SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 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, Bill Cameron, Al Armstrong, Laurin Schweet, Mike Frost, Jenny Rydberg, WSBA Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor, Education Programs Lead Rachel Matz, and BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price, Jr. Not able to attend were Ray Foianini and New Member Liaison Ruth Apahidean, who is out on maternity leave.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

David welcomed the attendees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's August 5, 2026 Minutes of the Senior Lawyers Executive Committee meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe reported that, as of July 31, our fund balance remained at $18,944.44, there having been no activity during that month.

CLE DISCUSSIONS

September 9, 2026 CLE to be presented in co-operation with the New Members' Committee of the WSBA:

The discussion began with mention of our cooperative efforts with the New Members' Committee relative to that Committee's upcoming CLE on September 9. David and Andrew Ackley will be presenting a 45-minute session (David will also be presenting some material on behalf of Laurin); this will be followed by an hour-long panel presentation and question period, with Carole sitting on the panel. This two-hour CLE will begin at 1:55 pm the 9th, with adjournment at 3:45 pm. This CLE will carry 1.75 credits. Rachel mentioned that 113 people have signed up for this CLE, "all but one are members of the New Members' Committee." The older attorneys featured will act as the *eminences grises* on the program, observed Carole.

Chawisa Laicharoenwat of the New Members Committee will deliver the opening remarks.

Our CLE survey:

The responses to Mike's CLE-related survey of our Section members were revealed. The response deadline was August 28, so all of the responses are now submitted. The survey drew 17 responses out of some 200 recipients, which, according to Carolyn, was about the normal return rate for WSBA surveys. Jenny computed the response rate to have been 8%. Carolyn shared the screen with the meeting attendees which set forth the survey responses. The responses indicated a preference for a ½ to ¾ day affair. The survey reflected some partiality (50%) to have the affair a hybrid presentation, giving the would-be attendee the option of attending in person or viewing remotely. Of note to the Committee, however, was that only 36% of the respondents indicated they would be willing to travel to an in-person program. Those that did not wish to travel cited distance, cost and the convenience of remote viewing. Mike remarked that he would have no objection to presenting a webinar only: "it makes me nervous that an in-person CLE would not be well-attended." Rachel felt that it would be prudent to present any in-person CLE at the Bar offices; if we received few sign-ups, it could be cancelled at the last minute—something we couldn't really do at the Marriott for several reasons. Mike indicated that he was disappointed with our survey response rate. Rachel said we could use more information about the physical locations of the respective respondents and how the travel distance to an in-person CLE would influence their willingness to personally attend.

Carole suggested that we hold our event at the WSBA offices and offer free parking. There was discussion about providing free parking to the first 30 who signed up, akin to "early bird" pricing utilized by many CLE programs. Mike opined that such a set-up would keenly disappoint those who were 31st or 32nd in line, and Al said he agreed. Al thought there would be enough parking for all attendees, given the fact that most, if not all, WSBA employees now work from home, leaving parking spaces at the WSBA in abundance. Rachel observed that the WSBA conference room can accommodate about 50 people. It was thought that if in-building parking is needed, the facility could invoice the Section, which could remit the cost from our Section general fund. Rachel said that perhaps we could schedule a hybrid program, and, in the event that few people elected to attend personally, we could just cancel the in-person format and go to strictly remote viewing, as we have done in the past.

There was some talk about working with the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section (RPPT) in our CLE effort. David asked Rachel whether he or Rachel should approach the RPPT about collaboration, and Rachel said she would check on who should make initial contact with that section. Mike asked if our Section has ever paid honoraria to name speakers. Rachel said she thought we could do that. Carole added that we have never paid for speakers before.

Mike said we need to set a date for our CLE. Rachel had mentioned some possible dates--April 9, April 16 and April 30. April 30 was selected as the date.

David said Mike should "lead the parade" relative to the final plans for our CLE. Mike, Carole and Laurin were chosen as the CLE subcommittee.

October 28, 2026 WSBA CLE:

David mentioned an email he had received on September 1, which called attention to a WSBA-sponsored CLE, entitled "Your Retirement: The Year Before—The Monday After". Jennifer Holderman, WSBA Education Programs Lead, offered our Section members a $25 discount (from the regular tuition cost of $275) if our Section would allow the program to be marketed as "in collaboration with the Senior Lawyers Section." The all-day program on October 28 will carry 5.75 CLE credits. It was decided, by Motion, to allow our Section to be named as a collaborator relative to this program. David said he would contact Ms. Holderman.

WSBA UPDATE

Carolyn urged us to read the Bar Bulletin for September. Carolyn said to contact her if we haven't received the bulletin by Friday [September 4]. She reminded us of the Section Leaders (remote) meeting on October 29.

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Parvin addressed the massive mix-up relative to the latest state Bar exam. He related that the BOG had held two special meetings in August about this issue. Parvin said that about 600 (of the 800 total number of examinees) Washington state test-takers were prevented, (by technical glitches) from completing their exams, which had been administered remotely. These individuals (first-time test takers only) were given the option of accepting a waiver and automatic admission to the WSBSA, or of taking the Bar exam on September 1 [yesterday]. About 150 chose to take the September 1 test.

Jenny asked if the cause of all this trouble had been diagnosed since the debacle. Parvin replied that the exact nature of the problem has not been determined. This mishap was experienced by many or all of the 30 states that were participating in this quasi-national bar exam. Parvin said that this test had been approved by the National Council of Bar Examiners and the ABA. He also said that he wasn't sure about whether the successful examinees of this test would have an advantage in joining the bar associations of other participating states.

Jenny expressed displeasure with the WSBA apparently "outsourcing" the exam. She also asked whether the exam had a "Washington State" specific section; she was told that there was, and that other participating states also would have some state-specific questions as

well. Jenny recalled that she had served as a WSBA Bar Examiner some years ago, and that she (like the other examiners) wrote and graded her own questions. She said the Bar, at that time, was perfectly capable of hosting its own Bar exam.

Parvin said that the WSBA was considering pursing remedies against the test provider. He assured us that "we are not going to put up with this cr-- again!" Parvin said he would pass Jenny's concerns to the BOG.

ADJOURNMENT

David adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on October 7, 2026 at 10:30 am.