SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 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, Mike Frost, Ray Foianini, WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor, Education Programs Lead Rachel Matz, Shanthi Raghu, WSBA Education Programs Lead, and BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price, Jr. Not able to attend was New Member Liaison Ruth Apahidean, who is out on maternity leave.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

David welcomed the attendees and took the opportunity to announce that we were all reelected to our positions on the Committee, and that attorneys Mike Frost and Ray Foianini, our new applicants, were also elected to the Committee. As these terms formally don't begin until the beginning of our fiscal year (October 1), Carolyn suggested that we, by the applicable rule, are allowed to admit new members by Motion for the balance of the current fiscal year. This was done, making Mike and Ray official members of our Committee. Ray introduced himself, indicating that he had attended the University of Arizona, and graduated from Notre Dame Law School. He is currently residing and working in Wenatchee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's June 10, 2026 Minutes were approved by Motion.

CLE DISCUSSIONS

Collaborative CLE with the New Members Committee

Our upcoming collaborative CLE effort with the New Members Committee was discussed. David said he would like to be a presenter on the planned panel discussion. He indicated that he could reach out to some attorney-friends of his to sit on the panel. Laurin said that we should include on the panel someone in private practice (as opposed to government attorneys or in-house counsel) to address the all-important subject of the firm operating agreement, an instrument Laurin deemed an absolutely essential element in small-firm governance. She suggested Tom Linde from her old firm. Carole affirmed that she would also be on the panel. Rachel said a good starting point (with the needs of young practitioners in mind) for the panel discussions would be "what I wish I knew then that I know now." Carole, with Rachel's statement in mind, said she would reach out to some of her former students who now have some years of legal experience.

It was suggested that a telephone meeting be scheduled for the next couple of weeks involving prospective panel members, and Rachel said she would arrange for this.

Possible CLE at the Marriott

Shanthi joined our meeting to discuss our plans for possible in-person CLE at the Sea-Tac Marriott. She informed us that "typically we contact venues a year before any planned function." Carolyn remarked that we would have to have an additional expense in our budget today as the final budget is due July 16. Shanthi indicated that, generally, up front costs of a CLE don't have to be specifically budgeted for; just things such as an after-program reception, lodging or airfare for a specific speaker need to be in a given section's yearly budget. Also, providing free tuition for Committee members or speakers would also have to come out of the Section's budget. It was decided to put a sum of $3,000-$4,000 as a "place-holder" figure in our budget. Joe said he would do that.

Shanti indicated that, at our last Marriott CLE, our costs for the venue was about $7,000, but of course would be more today. She indicated we could help offset the costs by recruiting sponsors, as we have done in the past.

Mike wondered if a partial theme of attorney "wellness" would motivate the WSBA to help subsidize the CLE costs. Attorney "loneliness" is an issue that could be addressed. Carolyn wasn't sure if the Bar could provide such a subsidy.

Mike said that we should hear from the Section members, through their responses to his questionnaire before we do anything specific. He expressed his enthusiasm for a Marriott CLE; It should be brought back "by popular demand!"

The possibility of an alternative venue (from the Marriott) was raised. Jenny said that she knew of several venues in the south King County area that may be less expensive than the Marriott. Carole said that the Lynnwood Convention Center would be an option, as well a venue in Bellevue. Ray said that the Marriott is a convenient venue, and Al agreed. Shanthi reminded us that these suggested venue possibilities would have to be vetted by the Bar. Mike suggested that we include a choice of venue in our questionnaire. It was suggested that just the towns or cities be considered , not specific sites within these towns.

It was decided that Friday, April 30, 2027 would be the date of our CLE.

KCBA CLE CREDITS

Laurin reported on the King County Bar Association fee structure. She said that the yearly dues are $280 per year. However, there is an option for those whose yearly income for a given tax year is less than $60,000: under this alternative plan, the dues would be $110 per year. Another option is for retired attorneys. KCBA dues for retired attorneys are $60 per year. She indicated that it is easy to utilize these plans. As a member of the King County Bar Association, one can access many free or reduced cost CLEs. One can also join a section of the KCBA for $40 per year, which affords access to even more free or low-cost CLEs.

The free "lunch box" CLEs were also mentioned. Rachel added that these are free when offered, but there is a fee to view them from the WSBA library (with two exceptions per year).

Carole also mentioned Sandra Perkins' early emails about free senior membership in the Texas and Wisconsin bars. Carole wondered whether we would have the persuasive heft to influence the WSBA to follow Texas and Wisconsin's lead in this regard for our own senior lawyers. Carole asked that we put this matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe said that the draft budget for the next fiscal year has been received by the WSBA. Changes could still be made until July 16, however, Joe indicated that the WSBA didn't have any suggested additions/changes.

Our Section fund remains at $18,944.94 (as of the end of May) there being no activity during that month.

MIKE'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Mike said he would insert the changes decided upon during the meeting and get it to Noah as soon as possible. Mike added that any changes to the questionnaire deemed necessary by the WSBA would be fine. The questionnaire will be circulated by Survey Monkey.

WSBA UPDATES

Carolyn said she had nothing to report.

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Parvin indicated that he had nothing to report, as the next BOG meeting takes place later this month.

It was asked if Parvin will remain our BOG Liaison in the next fiscal year. Parvin said that choice is up to the WSBA President. Echoing the feelings of the Committee members, Carolyn said she will forward a request to the President that Parvin remain our Liaison. [Carolyn, following the meeting, sent the Committee members a link to the President Kari Petrasek and staff for us to also voice our support of Parvin continuing BOG Liaison].

OTHER BUSINESS

Carole asked Carolyn how we would go about getting our new section mission statement posted on our website. Carolyn said she would look into this. Carolyn asked Mike to send her the final version of the mission statement. Mike said he would do this.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote attendance basis on August 5, 2026 at 10:30 am.