SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 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, Joe Gordon, Jenny Rydberg, Bill Cameron, Al Armstrong, Laurin Schweet, WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor, BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price, Jr. and New Member Liaison Ruth Apahidean.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

David welcomed the attendees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe indicated that at the end of December, our fund stood at $17,551.19; at end of January, $18,7726.19 (which included $1,175 as our share of 188 members' dues); and, at the end of February, $18,882.24 (which included $156.25 as our share of 25 members' dues).

Carolyn added that at present we have 220 members as of April 1. This is down, Carolyn added, by 12 members from the end of the last calendar year.

ELECTIONS

Carolyn cautioned us that the deadline to apply for a position on our Executive Committee is April 20. She outlined the steps necessary to apply online.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Carole indicated that there was nothing to report as yet.

VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT NEEDS

David said he intends to reach out to a couple of individuals relative to membership on our Executive Committee.

WSBA UPDATES

Carolyn discussed the Section Leaders' meeting that took place yesterday, April 7. A video tape of that meeting is, or will soon be, available on the WSBA website. This would be reached by clicking on WSBA Sections, then going to Connect and Volunteer, then clicking on Volunteers' Toolbox. This can also be reached via our Senior Lawyers site.

Carolyn also mentioned that materials on budget planning will be sent to all section Chairs and Treasurers on Monday [April 13.] There will be a budget planning drop-in session on May 1.

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Parvin summarized some of the topics addressed at the March 7-8 BOG meeting. He said that the BOG members had met, at the meeting, with our State Supreme Court Justices and recent law school clerk graduates.

Parvin related the following:

1. The BOG has approved the third reading of an amendment to the WSBA bylaws which would alter the previous rule forbidding political activity of the part of BOG members. The new rule would allow such activity on the part of BOG members as long as a given member does not mention his/her membership on the BOG in political endeavors and such member does not imply that his/her opinions should carry more weight due to his/her BOG membership.
2. Our BOG has adopted the 7-point pledge recommended by the ABA's National Council of Board Presidents. This pledge obligates lawyers to further the following ideals:
    a. Working to uphold the rule of law.
    b. Working to preserve the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary.
    c. Upholding the legal process and respect for the courts.
    d. Promoting public confidence and trust in the legal profession.
    e. Taking steps to assure access to justice for all.
    f. Advancing professional excellence and ethical leadership.
    g. Fostering unity and collaboration in the profession.
3. Continuation of the Rule of Law Ambassador Program. This endeavor is designed to give lawyers information to share with our non-attorney neighbors who may request explanation of various legal concepts. This program has sponsored three sessions so far and another class is scheduled for this July. Parvin indicated some CLE credit "will be involved."

Parvin also mentioned that the BOG, following a special meeting on April 1. has sent a response to the U.S. Department of Justice's proposed rule that would require that any

[state] complaints against actions of the DOJ must first be investigated by the DOJ itself prior to any state action being taken.

NEW MEMBER LIAISON REPORT

Ruth said there was nothing new to report. She indicated she plans to reach out to other New Member Liaisons to see what they are doing and may have something to report next month.

MISSION STATEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Laurin said we should wait until our next meeting prior to issuing any statement at this time. Jenny noted "we are a little stuck." The subcommittee agreed to meet again on April 14. Our former colleague Jeanine Lutzenhiser may be unofficially working with the subcommittee at a later time.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

With respect to assuming the editorship of our newsletter, Jenny said "I think it's a no."

NEW BUSINESS

Carole proposed that we consider sponsoring a "Life After Law" program, involving a periodic discussion group under the aegis of the Mission Statement Subcommittee. This would entail retired attorneys, plus attorneys approaching or considering retiring, gathering, virtually, for a discussion of ideas related to activities and possibilities following retirement. Carole said she thought she could get a member of Washington Lawyers Assisting Lawyers to facilitate these meetings. Laurin opined that this would fit nicely with our efforts to increase member engagement. This would not necessarily be a recruiting tool, as the participants would be current members of the Senior Lawyers Section. Carole proposed a Motion to create, on a pilot basis, a one-hour breakfast-time meeting to focus on life after retirement. The Motion passed.

Several members of the Committee noted that they would be unable to attend the next scheduled meeting on May 6. It was therefore proposed that that meeting be postponed until May 13. A Motion was made to change the date of the meeting to May 13. The Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

David adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on May 13, 2026 at 10:30 am.