SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 4, 2026

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

CHAIR'S WELCOME

David welcomed the attendees. He mentioned that Joe is experiencing a health condition. Carole said Jenny is vacationing in Costa Rica.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our February 4, 2026 meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe could not be present this morning; he has not received any further financial information.

Shanthi Raghu, WSBA Education Programs Manager, sent to our Section officers four financial information sheets detailing our receipts from four of our most recent CLEs: 7/14/2023; 05/01/2024;10/04/2024 and 05/16/2025. Carole remarked that these documents reflect the accounting corrections deemed necessary by the WSBA.

ELECTIONS

Carolyn reminded us that section election application portals open on March 8 and will continue until April 20. Carolyn noted that vacancies still remain on our Executive Committee. "Recruit, recruit, recruit!" urged Carolyn.

WSBA UPDATES

Carolyn mentioned the upcoming April 7 virtual Spring Section Leaders' meeting. It will be held from 11;00 am to 1;00 pm. Among the topics addressed will be a new platform, the Learning and Management System, designed to facilitate the purchase of on-demand

CLEs. Also on the meeting agenda are budget issues. The Section Leaders' Bulletin describing the meeting will be coming out this Friday. The RSVP link will be included.

Carolyn reminded all to complete the Member Engagement Survey, if they haven't already done so.

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Parvin said he had nothing new to report today, but mentioned that the next BOG meeting will be held this Friday, March 6, at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, Washington, north of Olympia.

NEW MEMBER LIAISON REPORT

Ruth stated she had nothing new to report this month.

CLE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

David decided to table this discussion pending further progress with our quest to hammer out our new mission statement.

MISSION STATEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Lauren said this Subcommittee has reviewed mission statements from other senior lawyers sections from around the country, and mentioned that "we are early in the process" of putting together a new mission statement for ourselves. The Subcommittee has met once and is scheduled to meet again on March 18.

Carole said Mike Frost had sent her "10 or 12" great ideas that the Subcommittee discussed or will discuss at their meeting. Carole also talked about her involvement in the Lawyers Assisting Lawyers project (a 501 (c) (3) non-profit) and how this program might help us define what we might offer to a cohort of older attorneys. She works with attorney/psychologist Andy Benjamin and other Board members in this endeavor; a retreat is scheduled for early May at the Community Center near her home in Columbia City. Carole said that Lawyers Assisting Lawyers is a free and confidential service, not connected to any bar association. The organization is a member of CoLAP, the umbrella program of the American Bar Association that offers resources to lawyer assistance programs nationwide. She said she would send us all the link to her organization's website.

Carole said that our former Executive Committee member Jeanine Lutzenhiser plans to join in subsequent Subcommittee meetings on an informal basis.

Laurin talked about the Rhode Island Bar Association's monthly Zoom meeting of retired attorneys, "Life After Law."

Other ideas that the Subcommittee mentioned included senior lawyer-themed book clubs and senior lawyer-to-senior lawyer mentoring.

NEWSLETTER

David tabled this matter until next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion turned to reduce costs/fees for older attorneys.

Laurin mentioned a program initiated by the King County Bar Association that provides for reduced CLE fees for older lawyers whose practices earned less than $60,000 in the previous tax year. Qualified KCBA members can have their KCBA dues reduced from $280 per year to $110. King County Bar Association members have access to low-cost or free CLEs. King County Bar Association Membership Program Manager Tom Lockyear would have more information for those interested.

Carole said that Strittmatter Law and the Sexual Violence Law Center also offer free CLEs.

Carole said she felt that the WSBA should consider reducing the annual bar dues for older attorneys. Other attendees agreed.

David shared his experience preparing this meeting's Agenda using Microsoft's Copilot, an AI product. He related how he submitted to Copilot a copy of last month's Agenda and last month's Minutes, and, using these documents, Copilot prepared this month's Agenda, with only one mistake on Copilot's part noted. Further, Carole stated that those "10 or 12" suggestions that Mike Frost gave her, as related above, were also prepared by Copilot.

ADJOURNMENT

David adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on April 1, 2026 at 10:30 am.