
SECTION DUES REVENUE	5,500.00	600.00	6,125.00	(625.00)	111.36%
MINI-CLE REVENUE	1,400.00	-	3,010.00	(1,610.00)	215.00%
TOTAL REVENUE:	6,950.00	600.00	9,135.00	(2,185.00)	131.44%
DIRECT EXPENSES:					
CONFERENCE CALLS	250.00	-	-	250.00	0.00%
PER MEMBER CHARGE	3,999.60	436.32	4,454.10	(454.50)	111.36%
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	1,500.00	-	592.50	907.50	39.50%
MINI-CLE EXPENSE	-	-	224.00	(224.00)	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:	6,749.60	436.32	5,270.60	1,479.00	78.09%
NET INCOME:	200.40	163.68	3,864.40		
FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/20:	9,195.05		9,195.05		
NEW FUND BALANCE:	9,395.45		13,059.45		

From: [Brian L. Comstock](#)
To: [Eleanor Doermann](#); [Carole A. Grayson](#)
Subject: annual election
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 3:51:09 PM

GREETINGS! I'VE LOOKED FURTHER INTO THE ISSUES I BELIEVE WE ARE TO REPORT ON AT OUR UPCOMING MEETING ON TUESDAY. I GOT INTERESTED IN WHAT THE WSBA BYLAWS PROVIDE AND THERE ARE SOME RULES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO OUR GROUP, A BUNCH OF LIFETIME LAWYERS. IF THIS CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE MEETING NOTICE GOING OUT TO OUR EC, I APPRECIATE THAT AND WON'T EMAIL ANYTHING. YOUR COMMENTS AND INPUT APPRECIATED.

At our last meeting, Carole and I with the assistance of Eleanor were asked to look into why Jim Riehl has been barred from running for re-election to our EC. Like many of our senior lawyers, he has transitioned as a prominent Active to Inactive status. Eleanor promptly pursued this issue with the bar, our goal being to have Jim put back on the ballot. Steve DeForest and I have gone from Active to Honorary status where it appears we might still run for re-election and serve as voting member of our executive committee. Jim, please join us and convert to Honorary. It's easy and inexpensive (no annual fee). However, as I will explain, under the WSBA bylaws, even Honorary members might no longer have rights to run for office or serve as voting members of our executive committee. WSBA bylaws prevail, but I find a bit confusing.

WSBA and section bylaws contain similar terms, yet minor differences. Both bylaws use the terms Active and Inactive, but sometimes with slightly different meanings. One thing that is consistent throughout both sets of bylaws is that Inactives have no right to vote or run for or serve on any committees of the bar. For example, section 3.1 of our bylaws makes clear that Active members are the only ones entitled to vote and that "Inactive members of the Washington State Bar Association, law students, and other persons may join as non-voting members (subscribers) for the purpose of participating in the activities of the section but many not be involved in the governance of the Section." Thus, it seems clear that Jim like any Inactive cannot run for office or serve as a voting member of our executive committee.

Turning to Honorary members, WSBA bylaws contain inconsistencies on the issue of whether Honorary members are entitled to vote and/or serve as voting members of committees. Section 3A of the WSBA bylaws lists Member License Types (some five or so in total) starting with "1. Active" who of course have full rights to vote and run for offices of all types, then "2. Inactive" who expressly "are not eligible to vote in Bar matters or hold office therein, or serve on any committee or board", and next "3. Honorary" who qualify with 50 or more years as Active of Judicial, with no mention of any ineligibility to vote or hold office as expressly set forth in part 2. Thus, it seems clear that Honorary members are entitled to vote and run for office.

Well, maybe not so. Under Article III of the WSBA bylaws (entitled Membership) there appears under subpart C 2 b (entitled Inactive) a list of all who qualify as Inactives. I thought that would be the same as noted above, but to my surprise going down the long list of all those classified as Inactive, surprisingly, who pops up but Honorary members. This does appear inconsistent with 3A noted above and I believe leaves open the question of which provision prevails.

There appears to be no clear answer to whether Honorary members are qualified to vote or run for office. It's unclear to me whether the bar is addressing this issue and, if so, what the answers might be. Whatever, we do have bylaw provisions granting all our Inactive members rights to serve on our executive committee, though without voting rights. It appears life goes on without significant change. I appreciate your thoughts and interest.

Best,
Brian