SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 5, 2025

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members and WSBA personnel were present at this meeting: Chair David Sprinkle, Carole Grayson, Jenny Rydberg, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Laurin Schweet, WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor, New Lawyer Liaison Ruth Apahidean, and BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price, Jr. Not able to be present was Bill Cameron.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

David welcomed all to the meeting.

David said he continues to be concerned about our shrinking Executive Committee. He indicated he has not heard back from our past WSBA President, Sunitha Anjilvel, about his earlier offer to her of a seat on our Executive Committee.

Daivd encouraged us to reach out to others we might know who may wish to join our Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our October 15, 2025 meeting were approved by Motion.

Al indicated that he had attended the Fall Section Leaders' Meeting on October 29. He gave a short summary of some of the highlights of that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe reported that he has received no new news from the WSBA regarding our financial situation. The last official financial information Joe received showed our fund remaining at $12,926.19 as of the end of August. Carolyn said that the WSBA is in the middle of its yearly audit, and thus newer monetary records remain in an informational "black hole" until the audit is complete. She said there is a possibility that a draft of post-August 31 information may become available in December; she will forward this to Joe if she receives it.

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Parvin said that the BOG's next meeting doesn't take place until next week, so he didn't have much to report at this time.

NEW LAWYER LIAISON REPORT.

Ruth said that there was a meeting of the New Lawyer Committee a couple of weeks ago and she attended, introducing herself to the other attendees just to say "Hi."

OUR DECEMBER 12, 2025 CLE

It was confirmed our December 12 CLE will offer a total of 3.5 law and legal procedure CLE credits and .5 ethics credit.

The speakers line up is anticipated as follows:

There will be a panel discussion (Dealing with Debt") between Todd Tracy (representing the debtors' interests), Michael Sperry (from the creditor's point of view), and Tony Leahy, Executive Director of CENTS (Consumer Education and Training Services).

Landlord-tenant issues will be addressed by tenants' rights attorney Lauren Novack and Evan Loeffler, who represents landlords. Mr. Loeffler is expected to discuss actions for ejectment, a remedy now being favored by some landlords, as opposed to the standard action for unlawful detainer.

Andy Benjamin will address why being ahead of the curve is better than damage-control relative to cognitive decline in older attorneys.

It was mentioned that no one has registered for our program as yet (our CLE hasn't been open to registration very long) except those on the CLE subcommittee that have been automatically registered.

Parvin offered to spread the word about our program at the upcoming BOG meeting next week.

CONTINUING SEARCH FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

Jenny said she is still undecided about whether to accept the editorship of our newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Carole said she had received a notice, via email from the WSBA, that she will be eligible to claim Emeritus status on or after January 1, 2026, in consonance with the recently adopted policy of allowing practitioners to claim emeritus status (what formerly was called "honorary" status), and after only 40 years of Bar membership, not 50. Apparently the WSBA is sending these notices out to those attorneys who have been Bar members for 40 or more years. We noted with pride that it was our Section that initiated the change from the term "honorary" to "emeritus." Carole also noted that formerly out-of-state practitioners may count their years of previous membership in other bar associations toward the required 40-year period.

Jenny said she had seen the pass-rate for the most recent set of bar exam takers, and was appalled at how few passed. A discussion ensued concerning the possible reasons for this. It was asked if the state's law schools are to blame for this state of affairs, perhaps not teaching subjects sufficiently keyed to anticipated bar exam questions. Parvin said that he will put this question to the deans of the state's three law schools, as, as it happens, these individuals will be personally attending next week's BOG meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

David adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on December 3, 2025 at 10:30 am.