

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by our in-coming Chair Brian Comstock. Also present were Executive Committee members Al Armstrong, Ron Mattson, Ron Thompson, Morrie Shore, Steve DeForest, Eleanor Doermann (by phone), Julianne Unite of the WSBA, and Kevin Plachy (by phone) also of the WSBA. Not able to be present were BOG Liaison Jill Karmy, Carole Grayson, Don Halley, Steve Crossland, Jerry Jager, Scott Osborne, Tom Wampold, John Bergmann, Dudley Panchot, and Jerome Scowcroft.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Brian previously had provided an agenda for this meeting.

Brian reported that we must have the bylaws completed at this meeting, which would be forwarded to the BOG for its official approval in July. Brian also introduced retired attorney Paul Silver, who was present to speak about a charitable organization with which he was involved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Minutes of the April Executive Committee meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron T. prepared and circulated the Treasurer's Report with figures as of April 30, 2017. For April, it reflected net loss of \$848.40, representing the difference between total dues of \$550 for 22 members during the month, and our expenses of \$1,398.40 (\$412.50 total per-member WSBA charges, conference calls costing \$.78, and newsletter expenses of \$985.12). This net loss reduced our end-of-March fund balance of \$9,378.10 to \$8,529.70. The Report notes that our Section membership total as of April 30 was 291. This is down only 4 members from April 30, 2016, but considerably lower than the 345 Section members we had at this time in 2015. Ron observed that we are currently running at a loss of \$827.34 so far this year, but this still puts us well ahead of our projected (budgeted) overall loss of \$3,249 for fiscal year 2017. Ron indicated that we can anticipate an approximate break-even CLE figure; we had budgeted for a \$350 gain.

The April Treasurer's Report was approved by Motion.

Ron also distributed his Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request, noting that we needed to approve it now as July 14 is the deadline set by the Bar, so this is the last time we would be able to consider the budget prior to that deadline. Ron projected a loss in FY 2018 of \$4,433.80. Subtracting this loss as well as our \$3,249 loss for FY 2017 from our balance of \$9,357.04 as of September 30, 2016 would, according to the Budget Request, leave us with \$1,674.24 as of September 30, 2018. This Budget Request was approved by Motion, provided that we reserved the right to increase the per-member charge to \$30 yearly in the event the BOG were to raise the per-member cut to \$18.75. [As the BOG did not raise its cut to \$18.50 per member, our original Budget Request stands--Ed.]

COST, REVENUE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR CLE 2017 AND 2018.

Kevin supplied an Estimated Financial Statement with regard to the 2017 CLE. This Statement showed an estimated net profit of \$273.49. Kevin also prepared an estimate for the costs and revenue for our 2018 CLE and the estimated administrative fee to be charged by the WSBA.

Steve noted that we had outstanding service from the WSBA with respect to our CLE.

PLANNING FOR OUR MAY 2018 CLE.

Brian opened the discussion, mentioning the need to decide fairly soon if we want to hold our annual CLE at a new location. To initiate the search for this possible new venue, Brian produced some advertising material from Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Kevin mentioned other possibilities, including the Sea-Tac Convention Center (with free parking, Wifi, catering, etc.) and the Lynnwood Convention Center that we had considered last year. We discussed locations in general, taking into account areas of traffic congestion and the likely residential locations of those attending. Brian also indicated that we need to recruit someone in our Committee to head a subcommittee to plan for next May. Steve expressed interest in doing this. Steve also said that we should see if there might be others in our Section interested in taking on the assignment and if so, he would defer to that individual.

FINAL VERSION OF OUR AMENDED BYLAWS

Brian had distributed two drafts of our new Bylaws, differing only in lengths of terms for executive committee members; one draft provided for a term of three years, the other draft set forth terms of one year. The committee members preferred terms of one year. This was the version that was adopted, by unanimous vote of Committee members present. It was understood that one more change would be made, deleting the last sentence of section 3.2 regarding payment of Section dues.

WSBA YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON TO SECTIONS PROGRAM

Eleanor gave a brief report about WSBA Young Lawyer to Sections Program, and encouraged executive committee members to visit its website for more information.

OTHER MATTERS

Retired Karr Tuttle attorney Paul Silver spoke about the Seattle-based charitable organization *Pangea*. He said that he and his wife had travelled to Asia to work in support of that organization, which does work with people on a world-wide basis. He indicated that working with this organization may be of interest to many retiring and retired lawyers. Mr. Silver distributed material from *Pangea's* website.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian adjourned the meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place at the Broadmoor Golf Club at 10:30 am on September 19, 2017.