

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:30 am**

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1. **Welcome:** Eleanor Doermann
2. **Secretary's Report:** Al Armstrong
  - Review and approval of minutes from September 23, 2021 meeting
3. **Treasurer's Report**
  - Ron Thompson
4. **Update on Bylaws Revisions Process**
  - Carole Grayson, Brian Comstock, Eleanor Doermann
5. **"Wellness Challenge" Proposal from Mike Frost**
  - Carole Grayson
6. **Webcasts/Mini-CLE's**
  - Ideas for speakers
  - Formation of mini-CLE Committee
7. **Annual CLE Status:** Carole Grayson
8. **Newsletter status:** Morrie Shore, Jim Riehl, Eleanor Doermann
9. **Other?**
10. **Adjourn**

**Attachments:** meeting minutes, financial reports, draft memo to BOG

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

**September 23, 2021**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Ron Thompson, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Jim Riehl, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Carole Grayson, Steve DeForest, Brian Comstock and Morrie Shore. Not able to be present was David Sprinkle and BOG Liaison Tom McBride.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor welcomed the attendees.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al's Minutes of our June 15 meeting were approved by Motion, as was the Memorandum of our August 20 special conference regarding our proposed WSBA Bylaws amendment.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ron reported that we have \$13,911.11 in our account. There has been no activity since June 30. Our membership total is 258. At this time last year, we had 226 members. We are doing well membership-wise, but we remain somewhat below our 2015 total of 345. The reason that we are doing as well as we are is our sponsorship of two mini-CLEs during the course of the present fiscal year.

Ron also stated that our proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 has been approved by the Bar. That budget projects an end-of-year fund balance of \$10,958.00, a good deal less than our total now.

**UPDATE ON BYLAWS REVISIONS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION AT SEPTEMBER 24 BOG MEETING**

Eleanor related that she, Brian and Carole attended the September 24 BOG meeting. Eleanor made the presentation. She thought the BOG appeared very receptive. Brian said he didn't detect any negative reaction either. It was mentioned no substantive action on our proposal was going to be taken at this meeting, as this was only considered as a "first reading." The next BOG meeting will take place in November, at which our proposal could be adopted. Then it will remain for us to, in turn and in accordance with the amendment, amend our own bylaws to allow inactive Executive Committee members to vote on matters before our Committee. As for how our Committee votes conducted prior to formal amendment of our bylaws, there was a question of how, or if, our inactive E.C. members should vote on any given matter. It was observed that all of our votes are unanimous, which renders the question of inactive members voting or not voting somewhat moot, and Steve indicated he has already cast a few votes at this meeting. But Jim cautioned that, since someone

may complain, perhaps the inactive members shouldn't cast formal votes until such time as our bylaws have been duly amended.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WSBA'S VACCINATION POLICY**

It was mentioned that the WSBA has mandated that, in all WSBA-related volunteer activities, all participants must be fully vaccinated.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S IN-PERSON MEETING VENUE**

It was noted that without Scott on our Committee any longer, Broadmoor is no longer an option as an in-person meeting place. So where to go, if we ever go back to in-person meetings? Morrie, being from Yakima, stated he liked the Zoom arrangement we have now. There was some support for Zoom meetings for a majority of the time, with in-person meetings every so often. Brian suggested that we consider this question at a future meeting, and Eleanor mentioned having an on-going discussion about this.

### **STATUS OF OUR ANNUAL FULL-LENGTH CLE**

Carole said that there has been no change in the status of our May, 2022 CLE.

### **OUR WEBINAR CLE ENDEAVORS**

Carole said that no webinars are currently planned. She related that the WSBA can now facilitate real-time video webinars. Eleanor said that she liked that and requested ideas for topics.

### **NEWSLETTER STATUS**

Eleanor said that we need to come up with more suggested topics. Jim suggested that the Subcommittee (Jim, Morrie and Eleanor) meet in a couple of weeks. Brian said he would like to see some focus on what our goals are after considering to whom we are reaching out.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting at 11:39 am.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on October 19, 2021 at 10:30 am.

