

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**October 16, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Comstock. Present were Executive Committee members Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson, Steve DeForest, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Eleanor Doermann, Dudley Panchot, Morrie Shore (by phone), Patrick Mead, WSBA Liaison, Kevin Plachy of the WSBA (by phone) and Ron Thompson. Not able to be present were Jim Riehl and Scott Osborne.

Prior to convening, Ron T. provided copies of the Treasurer's Report, which had also been emailed to the Executive Committee members.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Brian distributed the Agenda for today's meeting (and had emailed it to E.C. members prior to the meeting). The Agenda included three exhibits: (A) Brian's timely-filed five-page Annual Report to the WSBA for F/Y 2018 re Senior Lawyers' Section; (B) background information about our new Executive Committee member Jeanine Lutzenhiser; and (C) suggestions for our Section's planned Senior Lawyers' Section questionnaire.

**INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEWEST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, JEANINE BLACKETT LUTZENHISER.**

We welcomed Jeanine to the Executive Committee; Jeanine gave a brief statement of her background, stating that she came from a Coast Guard family. Teaching high school was her initial profession. In 2010, she decided to enter law school, and graduated in 2013. Subsequent to law school graduation, she has served as a clerk and staff attorney for Division I of the Washington State Court of Appeals. She is currently in private practice in a Poulsbo law firm. She noted that, to her surprise, sometimes a classroom full of high-school students was easier to put up with than some opposing counsel.

Each E.C. member briefly introduced themselves to Jeanine.

**CONFIRMATION OF EMERITUS MEMBERS**

Three former Executive Committee members were confirmed by Motion as new members Emeritus: Jerry Jagger, John Bergmann and Tom Wampold.

**REPLACEMENT FOR RESIGNING MEMBER RON MATTSON.**

It was mentioned that our Committee needs to find a replacement for Ron Mattson. Brian asked that each of us try to think of someone to replace Ron. The Committee expressed its thanks to Ron for his service both as our Life Begins editor and as to the Committee as a whole, and wished him well in the future.

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**CLE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP CLARIFICATION**

It was decided by consensus that Carole will be the Chair of the CLE Planning Subcommittee, and the following will be members of that Committee: Eleanor, Ron T., Al, Dudley, Morrie, Scott and Jim.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ron T. reported that we have had no activity or charged since his last report; our fund balance remains at \$6,154.75, as of August 31, 2018.

It was mentioned that our Amended Proposed Budget was timely submitted by Ron T., and Pat indicated that it will be processed in due course. A brief discussion was had about the mini-CLE that is a build-in assumption of our Amended Proposed Budget. Kevin indicated that he would do the “heavy lifting” regarding setting up whatever program we proposed. All we need, said Kevin, is one or two speakers. Any profit is the Section’s to keep, no split with the WSBA. Kevin suggested that we employ a webinar format election. This would carry very little risk in that the Bar only charges \$100 for this service. The sponsorship of a mini-CLE was approved by Motion, with the question of who would be the Chair of this undertaking, if anyone, was deferred until later.

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by Motion.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Al reported that he made three small changes to the circulated draft of the September minutes. The minutes of our September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by Motion.

Al went through our membership list with the Committee, to make sure whom was to be listed as Emeritus and whom was no longer on the Executive Committee. Brian asked that Al circulate the updated membership roster with his draft of this month’s meeting.

**APRIL 26, 2019 CLE PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

There were several suggestions for speakers. Morrie indicated that he had talked to Sarah L. Wixson, a Yakima attorney. Morrie said she said she would be available to speak. Dudley talked to Ken Masters, who also said he would speak; Dudley told Mr.

Masters to contact Carole. Steve suggested the timely topic of affirmative action (referencing the *Harvard* case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, the decision on which is expected this May) as a possible topic for a speaker, and Dudley agreed Ron T. suggested Justin D. Farmer, of Private Practice Transitions. Carole mentioned Karen Boxx. Others mentioned included were David Domke, Judy Lindquist, and Mario L. Barnes (the new University of Washington Law School Dean). Carole mentioned that in the last CLE Planning Subcommittee meeting Al suggested that we have a speaker from our state's Supreme Court. Carole mentioned Justice Fairhurst in this regard. Kevin mentioned that Jean Marie Clavere of the WSBA had confirmed her desire to speak. Morrie indicated he would consult with a retired hospital CEO who could suggest a speaker knowledgeable about current healthcare/hospital issues.

Brian cautioned that we have only a few months (realistically, three months) to get our program, theme and speakers all lined up. Carole is to set up the next meeting. Brian wanted to make sure that all members of the Executive Committee all receive Kevin's summation of the meetings of the sub-committee. Brian also commended Kevin's work on our behalf regarding our CLE planning.

#### **QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE SENT TO SECTION MEMBERS**

Pat mentioned that our planned questionnaire be short ("less is more") and Carole agreed. Al suggested that we note the brevity of the questionnaire in the title-line that appears on as-yet unopened emails so recipients will not just dismiss our effort as just another long, time-wasting survey. Brian asked Pat to be involved in the email endeavor.

Brian cautioned that we must not forget our goal of discerning what our mission is; what we are pursuing as a section.

#### **REPLACEMENT FOR RON M. AS OUR LIFE BEGINS EDITOR**

Carole mentioned that our new editor does not have to be a member of our Executive Committee. She said she would put a notice on our list-serve about our editorship opening. Brian said he really didn't think we should conduct our search in this manner, but Carole said that this approach was in fact used to find Ron Mattson. Brian allowed that we could search via list-serve, and will work with Pat on this. Pat indicated our search should emphasize that being an editor is only a limited commitment, to attract takers. *[PLEASE NOTE FOR CLARIFICATION: The minutes of our September 18 meeting state: "Brian moved for a vote on two issues: creating a Publications Subcommittee, and the appointing Scott as the initial Chair. The Motion passed." Nothing occurred at our current meeting that changes the official action taken at our prior meeting.]* It has been decided that we will not use regular mail to disseminate our newsletter. Pat indicated that just because our budget assumes a snail-mailed newsletter format does not obligate us to spend the money that employing regular mail would entail. Brian suggested a different format. Al

suggested that a subcommittee be named to address these issues, and it was resolved to do this at our November meeting. Carole suggested using attributed articles from other publications in our newsletter. Brian expressed the view that our newsletter has become out-of-date over the years and that he feels the name of our newsletter should be changed.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Carole noted that former Executive Committee member Phillip Ginsberg has passed away.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn was passed.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place at the Broadmoor Golf Club at 10:30 am on November 20, 2018.