SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 10, 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, Education Programs Lead Rachel Matz and BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price, Jr. Not able to attend was New Member Liaison Ruth Apahidean, who was held up in another meeting.

CHAIR'S WELCOME AND ELECTION INFORMATION

Prior to the meeting, David emailed the following documents to the E.C. membership:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Al's Minutes of May 13 meeting
3. Joe's Draft Budget
4. Email to David from Chawisa Laicharoenwat of the WSBA New Members Committee
5. Draft of Mike Frost's Questionnaire
6. Emails from Sandra Perkins re dues waivers for older attorneys in other states (forwarded from Carole)

David welcomed the attendees and introduced special guest Chawisa Laicharoenwat of the WSBA New Member Committee. She joined us to discuss a possible collaborative CLE involving our Section and the New Members Committee. David remarked that Chawisa had contacted him to see if our Section could lend some assistance to her Committee in presenting their annual Financial Focus CLE.

Not-quite-yet-Executive Committee member Mike Frost was also designated a special guest.

David remarked that prospective Committee members Ray Foianini and Sandra Perkins may make an appearance later in our meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's May 13, 2026 Minutes were approved by Motion.

CLE DISCUSSIONS

Joint Effort with the New Members Committee

David referred to Chawisa's letter which he had forwarded to us earlier. Chawisa indicated that her New Member Committee was searching for potential speakers for her Committee's annual Financial Focus CLE, scheduled for September. She suggested some topics, such as student loans and trust accounts. Rachel noted that this CLE is free to New Member attorneys (those with 10 years or less WSBA membership). It was remarked that this CLE usually attracts 30-50 attendees, but since the window of membership eligibility was extended from five years to ten, we can expect an even larger turnout. Rachel said that we certainly could be of help to the New Members Committee, noting that it's too late to put on our own CLE in September.

Carole said she thought this collaboration would be a great idea and David agreed. David said he could think of some speakers who could offer relevant topics. Mike said he was sure that the younger attorneys would appreciate guidance from the elders.

Chawisa mentioned that the CLE would be about two hours in length. Rachel suggested a panel with no more than four presenters, plus a full topic addressed by a single speaker. She suggested tax or retirement planning as topics. Laurin said she would be glad to suggest topics also. She suggested tips for small firms—such as advice on the all-important operating agreement between firm partners. Another area of advice Laurin would offer is the importance of contributions to IRA's, 401 (k)s and the like. She recalled that as a managing partner in her former firm she would urge attorneys to make regular retirement contributions, but acknowledged that that can be a hard sell to young attorneys paying for child care to think 40 years ahead.

Jenny said it is crucial that young attorneys hear from an experienced financial planner: "start planning for retirement the day you graduate from law school." She said she had a good presenter in mind (an attorney) from U.S. Bank Wealth Management; she said she would contact this person to see if he would be available to speak.

Carole said it is important to assure new graduates and young attorneys who would be attending the New Members CLE that there is no one path to success as an attorney. "There are 35,000 ways to be a lawyer in this state."

David suggested forming a subcommittee of 3 or 4 of our members to work with Chawisa on her New Members Committee's CLE. Laurin, Carole and David volunteered. Carole asked Chawisa to supply the subcommittee with a list of topics addressed in recent years.

Mike Frost's Draft of our New Questionnaire

Mike's proposed questionnaire had been circulated to the committee members prior to this meeting. The Committee expressed appreciation to Mike for this work on the survey. Mike said he will work with Noah at the Bar to get it circulated to our Section membership.

Discussion turned to the suitability of several potential dates for our in-person CLE. Rachel said that the month of May 2027 would be impractical, as many other WSBA-related functions are slated for that particular month. It was decided to plan on March/April, 2027 or September/October, 2027. Mike said he would put these choices before the Section membership in his survey/questionnaire.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe said that as of the end of April, our fund totals $18,944.94. "A slight increase from March."

Joe also presented, for our comment, his draft budget for the coming fiscal year. He remarked that the Bar will review this also. Joe indicated that we currently have 225 (or 223) Section members.

David had a few questions about the figures set forth as projected income for the current fiscal year, as he noted that we will not be presenting a CLE (at least, with the expectation of making any money). Joe stated that some of the draft budget's stated expenditures and receipts were just projections, not actual expenditures or income. Carolyn clarified that the projected figures for fiscal year 2027 will likely be greater than shown in the draft budget, in response to David's question about the difference between the 2026 and 2027 fund balances.

Joe said that a vote needn't be taken to ratify this draft budget. David thanked Joe for his work on the budget.

WSBA UPDATES

Carolyn said there wasn't much to report at present; she noted that there will not be another BOG meeting until next month. Carolyn reminded us that the deadline for voting on our Section election is June 15.

SANDRA PERKINS' REASERCH: WSBA DUES BREAKS FOR OLDER ATTORNEYS.

Sandra Perkins could not be with us today, so David tabled the planned discussion about advocating for a dues reduction for older lawyers until our next meeting. Sandra had collected some information from other states' bar associations on this subject, which David had circulated.

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Parvin echoed Carolyn, indicating that there hasn't been a BOG meeting since May, which he has already summed up for us at the last meeting.

NEW MEMBER LIAISON REPORT

Ruth could not be present as she was participating in another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

It was observed that July 1, the next scheduled meeting date, was impractical for several Committee members; therefore the meeting date was rescheduled to July 8.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on July 8, 2026 at 10:30 am.