**Senior Lawyer's Section  
Treasurer's Report  
91.67 % FY complete through August 31, 2021**

1.	Fund Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$13,911.11
	Net income for May, June, July and August, 2021	<u>0</u>
	Fund balance as of August 31, 2021`	\$ 13,911.11
2.	Membership:8/31/2021 - 258; 2020 - 226; 2019 -247; 2018 -262; 2017 - 304; 2016 - 295; 2015 - 345; 2014 -329; 2013 - 315; 2012-311; 2011-327; 2010-297 members	
3.	Section dues per member \$25	
4.	Income since May 1, 2021:	
	Total Income for Period	\$ 0
5.	Expenses since May 1, 2021	
	Total	\$ 0
6.	Net income for May through August 2021	\$ 0
7.	Fund balance as of August 31, 2021	\$ 13,911.11

**Notes: See report from WSBA Statement of Activities for month of August, 2021.**

**We have had no financial activities in the way of income or expense for the months of May through August, 2021. Our membership remains at 258.**

**We are well ahead of budget for income, fund balance and membership, and do not anticipate any real change for the remainder of FY 2021.**

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Statement of Activities

For the Period from August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021

**91.67% OF YEAR COMPLETE**

	<b>FISCAL 2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>CURRENT MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>% USED OF BUDGET</b>
<b>SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION</b>					
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
INTEREST - INVESTMENTS	50.00	-	-	50.00	0.00%
SECTION DUES REVENUE	5,500.00	-	6,450.00	(950.00)	117.27%
MINI-CLE REVENUE	1,400.00	-	3,885.00	(2,485.00)	277.50%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>6,950.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,335.00</b>	<b>(3,385.00)</b>	<b>148.71%</b>
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>					
CONFERENCE CALLS	250.00	-	-	250.00	0.00%
PER MEMBER CHARGE	3,999.60	-	4,690.44	(690.84)	117.27%
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	1,500.00	-	592.50	907.50	39.50%
MINI-CLE EXPENSE	-	-	336.00	(336.00)	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>	<b>6,749.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,618.94</b>	<b>1,130.66</b>	<b>83.25%</b>
<b>NET INCOME:</b>	<b>200.40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,716.06</b>		
FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/20:	9,195.05		9,195.05		
<b>NEW FUND BALANCE:</b>	<b>9,395.45</b>		<b>13,911.11</b>		

**Washington State Bar Association  
FY2022 Budget v3**

**SSEN-Senior Lawyers**

	FY21 Reforecast	FY22 Budget v3	FY22 Budget vs FY21 Reforecast F/(U)	% of change F/(U)
<b>REVENUE:</b>				
Interest - Investments	50	100	50	100%
Mini-CLE Revenue	1,400	2,500	1,100	79%
Section Dues Revenue	5,500	6,250	750	14%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>				
Conference Calls	250	250	-	0%
Executive Committee Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	0%
Newsletter/Publication Expense	1,500	1,250	(250)	17%
Per Member Charge	4,000	4,688	687	-17%
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>(438)</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES:</b>				
<b>TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>(437)</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS):</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>-731%</b>

**TO:** WSBA Board of Governors

**CC:** Terra Nevitt, Executive Director

**FROM:** Eleanor Doermann, Chair of Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee  
Carole Grayson, Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee Member, Chair from 2014-2017  
Brian Comstock, Senior Lawyers Section Emeritus Executive Committee Member, Chair from 2017-2019

**DATE:** September 8, 2021

**RE:** Second Reading/ Action to Approve Request to Amend WSBA Bylaws to Allow Inactive/Honorary Members to Join Sections as Voting Members

**This is the Second Reading/For Possible Action of a request by the Senior Lawyers Section to amend the WSBA Bylaws to allow Sections the option of permitting inactive/honorary members of the WSBA to join a section as a voting member and to serve as a voting member of a section executive committee.**

**Action Taken Based on Board of Governors Feedback From First Reading**

During first read, the Board of Governors asked for clarification on the following:

- Article III verbiage stating inactive members “may be eligible to vote” seems broader than the section’s request.
- Article XI, more clearly define eligible Inactive member types.

The Board of Governors asked us to go back and tighten up the language in the areas listed above. We worked with Advancement staff and the Office of General Counsel in addressing both concerns.

In the meeting materials, we are including the original redlines of the WSBA Bylaws from the first reading along with the revised redlines for second reading that address the concerns raised by the Board during first reading.

For Article III, the revised redline makes it clear that Inactive members may not vote or join WSBA boards and committees with the exception that Inactive members would be eligible to vote or hold office in a section, but only if permitted under the section bylaws.

In Article XI, the revised redline more clearly defines what status types fall within the definition of Inactive. It has been clearly articulated that inactive WSBA members includes inactive, disability inactive, and honorary members. We have also included the memo from the first reading, which provides the background and full analysis of our request along with the summary results of the section leaders survey referenced in the memo from first read.

We thank the Board of Governors for your time in providing the feedback regarding the proposed Bylaws revisions and for reviewing the revisions on second read. We respectfully ask that the proposed Bylaws amendments be approved.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Doermann, Chair of Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee  
Carole Grayson, Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee Member  
Brian Comstock, Senior Lawyers Section Emeritus Executive Committee Member

Attachments

Memo to the Board of Governors from First Read  
Redlines of applicable WSBA Bylaws from First Read  
Redlines of applicable WSBA Bylaws for Second Read  
Summary Results of Section Leaders Survey