

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

January 15, 2025

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members and WSBA personnel were present at this meeting: Interim Chair Bill Cameron, Al Armstrong, Carole Grayson, Joe Gordon, David Sprinkle, Jenny Rydberg, WSBA Sections Program Coordinator Noah Baetge, and Young Lawyer Liaison Ruth Apahidean. Not able to be present were Steve DeForest and BOG Liaison Lester Parvin Price Jr.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

This was Bill's first meeting as Interim Chair. He welcomed the attendees and indicated that our CLE Subcommittee had held a meeting the previous day.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Acting Secretary Carole's December, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by Motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe indicated that he has not received any updates from the WSBA and thus had no new financial news to report. Joe said that the Bar has promised he will receive further financial data by the end of January.

SECTION BYLAWS

Al indicated that he had prepared a memo to the BOG and that Carolyn had posted it on our WSBACommunity site. The memo outlined, for the BOG, our request to amend our Bylaws to allow for a change in the age-related prong of Section membership requirement from 55 years of age to 50, and additionally, to let us make the Bylaws subsections designations consistent (to correct for a scrivener's error). Al said he wasn't sure how long it would take for the BOG to address our request or how the request would be handled procedurally.

INTERIM CHAIR TERMS

David said he would act as Interim Executive Committee Chair for the fiscal year's third quarter, to wit: April, May and June. Carole said she would act as Interim Chair for the

fourth quarter, July, August and September. (Al acted as Interim Chair for this year's first quarter, and Bill is currently so acting for the second quarter.)

David said that Carolyn had contacted him regarding amending our Bylaws to allow for quarterly succession of the position of Chair. However, David said he had decided to submit his name, in the upcoming elections for the next fiscal year, for the position of Chair for the coming fiscal year, irrespective of his retirement status. This would obviate the need for an amendment to our Bylaws.

NEW EDITOR FOR *LIFE BEGINS*

We are still searching for a replacement for Jim to edit our publication. Bill suggested that we post a List Serv notice to our members asking for volunteers. David said Jim had already done this before, but Noah determined that that notice was part of Jim's retirement announcement so maybe we need a more specific call for a new editor. Carole said she wanted to ask that Noah or Carolyn obtain a list of our Section members as an aid in searching for a possible successor to Jim. Noah said he would pass on this request right away. Noah stated that maybe we needed to send out a "call to arms."

Carole noted that our new editor would not have to be a member of our Executive Committee. She indicated she did not want the position now, having acted as our editor for several years, and in fact had also edited the Bar News. She recalled that years ago, the job of editor required some 20-30 hours of work per edition, but, with the new technology, it should take about 10-15 hours to prepare our newsletter. (She indicated that she had acted as defacto co-editor for Jim during his tenure.) Carole said she would be willing to draft a List Serv message appealing for a volunteer.

OUR NEXT CLE

Our CLE Subcommittee (David, Bill, Jenny and Carole) had met previously and would again meet immediately following this E.C. meeting. At the previous meeting, several topics/speakers were mentioned as possibilities: Judges for Justice, The Innocence Project (or a reasonable facsimile), A-I threats and cybersecurity. David voiced a concern that, while these topics were interesting, they may not be specifically relevant to senior lawyers.

ELECTIONS

Al mentioned that the WSBA has scheduled a few "drop-in" meetings regarding the upcoming section elections. Al said that he felt that we were familiar with the election process.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on February 19, 2025 at 10:30 am.