

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**  
**April 21, 2020 10:30 am via Conference Call**

**Call in information:** 1-866-577-9294, enter 5016522#

1. **Welcome from your new Chair:** Eleanor Doermann
2. **Secretary's Report:** Al Armstong
  - Review and approval of minutes from March 17, 2020 meeting
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Thompson
  - Review of February 2020 report issued 3/16/20
4. **Covid-19 updates:** Eleanor Doermann and Brian Comstock
  - **Declaration of Emergency Operations issued:** While Washington state is in a state of emergency, President Rajeev Majumdar has [declared several emergency operating procedures for WSBA](#), including directing staff to maintain essential services while (mostly) working remotely; allowing for WSBA public meetings to be conducted remotely, without providing a physical location for participation, as allowed by Gov. Inslee's emergency proclamation; and directing staff to accept reasonable electronic submissions where not barred by court rule or law. This essentially codifies how the WSBA has been conducting business since the "[Stay Home, Stay Healthy](#)" directive.
  - **Coronavirus Response Task Force:** WSBA has convened a new Coronavirus Response Task Force to vigorously support, advise, and help triage the WSBA's response to support members and the public during this emergency. Task force members represent the public, rural, solo/small-firm, new member, and technology backgrounds. For more information and resources, please visit the WSBA's [COVID-19 webpage](#).
5. **WSBA Board of Governors Meeting Summary:** Met virtually on March 19
  - **Mandatory Malpractice Insurance:** WA Supreme Court ordered a proposed amendment to APR 26 published for public comment, with a comment deadline of April 30, 2020. The amendment would require lawyers in private practice to carry mandatory malpractice insurance, with defined exceptions; in response, WSBA President Majumdar communicated to the Court why it declined to endorse the same rule last year. President Majumdar has created an ad hoc committee to generate public-protection alternatives to mandatory malpractice insurance.

- **Board Nominations:** The nomination period is open for WSBA's President-Elect and an At-Large seat on the Board of Governors. The filing deadline for both positions is April 20, 2020.
- **Other topics discussed:** Expanding the license-fee exemption; maintaining two free legal research tools; keeping the awards but sunsetting the APEX banquet; evaluating the Interim Executive Director; helping sections connect with legislators; eliminating barriers for judicial members; removing qualifications for the death penalty in Indigent Defense Standards; and engaging members.
- Next Board Meeting will be held remotely on April 17.

**6. Senior Lawyer Committee Task Force Update:** Carole Grayson and Eleanor Doermann

**7. Annual CLE:** Carole Grayson

- Currently rescheduled with Marriott for October 30, 2020.

**8. Mini-CLE Webinar Update:** Eleanor Doermann

- Technical matters
- Proposals for topics and speakers

**9. Section Elections:** Brian Comstock

- Nominating Committee Update
- Initial ballot report has been submitted, needs to be amended to reflect our new chair.
- Nominating committees will be contacted with a Google Form to complete by April 27 with the candidates standing for election. Elections will be held electronically in May.
- If an open position does not have any applicants, the nominating committee may:
  - 1) find a candidate to run prior to ballot dissemination or,
  - 2) leave the position vacant.

Any vacancies at the end of the election may be filled by a majority vote of the executive committee after October 1 (during the FY2021 term). Any vacancies filled by a vote of the executive committee are on an interim basis until the next official election.

- With the recent WSBA Bylaw changes, section may choose to hold elections in June.

**10. Communications Subcommittee Update:** Scott Osborne

**11. Young Lawyers Liaison application:** Jeanine Lutzenheiser

**12. Adjourn**