

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 16, 2022

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Interim Chair Carole Grayson, Al Armstrong, Eleanor Doermann, Joe Gordon, David Sprinkle, Jim Riehl, Steve DeForest, Bill Cameron, Jenny Rydberg, Brian Comstock, Young Lawyer Liaison Sabiha Ahmad, BOG Co-Liaison Jordan Crouch, and Carolyn MacGregor, WSBA Sections Program Specialist. Not able to be present were Morrie Shore, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, and BOG Co-Liaison Kevin Fay.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Carole welcomed the Committee attendees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes from our October meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe reported that the WSBA has not forwarded further financial information relative to our status, and therefore had nothing to report. The Treasurer's report was approved by Motion.

DECEMBER MEETING CONFIRMED

The Committee decided to meet during the month of December. The meeting will take place on the month's third Wednesday, December 21.

REPORT ON THE FALL SECTION LEADERS' ORIENTATION

Bill attended the November 14 Section Leaders' Orientation. Besides Bill, there were two others who attended in person. General matters were discussed, plus the attendees were treated to a one-half hour political lecture. There having been only three persons in attendance, "we all got two sandwiches." Bill recalled that Seattle "looked like a ghost town."

BOG LIAISON REPORT

Jordan said he would be glad to convey any questions we might have to the BOG, and could update us regarding any new BOG developments. He indicated that the BOG had determined to take no action on the ETHOS question.

SURVEY SUBCOMMITTEE

Members of our survey subcommittee, Sabiha, David and Jeanine (Brian e present) met via Zoom on November 3. The subcommittee is tasked with structuring and formulating questions of our membership in order to divine what our Section would like in terms of our CLE presentations, both in-person presentations and remote viewing, as well as features in Life Begins. Subcommittee Chair Sabiha sent Interim Chair Carole an eight-point list of ideas; this list was shared with the attendees at this morning's meeting.

Brian recalled that some time ago we looked into what other bar associations were doing relative to their respective senior lawyer groups. He recounted that several other senior lawyer groups had disbanded, but others appear to have thrived. He reminded us that we have 14,000 potential senior lawyers members in our Bar, but only have just over 200 members.

Brian mentioned our task force formed earlier that was charged with finding ways to increase Section membership. Brian recalled that this effort sort of faded from the agenda; the virus kept us away from the task. Brian said he would be willing to chair a re-activated task force. "The future of our Section is at stake."

Carole recalled that, at a BOG meeting attended by her and Al, a survey was mentioned that showed that, within five years, 56% of older lawyers would alter their respective practices due to age-related factors.

Relative to our survey, it was mentioned that the questionnaire shouldn't be too long. Carole thought that the survey should not ask for the respondents' bar numbers.

Eleanor thought that a survey should address "where are we going in the future."

Brian asked for another meeting of the survey subcommittee.

NEWSLETTER

Jim once again implored Committee members to submit articles for inclusion in Life Begins. He asked that all stories be turned in by December 1, so we can get the next issue out before the end of the year.

It was suggested that our mini-CLE presenters might be asked to summarize their subject matter for Life Begins. Margeaux Green's presentation was cited as a possibility for this, as well as that of her co-presenter, Pete Roberts. David will contact these presenters about this.

Jim noted that bylines are necessary to give credit to the respective authors.

MINI-CLEs

It is presently undecided whether or not to use one of the WSBA's conference rooms as a venue for our mini-CLEs.

The call was made for suggestions for mini-CLE topics. Eleanor noted that Washington's Guardianship statute has been totally revamped and may be of interest to our attendees. Carole said she still wished to get Dan Satterberg on board.

ADJOURNMENT

Carole adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on December 21, 2022 at 10:30 am.